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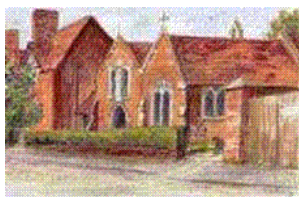
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**6th March 2011**

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### **NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR**

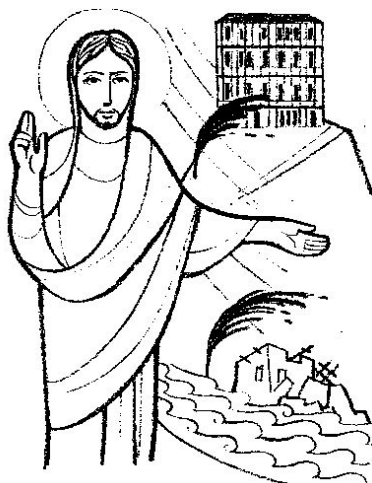
*The house built on rock and the house  
built on sand.*

**First Reading: Deut 11:18.26-28.32**

**Responsorial Psalm PS 30:2-4.17.25**

**Second Reading: Rom 3:21-25.28**

**Gospel: Mt 7:21-27**



**NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** “God’s disciples need to have firmly anchored in their souls the remembrance of their Master, Jesus Christ, and to think of him day and night. They must learn where to begin, and how and where to construct the rooms in their buildings, and how to bring those buildings to completion. Otherwise all the passers-by will mock them, as our Lord said about the man who set out to build a tower and could not finish it. The foundation is already laid, as Saint Paul said: it is Jesus Christ our God. *If anyone builds on this foundation with gold or silver or precious stones, or with wood or straw or stubble, his work will be brought to light, because fire will reveal it and test the quality of each one’s work.* Good habits and righteousness in all their beauty are what Paul compared to gold, silver, and precious stones.” Philoxenus of Mabbug. Jesus tells us that if we listen to his words and act on them our house will be founded on rock. Our habits reflect our underlying values precisely because we practise them without consciously thinking about them. Do our habits as well more conscious choices point to a solid foundation on Christ’s word?

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Maude Kavanagh, Sydney Evans, Alan Lawes, Paul Buckley, Constance Turner, Violet Gillen, Lee Saunders, James Dey & Timothy Short** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**LENTEN COURSE:** A six week course “*Life to the Full*” starts on **Thursday 10th March at 7:00 p.m.** in **St Dominic’s Room.** (A shortened Prayer Group will follow). For further details contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859.**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** **Chantal Mary Casey** baptised at Kelvedon last Wednesday.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Pam Lowth, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If you know of names to be added or deleted please let Fr Gordon know.

**LENT:** This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday** and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a time when we join spiritually with those preparing for baptism or reception into full communion this Easter by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. This year we pray for several people in the parish who will be joining the Church at Easter and also for all those up and down the country who will be entering the new Ordinariate for former Anglicans. **Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence** from meat for those aged fourteen and upwards and of fasting (one meal and two snacks) for those aged 18-60. It is not a holy day of obligation but Mass will be at the usual Holy Day times: 10.00 a.m. Kelvedon; 6.00 p.m. Coggeshall; 7.30 p.m. Tiptree. To help your Lenten preparations for Easter the usual booklets are available: ‘*Walk with me*’ & ‘*My Day by Day*’ cost £1.00; the Junior & Infant ‘*My Day by Day*’ cost £0.50.

**QUIET DAY:** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite you to a **Quiet Day** on the **11th March.** Theme of the day ‘*Launch into Lent*’ at 74 Howe Close, Colchester. 10 - 3pm come for the day or a stretch - bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided. Email [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) or telephone 01206 867296.

**YOUTH EVENTS:** The Diocesan Youth Service is starting a new venture for young people in years 7-9: Spring Youth Gather. It will be a one day event with many of the elements of the September Youth Gather and will take place at 'Stubbers', Upminster, on Saturday 6th April. There are only 80 places so if you would like to go, take an application form from the back of the Church and return it ASAP to the Youth Service office at Brentwood. The next Deanery Youth Event will be a day organised by the Walsingham House Team at Clacton on Saturday 21st May 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m., closing with Mass and Barbeque. This will be for year 8+. The cost will be £10. More details soon.

**FAMILIES TOGETHER:** Sharing the Ministry **Sunday 20th March 1pm to 4pm at Our Lady & St George's School, (Lower Site) Shernhall Street, Walthamstow E17 9HU.** You and your family are warmly invited to join us for lunch and the opportunity to share your experiences of marriage and family life. There will also be the chance to learn more about the resources available to support marriage and the family in your parish. There is a 12 o'clock Mass at St George's and you will be made very welcome if you wish to attend. We are providing lunch and crèche facilities so it is especially important to book a place for your children as well as for yourself. For more information email Elisabeth Abbott [familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call her on 01277 265236.

