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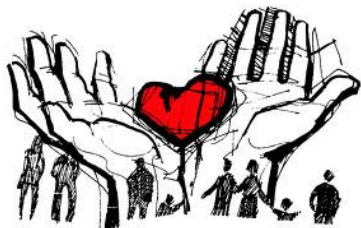
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

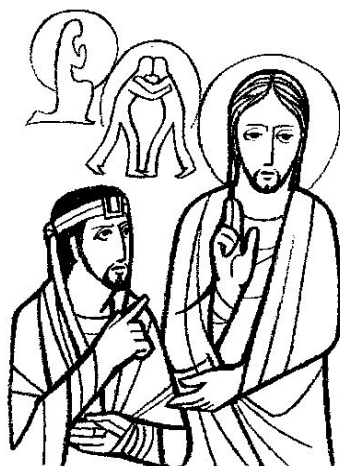
**4th November 2012**

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### ***THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR***

*This is the first commandment. The second is like it.*

**First Reading:** Dt 6:2-6  
**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51  
**Second Reading:** Heb 7:23-28  
**Gospel:** Mk 12:28-34



**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY:** “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.” The Scriptures also enjoin the people to bind these words to the arms and foreheads, and to their doorposts as a reminder. Most Jews will take this literally and have the words on a small piece of parchment in a container on their doorpost - known as a mezuzah. Orthodox Jews will also wear them on their wrists and foreheads at times of prayer contained in leather boxes called phylacteries. It is the greatest commandment, and sums up the first three commandments in the Decalogue. However, Our Lord reminds the scribes that this love for God must also be expressed in the way we treat our neighbour, as is spelt out in the remaining seven commandments. In doing God’s will we do something more pleasing to him than something we simply choose to do, such as making a voluntary offering or sacrifice. We can be tempted to offer God what we want to do as a substitute for doing what he asks of us. This is why the duties of love that flow from our state of life ought to have priority over something good but which we choose. An example of this might be to give time or money to a charity at the expense of our family – or equally to put our friends or hobbies ahead of them.



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Olive Davies** and **Stefan Przetak** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** Please pray for those whose names lie before the altars in our churches and those who have no one to pray for them. Slips are provided for the names of those you would like to be remembered. If you would like a Mass said for a particular person then please use one of the brown Mass Intention envelopes and hand it in in the usual way.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Samuel Steven Beresford** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 28th October - £796.80.**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Remembrance Day. The 11.00 a.m. Mass will begin with a two minute silence. In Tiptree there will be the usual short service at the War Memorial at 2.40 p.m. followed by a service in St Luke's Church.

**BISHOP THOMAS'S RETIREMENT:** While we have no news yet as to a successor, Bishop Thomas is planning a 'farewell' Mass at the Cathedral on Friday 30th November at 7.30 p.m. and a lunch with the clergy the following Thursday. The clergy will be contributing to a small presentation to him and lay people are invited to contribute. The Bishop does not want anything extravagant – just a token – and it has been suggested that lay people might like to contribute 25 pence. If you would like to contribute, whether the sum suggested or more, you will find some envelopes at the back of the Church. We are asked that any cheques should be made out to the Bishop, but cash will be forwarded in the form of a cheque from the parish. It would be helpful if any donations are in by 25th November.

**REMINDER:** The *Morning Reflection for Readers* starts at 9.45 a.m. on Saturday 10th November.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday 24th November** at Tiptree from 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Raffle tickets are available at the back of the church, please take and sell some. Items for sale, **books, toys, Christmas craft, gifts, bottles** and on the day **cakes and Christmas produce**, may be left at the back of the church. If you have plants and any suitable pots or containers for the Christmas Plant stall then please leave them at the back of the church as soon as possible. If you would like to help on the day or have ideas then please contact **Pat 01376 570806, Jadwiga 01376 570624** or **Miriam 01376 570919** or email [pat-dave@lineone.net](mailto:pat-dave@lineone.net).

**ABOUT EXPLORE:** The vast majority of young people (over 90% according to MORI) hold very real and deep aspirations for having an enduring and meaningful relationship, healthy family life that is probably marriage in their adult lives. However, it has been recognised that less than 5% of today's young people have ever had the opportunity to hold a detailed and open conversation with a parent, relative, teacher or adult on the subject of their relationships. Scant provision is, therefore, made to prepare young people to make the biggest decisions in their lives. Our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life team are hoping to organise presentations in our schools but to do this need couple willing to share in this way. For more information contact Phil Butcher on 01277 265252 or [Familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**SPECIAL EVANGELISATION EVENT FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH:** On Saturday 17th November at 6.00 p.m. at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH) there will be a presentation of 'The Journey', a reflection on the life of Christ with readings and music. There will be a £5 entrance charge, payable at the door, which will be entirely donated to CAFOD. All are welcome.

# UGANDA NEWS

After a quiet period following Fr Gerald's Graduation last year, (with qualifications in Peace Studies and Pastoral Care) there have been fundamental changes announced in his letter sent in September which only arrived recently.

The most significant piece of news is that Fr Gerald has been appointed as priest in charge of the largest parish in his Diocese - 20 miles west of Hoima, the diocesan HQ. There are 47,500 Catholics, both young and old, spread over 67 village chapels. In the last 10 years the area has experienced an influx of immigrants from parts of Southern and Northern Uganda and from the east of the Congo (on the other side of Lake Albert).

The population explosion is due to land shortage, and the prevalent wars and social conflicts in those regions. So the peoples are from diverse cultural backgrounds and a challenge to unity and peace building. There are several institutions in the Parish Centre called "Our Lady of Fatima - Munteme Parish." They include St. Martin's Health Unit, a Laboratory Training Institute, St. Joseph Vocational Training School, Our Lady of Fatima Secondary School, and one big Primary School with 700 "learners."

There are 3 other priests who with Fr Gerald act as chaplains and care-takers of the various schools and institutions, as well as being responsible for the faith and pastoral care needs of their huge flock.

Fr Gerald still retains some responsibility for education in his former Parish where his sister Teddy remains as the school Head Teacher.

Following 10 years of support for Kakumiro and Kirrika there was a view that it may be time to consider a different project to help those in the third world. What better opportunity could the Lord have presented to us than this latest news!! Having such a close link with a priest at the heart of the poor communities who are so much in need has clearly been critical to the effectiveness of our generosity and over the years Fr. Gerald has given testimony of so many lives which have been transformed for the better. A number of photographs will be put on display as in former years.

Because of the lack of information until now, there was no formal Uganda Appeal earlier this year, but Viv Talbot has maintained good progress with the lottery – and we have just heard that St Francis School at Braintree intend to pass on some funds too. In the light of the latest news it will not be too late for any other donations which can be included in the annual bank transfer we make before the end of the year. There will be spare envelopes at each church with the display next week.

Viv Talbot and Tom McInally will be happy to receive thoughts or opinions which folks may have on any of the matters raised above.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th November <i>31st of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Mary Start RIP All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 5th November	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6th November	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Barry Carpenter RIP <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7th November <i>St Willibrord</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Souls
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8th November	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic Holy Souls <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9th November <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Benjamin Grist RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11th November <i>32nd of Year</i> <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners War Dead Intention Barrett Family

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

Liturgical Rotas 11th November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Patricia Short	Valerie Bartlett	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Celia Butt