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PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th April 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I am the resurrection and the life.

First Reading: Ezk 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129

Second Reading: Rm 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Today begins Passiontide with its increasing emphasis on the cross as the means of our Redemption. During this period the customary veiling of crosses and statues reminds us that without the cross there would be no salvation or access to the heavenly Jerusalem – no saints to help us with their prayers. However, the *Triduum Sacrum* is a whole unit – Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection – and today's Gospel is the story of the raising of Lazarus. It points to the triumph of the Lord over the powers of death and the promise not of resuscitation in this world but of eternal life. The Third Century Synagogue at Dura-Europus in Syria has this charming illustration of the Valley of Dry Bones from Ezekiel – our First Reading today. You can see the hand of God reaching down from heaven, literally raising people from their graves.



ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Richard Clarke, Edward Gregory, Alfred Boyton, Ray Nixon, Maureen Gibbs, Hubert Jackson, Ellen Harper, Lena Vallely and Gary Fox* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Bruce Radcliff, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

COGGESHALL 'SEDER SUPPER': A last reminder if you wish to take part in this symbolic meal and preparation for Holy Week – Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday at 7.30 p.m. Any names to Fr Gordon **TODAY**. Each year members from all the Churches in Coggeshall gather for this meal that reflects in structure the 'Seder' or Passover meal as a preparation for Easter. It takes place on the Thursday before Holy Week (10th April) so as not to clash with Maundy Thursday services.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 23rd April at 10.00 a.m.** in **St Dominic's room** to plan the Quiz Night, Senior Parishioners' lunch and the Summer Fete. If you would like to be involved in any of these events then please come along. Further details from **Agness O'Brien 01376 573694**.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 30th March - £688.11**.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Our last Reconciliation Service in Advent attracted only nine people and so I do not feel justified in asking a priest to come and help out with confessions at such a service for Lent. The numbers have been slowly declining for a number of years and this seems part of a general pattern experienced by most parishes. Witham parish usually has a service at the beginning of Holy Week so I would encourage those who would like to confess to a different priest to take advantage of that or of the regular times of Saturday Confession in neighbouring parishes: Witham 10.30-11.00; Lexden 11.00-12.00; Braintree 10.00-10.30; Maldon 4.00-5.00 p.m.

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: On Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm, Fr Andrew Headon will be interviewed in the last **Desert Island Priests** series. Come and hear what makes your priests tick spiritually? All welcome to these events. For more details go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org You may be interested to listen to the last Desert Island priest interview with Fr David Clemens: cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/desert-04/

DIOCESAN ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY: 'On the Road to Emmaus' **Saturday 12th April** Registration 10.00am. Start 10.30am. Finish 3.45pm. Speaker: **Fr Denis Mc Bride, C.Ss.R.** Scripture scholar, author and lecturer. Cathedral Conference Centre. Cost: £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON - SURREY 100: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a limited number of charity places in the Ride London Surrey 100 on Sunday 10th August 2014. You must be able to complete the 100 mile route in less than 9 hours and commit to raise a minimum sponsorship of £750. If you would like to be considered for one of our places or would like further information then please contact Sarah on 01268 784544 swhite@bccs.org.uk

THE BILLERICAY PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: Invite you to a **Day of Devotion** to the Divine Mercy at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer 27th April. Arrival 10.30 a.m. for 11.00 a.m. start. Confession available. Mass 3.30 p.m. Ring Claire Wallis 01277 658783 for more details. All welcome.

TEACHING VACANCIES: St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row require a **Deputy Headteacher** from September. Application pack and further details are available from the school office. **Email:** office@saint-patricks.org.uk **Telephone:** 01708 745655. **Closing Date:** 1st May. **Interviews:** 7th May. They also require an **EYFS TEACHER** from September. Application pack and further details as above. **Closing Date:** 23rd April. **Interviews:** 29th April.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING EVENT: Sunday 13th of April at 7.00 p.m. in St Benedict's, Ealing Abbey, parish hall, Ealing. An evening of brilliant pro-life speakers, testimonies and food and drink. Come and celebrate the end of London's only 40 day pro-life campaign as a result of which over 15 mothers have chosen life for their children! For more information call Good Counsel Network 0207 7231 740 or email info@goodcounselnetwork.com

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

SUNDAY 6th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention JJ Mullen & family deceased <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 7th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 8th April	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy New Common Fund <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 9th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private In Intention
THURSDAY 10th April	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Alan De la Salle RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 11th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Halina Pieckielon RIP
SATURDAY 12th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Charles Savage RIP <i>Stations of the Cross for children</i>
SUNDAY 13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Violet Gillen RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Elian Herveson

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

Liturgical Rotas 13th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Neville Bridgman	Benedict Crone	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Pat Richardson	Tom McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Valerie Bartlett	Mary Branney