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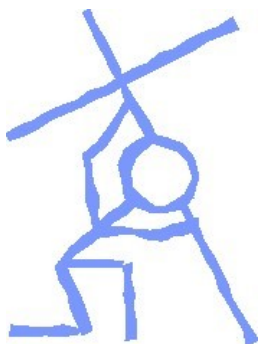
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th September 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

First Reading:	Ws 9:13-18
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17
Second Reading:	Phm 9-10.12-17
Gospel:	Lk 14:25-33



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR:

“O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.”

The words (derived from psalm 55) and music, from an English version of a hymn composed by Mendelsohn, were immortalised on disc in the 1920s by the boy soprano Ernest Lough. In our first reading Wisdom describes the body as a tent – but one made of clay that weighs down the soul. Only God’s gift of wisdom can enable us to penetrate beyond our minds teeming with every day concerns to the things of heaven. In the Gospel Our Lord invites us to reflect on our priorities and plans. What do we need to do and what do we need to leave behind in order to come closer to God? Being a disciple means making hard choices – taking on a cross. In the Hebrew perspective the contrasting values of loving and hating are not so much about emotions as choices and preferences. Olympic athletes do not ‘hate’ their families but if they are to achieve their goals they must put training ahead of family time. Each of us is called to holiness in the context of our everyday life, our family relationships, friendships and work. We cannot become holy by ignoring these. Equally we must not lose sight of God’s call to holiness in and through them. How are we to balance these values? This is why we need to pray for wisdom and discernment in the concrete decisions we make each day and in our longer term planning.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Gloria Elik-Glammeye, Sally Heath, Ellen Barron, Derek Pike, Irene Smith, George Cornet, Tita Madden, John Leuce, Julie Rainbird* and *Teresa Hall* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

TONY HINDS FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: On Thursday 8th September there will be a Requiem Mass at Kelvedon at 1.00 p.m. followed by cremation at Three Counties Crematorium at 3.00 p.m. The family is very aware that some of those wishing to take part will not want to attend both ceremonies. Kelvedon Institute will be open after the Mass and will remain open throughout the afternoon. Tea and light refreshments will be available and the family hope to meet many friends and to be able to express their thanks for the many messages and cards which have been such a support over this time.

CONFIRMATION 2017: The Bishop will be visiting us on Sunday 14th May 2017. Anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation and who will be 14 by that date is invited to reflect on this. Forms will be available in October (once 1st Communion applications are out of the way). There may also be adults who have missed out for some reason but would now like to be confirmed.

NEW KELVEDON & FEERING YOUTH GROUP: After the success with the Youth Group in Coggeshall and Earls Colne, Jules is now running a new Youth Group in our area. If you are in school years 6-9 come along to the first session on Thursday 22nd September from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the United Reformed Church, Kelvedon High Street. Games, Food, Music, Sweets and lots of fun! Admission FREE!

MINISTERS OF WELCOME: A kind reminder to all ministers of welcome that we are meeting on Monday September 5th in St Dominic's room at 10.00 a.m. We are always looking for new members for our team, so if you would like to join us, please contact Angie Hart (mahart66@outlook.com or Mobile 07719-577 923) or just come along to our meeting and meet all the other ministers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WITH THANKS: I wish to acknowledge with thanks of the funds received worthy 33.0451.210 Uganda shillings received through the Bishop Hoima. I am indeed very grateful for your generous love and kindness a real Gospel of love translated in action. It took a long time for the information to reach me and also receive the money and therefore am sorry for my belated acknowledgment. Wishing you all peace, love and joy. **Fr Gerald.**

CHURCH SAFETY EQUIPMENT: As part of our ongoing maintenance plan we have added fire blankets and new First Aid kits to each of our churches. The fire blankets are in red covers and are located near the altar in each church. The First Aid kits are in the kitchens at Kelvedon and Tiptree and in the meeting room at Coggeshall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 2017: If you would like your child to undertake their First Holy Communion in the Summer of 2017 could you please collect an application form from the back of the church and return it to Fr Gordon before the 25th September.

HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS: Reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. The next Rosary Procession Prayer Vigil will be held on 10th September starting at St Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. For further details see www.helpersuk.org

EVANGELISATION: How to Begin! Author of the best selling book - *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Sherry Weddell will be speaking on **Monday, 19th September** at **St. Patrick's Church, Soho** at **6:30 p.m.** To pre-register: guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com All welcome! Entry £5.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Stanford-le-Hope for January 2017. Salary Group 1: L12 – L18 (£51,690 - £59,743) Inclusive of Fringe. For an application form and full pack please contact: Karen Mount, KJM Governor Services, Tel: 07718 478306 or Email: kjmgovservices@hotmail.co.uk Closing date for applications is Friday 23rd September 2016 (noon). Interviews Thursday 29th September 2016.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 4th September <i>23rd of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Gloria Elik-Glammeyer (ann.) Private Intention
MONDAY 5th September	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 6th September	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 7th September	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 8th September <i>Nativity of BVM</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Requiem: Tony Hinds RIP</i>
FRIDAY 9th September <i>St Peter Claver</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 10th September	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Teresa Hall (anniversary)
SUNDAY 11th September <i>24th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Dec'd Muzzio, Serafino, Elik, Terranova, & Raiciche Families All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Liturgical Rotas 11th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Simon Hall	Celia Butt