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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

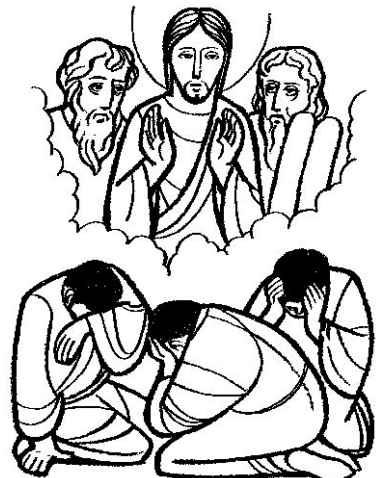
This is my Son, the Beloved.

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-10

Second Reading: Rm 8:31-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: In each of the three years of the Lectionary we hear this Sunday the story of the Transfiguration. In part this is because Peter, James and John are given a consoling vision to sustain them through the dark days of the Passion until the resurrection – a mystery they do not yet understand. However, it is also an insight into who Jesus really is, reinforcing the manifestation when Jesus was baptised in the Jordan. Brightness is a sign of divinity or contact with God. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments we are told that his face shone so brightly that he had to wear a veil so that people would not be dazzled. That was just a temporary, reflected glory. Jesus is “My Son, the Beloved”.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Rose Farley, Daphne Currie, Bert Winch, John Swan, Maude Kavanagh, Sydney Evans, Alan Lawes, Paul Buckley and Constance Turner** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ANNUAL RETREAT: I shall be on retreat this week Monday to Friday so **no** Mass Tuesday to Friday. In an emergency please contact Fr David Prior at Witham (01376 512219).

THIS WEEK'S LENT STUDY: Christchurch, Coggeshall – 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. on Monday: **JAPAN** Speaker: Miss Eileen Warner. Kelvedon URC – 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday: ‘A secular society?’ Tiptree URC 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday and St Luke’s 11.00 a.m. on Thursday: **The chief priests and the elders (Matthew 21: 23-27).**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Kelvedon. Further to last week's Newsletter two mothers have offered to help lead and a couple of others to help but without that responsibility because of shift work or other commitments. We really need a rota of four or five to share that responsibility of leadership and preparation so that it does not become a burden. I would encourage some of the other parents to think about offering their help. Many materials are available on the Internet and the two who have already offered have taught RE and so will be able to provide guidance and support.

CONFIRMATION: Several young people have enquired about Confirmation this year. The Bishop delegates parish priests to confirm in his name at the principal Mass on Pentecost Sunday (27th May). If any others would like to be confirmed, whether young people or adults, please let me know as soon as possible. I will need to sort out a suitable time, probably on a Saturday, when we can meet for some preparatory sessions.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please collect your new box for the year starting in April. If you have any queries contact **Sean 01206 272793** or **Tom 01376 570919.**

COGGESHALL CHURCHES TOGETHER: Thursday lunches. Each Thursday during lent there is a simple lunch at Christchurch Coggeshall from 12.00 noon. Any proceeds go to Christian Aid.

DAY FOR RENEWAL: Led by the Brentwood Diocesan Service Team at SION, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on **Saturday 31st March, 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** the day before Passion Sunday. Theme '**Christ the Suffering Servant**'. This is a regular annual event and previous ones have been beautiful days of reflection and prayer. Bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee provided.

SINGING THE NEW MISSAL TRANSLATION: Sunday, 11th March 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. at **Holy Cross and All Saints, Warley, CM15 3AJ.** Frances Novillo, RSCM Regional Music Adviser and member of the Westminster Diocesan Music Committee, will help you feel more confident singing the changes, by introducing music for the new translation in several styles. Adults £5. Under 16s free. Contact Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood CM14 5HF, 01277 233302/219944 or picturesque@tiscali.co.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & FLORENCE: 7 night Pilgrimage to Rome (26th June – 1st July) and Florence (1st – 3rd July) with a 'stop-off' visit to the beautiful hill town of Orvieto en route to Florence. Scheduled flights with BA from London Heathrow to Rome, Fiumicino, and return to Heathrow from Pisa. The cost is £1068 based on shared twin-bedded rooms with private facilities (half board) at the Hotel Della Conciliazione Rome and Hotel De La Pace Florence. There is a limited number of single rooms available (supplement £189). For more information contact either Fr Jon Ravensdale 01206 870460 or Eugene Horgan 07939 086034.

