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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**5th February 2017**

### ***FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR***

***You are the light of the world.***

First Reading	Is 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 111:4-9
Second Reading	1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel	Mt 5:13-16



**FIFTH SUNDAY:** The Sermon on the Mount is a compendium of the Lord's teaching. After the Beatitudes we have two parables which differ in imagery but have similar implications: salt and light. Salt purifies and preserves. It is essential for life. With the commercial mining of salt we take its availability as a cheap commodity for granted but in ancient times it was not easily extracted from the rock or sea water and was so valuable that it was the medium in which Roman soldiers were originally paid – '*salarium*'. Once the salt has been extracted the surrounding debris is useless. We are to cleanse and provide savour to our world. Christ is the Light of the World. We are to be lamps allowing his light to shine out through us and help others see the way. If we are like individual candles, the Church should be like a sparkling chandelier! In our first reading, Isaiah sets out conditions for this to happen. It is by meeting the needs of the poor and bringing an end to violence that our integrity will go before us and our light shine out in darkness. Last week we were offered a personal incentive to follow Our Lord's way in the form of 'blessings'. Today he invites us to reflect on the ways in our discipleship can bless the wider community.

**MASS VARIATION:** Due to various meetings there will be no Mass on Wednesday.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY:** There will be a time of prayer for the needs of our country and the wider community at St John Houghton this Wednesday 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. All welcome.

**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 *Albert Mason, James Madden, Sr Mary Simon, Ted Clarke, Josephine Rayner, Tommy Manson* and *Dorothy Rowe* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FAITH FILMS CLUB:** To mark the 100th year of Our Lady's Apparition in Fatima, we will be showing the following movie at our next Movie afternoon. This is a private home viewing open to all those interested. Light refreshments & nibbles provided. Come along with your spouse or a friend. Donation welcome to expand our Faith Films Library. **Title: A CALL TO FATIMA** (*Running time : 3 hours*). **Date :** Monday, **6th February 2017.** **Time:** **2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. (approx 20 minutes of interval time included).** **Venue:** **Aggie O'Brien's house.** (*Contact 01376 573694 to confirm attendance or for further details*). This movie tells the story of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. It is based on Sister Lucia's books, *Memoirs I* and *Memoirs II*.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd January - £661.83** and **Sunday 29th January - ££569.75.**

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY EVENTS 2017:** A kind reminder to all parishioners that we are hosting a period of **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Saturday 11th February from **4.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.** in our **Kelvedon** church. Please remember to write your name in the **ROTA** sheet at the back of the church if you can commit to a specific time. We need to make sure we have at least **TWO PEOPLE** accompanying our Lord at **ALL TIMES**. Otherwise, just come in and spend some time in Adoration at your convenience and help us to support this wonderful initiative of our Bishop. Thank you.

**STUDY DAY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:** The next Study Day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, will take place on Saturday 18th March from 11.00 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. The theme is 'The Journey of Faith in the Gospel of John'. The day will be led by **Fr Victor Darlington**, professor of Scripture at St John's Seminary, Womersley. The day will include exploration of the Lenten Sunday Gospels from the Gospel of John. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park Station. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE:** On Friday 10th February, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harwich, Essex - NOR 109. Applications are invited for the post of Headteacher of this successful small school from experienced teachers and practising Catholics with the ability to deliver the best possible learning outcomes for pupils. In return we offer a good salary and relocation expenses. For more information: telephone 03330 139835, email [headships@eesforschools.org](mailto:headships@eesforschools.org) or view online at [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk). Closing date 12 noon 20th February.

**NEW HALL STAFF VACANCY:** Senior School Administrator (Academic) (8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, during term time) plus 7 weeks (35 days to be worked during school holidays). The successful candidate will provide administrative support to a number of departments within the Senior School, with a particular focus on the pastoral and academic provision. Candidates will possess excellent IT skills, have a professional telephone manner and sound English language skills. English grammar, interpersonal and organisation skills are essential for this busy and varied role. The salary range is £15,537.21pa to £19,072.69pa (fte £16,487pa to £20,228pa), depending on skills and experience. **Closing Date for applications is: Midday, 15th February 2017. Interview Date: 22nd February.** Visit our website: [www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities) for further details or contact a member of the HR Department on 01245 467588.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 5th February <i>5th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Bartleet RIP Margaret Powell (anniversary) All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 6th February <i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Evelyn Wright RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7th February	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8th February <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 7.30 p.m.	<i>Ecumenical time of prayer for community</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Angela Mullins RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00-10.00 p.m	Kay Knight RIP <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament to mark beginning of Diocesan Centenary</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12th February <i>6th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Albert Mason (anniversary) Mariano Martin de la Hinojosa

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

Liturgical Rotas 12th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Lanette Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Giovanna Austin	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Simon Hall	Celia Butt