
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

If only you had faith!

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8.13-14

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY: The apostles ask Our Lord, “Increase our faith”. Faith is a gift not something we can acquire by our own effort, although we can try to dispose ourselves to be more receptive through prayer and study. However, this does not mean that, once given the strength and depth of that faith is entirely in the Lord’s hands. He implies that their faith is indeed weak – less than a mustard seed – but goes on to tell a parable about servants coming home from a day’s labour and expecting to find their meal on the table. He seems to suggest that it is in and through doing their duty, responding to the gift they receive, that they will find their faith growing in strength. St Paul writes to St Timothy along similar lines. He likens the gift to a spark that we have to fan into a flame. It is the spirit not of timidity but of power, love and self control. Power and love that are not focussed or directed are dissipated and achieve less than when channelled to a particular need or service.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Patrick Reilly, Ian Chaplin, Joan Mechear, Frederick Brown, Sr Mary Eugene OP, Nicholas Wisbey** and **June Myers** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, 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.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Marion Simmons** of Fullers Close, Kelvedon. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

MASS VARIATIONS: Due to a Coggeshall Churches Together meeting on Wednesday the evening Mass will be earlier than usual at 7.00 p.m. Looking further ahead, I have to represent the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland at the Conventions of the American and Canadian Canon Law Societies. This means I will be in Sacramento **Sunday 13th to Friday 18th October** and in Sudbury, Ontario, **Sunday 27th October to Friday 1st November**. Those Sundays and also All Saints Day will be covered by **Fr Brian McGilloway**. I shall also be leading a pilgrimage to Rome **Thursday 7th to Tuesday 12th November**. That Sunday will be covered by the priest giving the annual Mission Appeal. There will be no weekday Masses during those periods apart from All Saints day.

NEW FLOORING – KELVEDON: The red linoleum, laid by Fr Beecroft in the 1960’s, has done sterling work but is now beginning to break up and become hazardous. It will be replaced during November with wood panelling to tone in with the existing woodblock flooring. This work is likely to take about five days and during it Mass will probably be celebrated in the Presbytery. More details will be given when dates are finalised.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 29th September - £932.99**.

UGANDA UPDATE: In conversations with Fr. Gerald this week Tom learned that the current situation is much less fraught than it was a couple of weeks ago - and as described in the Flyer. The personnel of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees - (UNHCR) - have gathered all the refugees together in one secure location where they are being cared for. Hoima Diocese have allocated a priest to minister to the Christians in the camp - thus enabling Fr. Gerald and his fellow priests to devote their full time again to Parish duties. Grateful thanks are extended by Fr. Gerald and his team to all in the parish for their earnest prayers and offers of help. In terms of our annual appeal he asked that ongoing support for those students continuing their education at his former Parish, Kakumiro, can still be provided for a while longer- and he will supply a bit more detail on that - as we requested earlier this year. It is hoped to provide the usual special appeal envelopes in the course of the next few weeks - with appropriate updates on the latest news.

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING: Come join us for our open evening on Wednesday 9th October, 6.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. At 8.00 p.m. there will be an address from Headteacher, Mr A Schular in the upper school hall. Guided tours of the school led by our prefects starting between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. (Parents arriving after 7.00 p.m. will not have sufficient time to tour the school).

CURRY NIGHT: LAST CHANCE for you to your name on the list at the back of the church if you would like to attend our annual 'Curry Night' on **Friday 11th October** in St Dominic's Room, starting at **7.30 p.m.** Tickets cost **£8.00** and include a choice of curry dishes or a non-curry alternative, dessert and one drink. Proceeds will go to help cover the cost of the new borehole for the primary school in our twinned parish – St Joseph's Mission, Natal.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: The Governors of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh, seek to appoint an inspirational and talented Deputy Head Teacher to work with the Head Teacher to share the leadership of our fabulous school. Application forms and further details regarding the position and school are available from the school website www.olorcps.net/vacancies. Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 11th October 2013. Interviews: week beginning 21st October 2013.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY: www.therosary3.com is a beautiful place where one can close their mind to everything around them and simply contemplate Jesus and Mary. It is an uncomplicated format to use, uncluttered by ads or anything else. It is for everyone (individuals, families, groups) to use at no cost. This is God's work, created with love and it purely seeks to enrich people's faith through, what has always been, a beautiful prayer.

A TIME OF QUIET PRAYER FOR HEALING: At Clare Priory on Thursday 10th October (between 7.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.) introduced by Fr Ben. **To book a place please phone Kathy at the Priory (01787 277326).**

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

SUNDAY 6th October 27th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Ian Chaplin, Julie Rainbird (ann.) & Irene Rayner RIP All Parishioners Private Intention
MONDAY 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 8th October <i>St Osyth</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 9th October	Kelvedon	7.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Bl. John Henry Newman</i>
THURSDAY 10th October <i>St Paulinus</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Lena Cross RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 11th October	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Sts Ethelburga Hildelithe & Cuthberga</i>
SATURDAY 12th October	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 13th October 28th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	George Wigmore & deceased Coggeshall Parishioners All Parishioners Roy Barralet RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 13th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Sean O'Leary	Benedict Crone	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Patricia Pike	Jadwiga Smith	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Mary Branney