LENTEN LECTURE: This year's main Brentwood Cathedral Lenten lecture is on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30 pm and will be given by **Fr Christopher Jamison**, former Abbot of Worth, author, broadcaster and the man behind **The Monastery** television series. He is a hugely respected and popular speaker. The title of his lecture is: **The Real Big Brother: Monks, Religion and the Media.** Refreshments afterwards.

FAIR MARKS TEY: Grand clearance sale in aid of **ARMF** and **FUN** at Marks Tey Parish Hall on **Friday 23rd March 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.** Entrance free, tea, coffee and cakes available. The usual stalls will be there - Joules clothing, Bobbins Furnishings, Silver Editions and one that sells pretty vests. Please come and bring your friends.

BE STILL DAY: For Lent we are offering two "Be Still" days at Clare Priory led by Fr Ben OSA. Each day will be identical. The dates are Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March. Each day will begin at 9.30am and end at 3.30pm. The cost is £20.00 which includes a soup lunch. If you would like to take part on either the Tuesday or the Thursday please contact Kathy to book a place. 01787 277326.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 26th February - £807.23.**

FR CLIFFORD BEECROFT RIP: You will be sorry to learn of the death of Fr. Clifford Beecroft, parish priest of Kelvedon 1966-1972, who died on Sunday 26th February. Fr Beecroft was born on 25th October 1919 and brought up in Nottinghamshire. He attended The Becket School in Nottingham. After school, he served for 7 years in the Royal Army Ordinance Corp and during World War Two was posted to North Africa, Syria, India and Burma, finishing his military career as a Staff Sergeant in charge of ordinance. After the war, he completed his education and then applied to Brentwood Diocese to become a student for the priesthood. He was accepted by Bishop Beck, Bishop of Brentwood from 1951-1955 and formerly Headmaster of The Becket School, and was admitted to the seminary at St Edmunds College, Ware in 1953. He was ordained on 23rd May 1959 in Brentwood Cathedral by Bishop Bernard Wall, the then Bishop of Brentwood. Fr Beecroft's ministry in our diocese began with a period of seven years as Assistant Priest in Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa, Chingford with Mgr Howell. This was followed by appointments as Parish Priest in Kelvedon (1966- 1972) and then Harwich (1972-1977). He retired from active ministry in the diocese in 1977. His **Requiem Mass** will take place on **Friday 9th March** at 12 noon at St Michael's School, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Berkshire, RG20 9JW at which Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read will represent the diocese.

A WARM INVITATION: To join the **9.00 Choir** from The Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay and **Champagne Flutes** for a feast of seasonal music. The Programme will include music by Palestrina, Mozart, Tavener and Saint-Saens. The Lenten Recital will take place on **Sunday March 25th** at **7.00 p.m.** in the Church with refreshments afterwards. Admission is free with Donations going to local Charities.

AN EXCITING NEW MOVEMENT: Come and find out more about **Marthe Robin**, whose self-offering in the midst of great suffering helped so many new initiatives in the Church to get started, and the **Foyers de Charité**, the movement she founded in 1936 which is now present in 42 countries of the world. Because of growing interest in the Foyers in Great Britain, we are holding an information day with talks, testimonies and time for discussion on **Saturday March 17th** at St. Mary of the Angels Church, Moorhouse Road, London W2 5DJ from 11am to 4pm (Mass at 10.30am). Refreshments provided, bring a packed lunch. Contact Mgr. Keith Barltrop, 020 7229 0487; keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD: We are aiming for 50 people from across the diocese to take part in the **120ft abseil** down Harlow Water Tower on Sunday 6th May and also for 50 riders to take part in the **Lee Valley Bike Ride** (10 mile family ride or longer 19 mile ride) on Saturday 27th May. (Abseilers must be over 16 years, no upper age limit!). For more details email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 020 8502 9722.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: Is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2

SUNDAY 4th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Bert Winch RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Danny Mullane RIP
MONDAY 5th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
TUESDAY 6th March	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 7th March <i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>	NO MASS OR STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
THURSDAY 8th March <i>St John of God</i>	NO MASS OR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8.00-9.00 p.m.		<i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 9th March <i>St Frances of Rome</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	NO MASS 5.00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross for Children</i>
SATURDAY 10th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 11th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Bolek Wysocki RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 11th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Simon Hall	Maura Banks
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Tom McInally	Ann Ross
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley Sue Petchy	Eileen Roberts	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Sean O'Leary		