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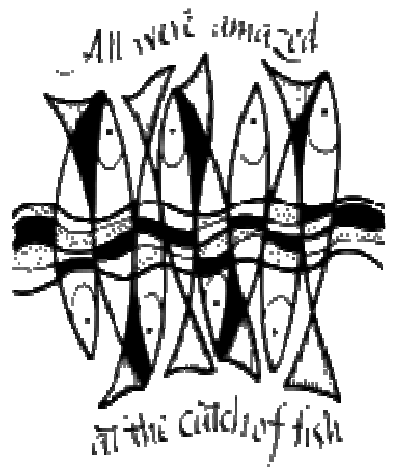
PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th February 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

They left everything and followed him.

First Reading:	Is 6:1-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 137:1-5.7-8
Second Reading:	1 Cor 15:1-11
Gospel:	Lk 5:1-11



FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Last Sunday we heard the call of Jeremiah – how God had prepared him from the moment of his conception for his role as a prophet. Today the First Reading and Gospel are linked to each other and follow up this idea. We hear St Luke's account of Jesus calling Simon and his companions to become 'fishers of men'. Isaiah tells us of his vision of the holiness of God and his sense of unworthiness. An angel takes a live coal from the altar and touches Isaiah's lips with it as a sign of purification. After this, Isaiah feels able to respond to God's call to be his messenger. All of us are called to bring God's message to others – to be proactive in sharing our faith. At the same time Isaiah's vision is a reminder that it is HIS message not ours. We can easily identify our will with God's and proclaim a message distorted by our human weakness or sin. For example instead of helping someone overcome a fault out of true concern for them we make a pointed remark or criticism that, while true, is primarily motivated by selfish concerns, perhaps irritation or hurt, or a sense of superiority. An awareness of our own frailty before the holiness of God helps make us humble and purifies our motives. This in turn will make our message more acceptable.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Sr Mary Simon, Albert Mason, Josephine Rayner, Tommy Manson, Dorothy Rowe, Ted Clarke* and *Frank Harden* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

LENT: The Season of Lent begins with the imposition of ashes this Wednesday. Mass is at the holy day times of **10.00 a.m.** at **Kelvedon**, **6.00 p.m.** at **Coggeshall** and **7.30 p.m.** at **Tiptree**. For all over the age of seven it is a day of abstinence from meat and for those aged fourteen upwards until the sixtieth birthday also a day of fasting, i.e. one meal and two snacks. To help you reflect on the Season each day the usual booklets are available priced £1.00 for adults and 55p for the children's booklets.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will take place each Sunday at 5.15 p.m. before the evening Mass at Tiptree – next Sunday might start a little late if I am delayed getting away from the Rite of Election at the Cathedral.

FUNERAL – PAT BRADY RIP: This will take place at Three Counties Crematorium, Braintree on Friday 12th February 2.00 p.m. RIP.

MASS VARIATION: Mass on Thursday will be at 9.00 a.m. due to meeting in London.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER – TIPTREE: This takes place on Friday 4th March at St John Houghton Church 10.00 a.m. but there will a planning meeting this Friday (12th) in The Rectory, Rectory Road, at 11.00 a.m. for anyone interested.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Colin Anthony, my father, will be giving a superb slide show, with commentary, of our pilgrimage to The Holy Land, with Brentwood Cathedral, journeying from Bethlehem, to Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, to Nazareth, and Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee, and much more. This will be after 6.00 p.m. Mass at Tiptree on Sunday, February 14th, starting at around 7.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. *Sue Petchey*

