

TENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Today's readings set before two cases of a widow whose son has died. First Elijah and then Jesus restore life to the child. We can look at this in many ways. We can see it as demonstrating the power of God over death – a foreshadowing of the Resurrection. Putting the two stories together helps us see how Jesus fulfils the hopes and expectations of the Messiah – the return of Elijah. One could also ask why God allowed the child to die in the first place. It seems against the natural order for a child to die before the parents even though we know that in former times and still today in many parts of the world many children do not survive to adulthood. There is no easy answer to this question or to why God shows mercy and compassion in these two cases. What we can say is that it shows that God does care about individuals. He sees the grief in the hearts of these two widows and sends Elijah to the first and his Son to the second. Today we remember in our prayers all those parents who have lost a child in whatever circumstances. We pray to for those children who have lost a sibling. It is a hard cross to bear and often friends and family do not know how to provide the support they need. We pray for the organisations that try to help them and in particular for 'Rainbows' – a group that provides support for bereaved children.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *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, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Ivy Chaplin, Angelo Ciarleglio, Timothy Bartlett, Kenneth Hinchcliffe, Martin Bacon, Mary Wood, Emelda Antwan* and *Betty Bell* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Oliver** and **Emma Jullien** baptised at Coggeshall last Sunday.

FIRST CONFESSIONS: A reminder to parents that a service of reconciliation for the First Communion children will take place this Saturday at 3.00 p.m.

CIVIC SERVICE TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY: Next Sunday 4.00 p.m. St Luke's, Tiptree. If anyone is able to help with cakes, sausage rolls or similar they would be very welcome. Many thanks to all who helped make yesterday's Tea Party for senior parishioners an enjoyable occasion.

A TASTER WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, 17th - 19th June at Abbotswick, Brentwood. Come and explore the spirituality of Walsingham and discuss what Mary's 'yes' at the Annunciation means for us in our own lives. Join the Community for Mass, Divine Office and Eucharistic Adoration. Donation £20 per day depending on means. To book see www.walsinghamcommunity.org (News and Events Section) or ring Sr Theresa 01277 373848.

JUNE –MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART: Devotion to the Sacred Heart dates back to the Eleventh Century and was encouraged by St Bernard, by St Gertrude and especially by the visions given to St Margaret Mary Alacoque. From the Nineteenth Century it was endorsed and encouraged by many Popes, culminating in Pope Pius XII's Encyclical Letter of 1956 *Haurietis aquas*. Referring to paragraph 64 of *Haurietis aquas*, St John Paul II wrote: "If through Christ's humanity [his] love shone on all mankind, the first beneficiaries were undoubtedly those whom the divine will had most intimately associated with itself: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and Joseph, his presumed father". In a letter on May 15, 2006 Benedict XVI wrote: "By encouraging devotion to the Heart of Jesus, the Encyclical *Haurietis aquas* exhorted believers to open themselves to the mystery of God and of his love and to allow themselves to be transformed by it. After 50 years, it is still a fitting task for Christians to continue to deepen their relationship with the Heart of Jesus, in such a way as to revive their faith in the saving love of God and to welcome him ever better into their lives." St Margaret Mary Alacoque said that in her apparitions Jesus promised these blessings to those who practice devotion to his Sacred Heart. The list was tabulated in 1863.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
5. I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.
12. In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

YEAR OF MERCY MASS: Brentwood Cathedral Year of Mercy Mass on Sunday 12th June at 6.30 p.m. Are you unemployed? Have you been made redundant or are you struggling to find work? Are you and your family affected by these issues in any way? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr James Kennedy CMF, parish priest of St Joseph, Leyton

FINANCE: Offertory Collection for **Sunday 29th May - £700.47.**

FACEBOOK BRENTWOOD VOCATIONS: I have formed (and administer) a Group on Facebook called **Friends who like Brentwood Vocations** which is intended to encourage people to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially for and from the Diocese of Brentwood. This is for anyone on Facebook who might like to apply to join the Group and thus support through their prayers our Diocesan Director of Vocations, our students for the priesthood and those discerning a vocation, as well as any men or women from the Diocese who are thinking of entering the religious life or who, indeed, have already done so. *Fr Stewart Foster.*

ST ANTHONY'S RELICS: Will be visiting St Antony's Church Forest Gate from Sunday 26th June to Tuesday 28th June. St Anthony relics will be visiting Ireland and the UK in the form of two relics, one of which is the one Pope Francis venerated sixteen years ago in Argentina. Earlier, in 1995, during the 800th anniversary of St Anthony's birth, the relic travelled also to Portugal and was received by Sister Lucia, one of the three seers of Fatima, in the Carmelite Convent in Coimbra. The relics will be accompanied by Fr Mario Conte, editor of the Messenger of St Anthony, the magazine published by the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Saint Anthony's Basilica in Padua, Italy, where the Saint lies in his Tomb.

POETRY AS PRAYER: Tuesday 4th October: T S Eliot – Four Quartets. Considered by some to be one of the most important examples of religious poetry of the 20th century. In the Four Quartets Eliot explores the process of journey by which we eventually come to an understanding that in the end all will be well. Come and explore this theme of the pilgrimage of Christian discipleship. Contact Clare Priory for bookings and further details: Phone: 01787 277326 email: clarepriory@clarepriory.net

FATHER GORDON'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Come and join us in celebrating this milestone event with a 'Bring & Share' party following 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon Sunday 17th July. Please pick up your invitation at the back of each Mass Centre today. To facilitate catering arrangement, kindly indicate what you can bring to the table on the Sign up list at all Mass Centres.

ANNUAL SUMMER FETE: Saturday 25th June 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. in Kelvedon.
GRAND RAFFLE DRAW Tickets are now available to collect. Please take some and help sell to family and friends. As we did at Christmas, this year, we are also having a prize draw for **FOOD HAMPERS** in addition to our Grand Prize Draw. Donations of goods for both the Raffle Draws are appreciated. Donations of books, toys, bric-a-brac or any other suitable items can be sent to Kelvedon Mass Centre beginning Sunday 5th June 2016. **Volunteers Sign-up List** now available at all Mass Centres. If you can bake homemade cakes or suitable items for the Refreshments or Cake Stall, please sign up on the Volunteers List. **All queries regarding the fete** can be directed to Aggie O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Email agnessobrien@hotmail.com or Gloria Streat 07870281212 (glo146@aol.com)

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 5th June <i>10th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Sabu Mathew RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 6th June <i>St Norbert</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mary Hayter RIP
TUESDAY 7th June	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Intention Rymer Family <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 8th June	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 9th June	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
FRIDAY 10th June	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 11th June <i>St Barnabas</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Intention Maria Chioma (40th anniversary profession) <i>First Confessions</i>
SUNDAY 12th June <i>11th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Genevieve (sick) René Gold RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 12th June	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Jane Crone	Gaby Ruiz	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Simon Hall	Celia Butt