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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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LOW SUNDAY

Eight days later, Jesus came.

First Reading:	Acts 5:12-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:2-4.22-27
Second Reading:	Apo 1:9-13.17-19
Gospel:	Jn 20:19-31



LOW SUNDAY: Today is known as 'Low Sunday' because it concludes the Easter Octave and in former times was the last day the newly baptised wore their white robes (Latin – 'Dominica in Albis'). The Gospel tells how the risen Lord appeared on this day to reassure Thomas that was truly alive and how he breathed the Holy Spirit on his gathered disciples giving them the power to forgive sins in his name. It was to emphasise the importance of this gift that Our Lord appeared to a Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska, and asked for a feast to be established on this day in honour of his Divine Mercy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Richard 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 **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

EASTER THANKS: Many thanks to all those who put so much effort in helping the parish prepare for and celebrate Easter – our readers and extraordinary ministers, altar servers, those who help behind the scenes with cleaning and flower arranging, but a special note of thanks to our musicians who pooled their resources and put much time and practice into rehearsal so as to sing among other items the Halleluiahs Chorus as an offertory motet on Easter Day. Many thanks also for your personal gifts, cards and generous Easter offerings.

MR DENNIS SMITH RIP: His funeral arrangements have now been finalised. The Requiem Mass will be on Friday 12th April at 2.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Three Counties at 3.45 p.m. His body will be brought into Church at Kelvedon the previous afternoon – probably at 4.00 p.m.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Audrey Holder** of Tiptree. Her funeral will take place at Colchester Crematorium on **Thursday 25th April at 1.15 p.m.**

PARISH FINANCE – GOOD NEWS: At the recent Diocesan AGM, we learned about a new government initiative beginning on 6th April 2013 which will enable parishes to claim an annual grant of up to £1,250 for each Church building in which Mass is celebrated and a collection is taken. The scheme is intended to provide charities with a cash grant for small loose cash donations received in the collection taken during the Mass (e.g. from non taxpayers or taxpayers who do not use envelopes). The parish Finance Team have been working on the arrangements necessary to ensure that from this Sunday we are able to keep the proper records necessary for compliance with the requirements of the scheme – and they are now in place. Once again we thank all parishioners for their generous support throughout the year.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 12th April - 7.30 p.m. at **St John Houghton Tiptree**. **TICKETS** are now available from **Viv Talbot** and include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks. Cost: **£7pp** or a family ticket **£20** (2 adults + 2 children). All proceeds raised are for Besters.

BESTERS (BLUE BOXES): If you have one of these boxes please return it via Fr Gordon for counting.

STAFF VACANCY: St Joachim's Primary School in Custom House is seeking to appoint two enthusiastic, hardworking and inspiring teachers + possible TLR2a (we regret these posts are not suitable for NQTs). Please contact the school for an application form or for further details tel. 0207 476 1658. Application forms can also be obtained online at the CES Website <http://www.cesew.org.uk/standard> .

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: Spring Youth Gather, Stubbers Adventure Centre Upminster. A day of outdoor activity and team building 'For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid' 2 Timothy 1:7 . Open to anyone in Years 7 to 9 Saturday 20th April. Cost £20. www.bcys.net 01277265286.

NEW EVANGELISATION: A weekend exploring faith in the light of the New Evangelisation **3rd - 5th May**. Topics include: *What the Church Says, 'I Believe-We Believe', Prayer, The Catechism, Personal Testimony, Change, Joy*. Mass and times of prayer. If you would like to deepen your faith and become more confident in sharing faith with others then **New Evangelisation: Faith Believed to Faith Lived** is what you are looking for. The venue is at Sion Community, S.E.N.T., Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX. From Friday 6.00 p.m. until Lunch Sunday. Cost £100 Residential £70 Non-Residential or Unwaged. Contact: isabel.cameron@sioncommunity.org.uk or telephone 01277 215011 for further information or to book. The weekend will be hosted by Fr. Gerard Kelly and Isabel Cameron, Sion Community. experienced in New Evangelisation, Catechesis and Parish Mission. Please book early for catering purposes.

VOCATIONS: Do you ever ask, **"Who is God calling me to be?" "What is God calling me to do?"** Men and women aged 17 – 35 are very welcome to the Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group; it is informal and friendly, includes a meal and a time of prayer, and we invite excellent speakers to share their story. At our next meeting on **Friday 26th April** we welcome **Mgr John Armitage**, Vicar General of Brentwood Diocese. Fr John was Vocations Director for a decade, and he has superb stories and insights to share about his own path to Priesthood. For full details of the group, and the venue, please email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732. For lots more resources and information, visit www.brentwoodvocations.org.

HEALING MASS: Fr Eamonn Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Friday 19th April at 2.30 p.m. All are welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 7th April <i>Low Sunday Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Intention Michael Conerney <i>Baptism: Finley James Mason</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 8th April <i>Annunciation (transferred)</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Maggie Clarke
TUESDAY 9th April	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m	Canon Roger Maher RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 10th April	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Fr Brian Heaney RIP
THURSDAY 11th April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Reception of body: Dennis Smith</i> <i>RIP</i>
FRIDAY 12th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 2.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Requiem: Dennis Smith RIP</i>
SATURDAY 13th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Intention Deasey Family <i>Baptism: Alfie James Mallows</i>
SUNDAY 14th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Joanne Hayes RIP Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 14th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Sean O'Leary	Maria O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Pat Richardson	Jadwiga Smith	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Eileen Roberts	Jude Cody