LENT FORTY HOURS EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: As part of our keeping Lent, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the churches of Brightlingsea with Wivenhoe parish for forty hours beginning with Mass at St Monica's, Wivenhoe on Tuesday 16th February at 7.00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the University at 11.00 p.m. and there will be Midnight Mass and adoration until 7.00 a.m. Adoration will then continue at St Sabina's, Brightlingsea on Wednesday at 8.00 a.m. continue until 10.00 p.m. From there it will be transferred to St Monica's and Adoration will be from 11.00 p.m. until the concluding Mass at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday 18th February. See <http://www.b-a-wparish.org.uk> for further information.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: Saturday, 13th February 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St Teresa's Catholic Church, The Presbytery, Brook Road, Newbury Park, Ilford IG2 7JA. Devotional Programme: Praise & Enthronement of Image of Merciful Jesus, Talk 1, 12 Noon Holy Mass, Lunch (please bring packed lunch), Praise and Worship, Teaching on Divine Mercy, Hour of Mercy with Benediction, Adoration and sung Chaplet, Veneration of the Image and Relics of St Faustina. *All welcome - Bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus.* For more information contact Divine Mercy Apostolate Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY Phone: 02089980925; Email: info@divinemercury.org.uk

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 31st January - £604.91.**

VACANCY: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Tilbury Class Teacher NQTs - KS1/2 (Mainscale) required for September 2016. (Early start available for the right candidate). We are looking to recruit experienced or Newly Qualified teachers to join our oversubscribed and happy school. Enquiries are welcomed from fully qualified teachers with QTS. Closing date: 26th February 2016. Interviews: 8th March 2016. Nursery Teacher required for April or September 2016. We require an enthusiastic and experienced Early Years Teacher to run our excellent Nursery. This teacher will be committed to working with the rest of the team to raise standards and drive the school forward. Closing date: 22nd February noon. Interviews: 24th February 2016. To arrange an appointment and request an application pack for either of the posts advertised, please contact Alison Bishop on 01375 843254 or at admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk

LENTEN ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS: This year these will take place in all three centres:

- Kelvedon & Feering: Tuesdays 10.30-11.30 a.m. URC and Wednesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. St Mary Immaculate. This year we will be making use of a book of poems – one for each day during Lent – and will be reflecting on two of them at each session. Participants will need a copy of the book (£9) but there will be one or two extra copies for anyone who would like to make use of the material privately.
- Coggeshall: Mondays 7.30-9.00 p.m. at St Peter’s. ‘Being Christ in the World’. Each week a national or local charity will speak about their work:
 - 15th February: Christian Aid
 - 22nd February: Braintree Food Bank
 - 29th February: Tools with a Mission
 - 7th March: Beacon House, Colchester
- Tiptree: **Lent Bible Study 2016:** This year our Lent Bible Studies will focus on the way the four Gospel writers and St Paul write about the passion of Jesus. We will be looking at what insights we can draw from each of the descriptions of Jesus’ death and the events that led up to it. The course will run ecumenically in Tiptree on Tuesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. at Tiptree URC and on Thursday mornings at 11.00 a.m. at St Luke’s. It will also be run, with different leaders, on Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at Heath House, Layer Breton, where there will also be a simple lunch.

Session 1 The Passion according to Mark

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th February
led by **Julia Russell Grant**

Session 2 The Passion according to Matthew

Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th February led by **Ken Thom**
Wednesday 24th February led by **Liz Barnes**

Session 3 The Passion according to Luke

Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd March led by **Gordon Read**
Wednesday 2nd March led by **Anne Wild**

Session 4 The Passion according to John

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th March
led by **Jonathan Greenwood**
Wednesday 9th March led by **Kit Gray**

Session 5 The Passion according to Paul

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th March
led by **Anne-Marie Renshaw**

- Where groups are scheduled twice a week the content and in most cases the leader will be the same on both days.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1 (4 from Wednesday)

SUNDAY 7th February <i>5th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Ellie Mead Albert Mason (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Daniel Gabriel Claridge</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 8th February <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Keith Smith RIP
TUESDAY 9th February	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Intention Maggie Clark <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 10th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>(Fast & Abstinence)</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Intention Frank O'Carroll All Parishioners Andrew Torok RIP
THURSDAY 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
FRIDAY 12th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 13th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Old Brotherhood of English Secular Clergy
SUNDAY 14th February <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 Kathleen Turner (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Int. Martin, Michael & Simey Doherty

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

Liturgical Rotas 14th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Giovanna Austin	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Simon Hall	Celia Butt