**LENT STUDY TIPTREE:** This Lent we will be studying the Psalms – a different psalm each week – Tuesdays at Tiptree URC 8.00 p.m. and Thursdays at St Luke's 11.00 a.m.

**TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENCE:** Those of you in Tiptree or Kelvedon who receive *The Tribune* may have been following the correspondence in recent weeks on the whole question of Faith and Christian belief. So far it has been something of a tennis match with extended volleys between a handful of correspondents. You might like to consider submitting a letter with your own perspective on this. It is not often we have an opportunity to contribute to a debate on religion in the pages of a paper that will be read by a lot of local people. I suggest keeping it short. Some of the letters have been more like full length articles and increasingly difficult to follow!

**LENT STUDY COURSE COGGESHALL:** This year we will be using a 'York Course' entitled 'Rich Inheritance – Jesus' legacy of love'. There are five sessions: an Empty Tomb; a group of people; a story; a power; a meal. The CD starter includes contributions from the new Bishop Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell and also Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster. As usual we will meet at Christchurch 7.45 p.m. Mondays 14th March - 4th April. If you intend going please sign the list in the Church as we need to know how many booklets to order – these cost £3.30.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE:** Will take place on **Wednesday, 16th March at 7.30 p.m.** in Brentwood Cathedral. The Archbishop of Westminster, **Vincent Nichols** will give the inaugural lecture which is entitled: *Living our Catholic faith in a Secular Age*. There will be light refreshments after the lecture and everybody is very welcome to attend.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for Sunday **27th February - £789.32.**



Be Still and Know That I am God  
Psalm 46.10

## **“BE STILL” DAY**

Following the recent BBC2 Documentary  
“**The Big Silence**”  
we are delighted to invite parishioners to our own  
“**Be Still**” Day  
on Saturday  
**26th March 2011**  
at the Kelvedon Church.

The day, which will be run by  
**Magdalen Houlihan** from **Clare Priory**,  
teaches us about Silent Prayer (also known as  
Centering Prayer and Christian Meditation).  
It is open to all Denominations,  
so please invite a friend to come along.

Time: Commences at **9.30 a.m.** and ends around **3.00 p.m.**  
Tea, coffee and a soup and a roll lunch are provided.  
Please book your place in advance so that  
catering can be arranged.

Donations please towards Clare Priory Building Fund.

**Further information from Eve and Peter Regelous**  
**Tel: 01376 518486 or 07947 796783**  
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**SATURDAY MARCH 26TH**

**"BE STILL" DAY**

**"Resting in God"**

*"As a child has rest in its mother's arms, even so my soul."*

*Ps. 130*

- 9.30 a.m. Closing the door. *"Go into your inner room and close the door"* Matthew Ch 6 v 6.  
This a time in which we enter into the peace.
- 10.00 a.m. **MASS**
- 10.30 a.m. Coffee **Please try to maintain the silence.**  
**You will be able to chat over lunch.**
- 10.50 a.m. Talk by Magdalen  
*"An introduction to Silent Prayer"*  
(also known as Centering Prayer and Christian Meditation.) leading into .....
- 11.30 a.m. A period of Silent Prayer together.
- 12.00 noon Any immediate questions
- 12.15 p.m. **LUNCH** (be sure to get a little fresh air so as not to be overcome by sleep in the afternoon.)
- 1.10 p.m. Period of Silent prayer together.
- 1.40 p.m. Comfort break
- 1.50 p.m. How will we do this every day in our own homes?  
A few guidelines as we plan to make this a regular practice in our own homes.
- 2.15 p.m. Period of Silent prayer together .....
- 2.45 p.m. Last chance of a question or two.  
And *"the rest of the story!"*
- 3.00 p.m. Tea and Departure.

<b>MASS TIMES &amp; INTENTIONS</b>			
<b>Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1 (Mon &amp; Tues), 4 from Wednesday</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6th March <i>9th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Doris Abram RIP Kazimierz Sitkowski RIP All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 7th March <i>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8th March <i>St John of God</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9th March <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Derek Pike Private Intention All Parishioners
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Church open for prayer</i> Private Intention <i>Lent Course/Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 11th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13th March <i>1st 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> Private Intention
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 13th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman	Jill Hinds	Marlene Kennedy
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McNally	Tom McNally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann Sue Petchey	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		