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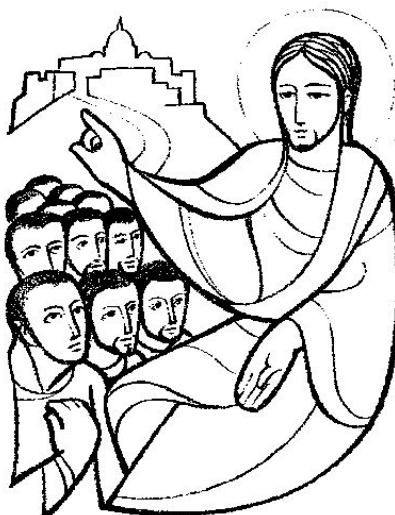
## PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th February 2014

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR**

*You are the light of the world.*

First Reading: Is 58:7-10  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5  
Gospel: Mt 5:13-16



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** The Sermon on the Mount is a compendium of the Lord's teaching. After the Beatitudes, which we would normally have heard last Sunday, today we have two parables which differ in imagery but have similar implications: salt and light. Salt purifies and preserves. It is essential for life. With the commercial mining of salt we take its availability as a cheap commodity for granted but in ancient times it was not easily extracted from the rock or sea water and was so valuable that it was the medium in which Roman soldiers were originally paid – 'salarium'. Once the salt has been extracted the surrounding debris is useless. We are to cleanse and provide savour to our world. Christ is the Light of the World. We are to be lamps allowing his light to shine out through us and help others see the way. If we are like individual candles, the Church should be like a sparkling chandelier! In our first reading, Isaiah sets out conditions for this to happen. It is by meeting the needs of the poor and bringing an end to violence that our integrity will go before us and our light shine out in darkness.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Jo Rayner, Tommy Manson, Dorothy Rowe, Ted Clark, Frank Harden, Jan Mireki** and **Ellen Brausgrose** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, 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.

**PRAYER DAY FOR THE PARISH:** There will be a Prayer Day for the Parish on **Saturday the 22nd February** for all members of the parish. All are welcome. We will both pray, and look at the different types of prayer that are available to us. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of church as numbers attending will be needed for catering purposes. The day will start with Mass at **10.00 a.m.** and will finish at **3.00 p.m.** A light lunch will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there. For further details please contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859**.

**UGANDA LOTTERY WINNERS:** The winners of this quarter's lottery are **Ellinor Ingram (1st prize - £60.00)** and **Pat Pike (2nd prize - £33)**. Congratulations! If you would like to join the scheme the subscription for the next quarter is £13.00.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE:** On Monday February 10th, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See [www.goodcounselnet.co.uk](http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk) for more information.

**BRES LENTEN SPIRITUALITY MORNING:** Saturday 1st March 9.15 a.m. – 12 noon at Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Brentwood. The Theme of this year's Retreat is **Baptism: plunging the depths** and will be led by **Fr Martin Boland**. For further details contact [mary@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:mary@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265285.

**WILL YOU GIVE US A HAND? PLEASE:** Who could fail to be moved by the harrowing pictures of refugee Syrian children? You will no doubt feel compassion and sorrow, but you then turn over the page in the newspaper, turn off the television news, shrug and wonder “*what can I do?*” Yet, there is something you can do to help. As **Christian Aid week** approaches, (11th—17th May) we are looking for more volunteers to collect money for this charity that can make a difference to these people’s lives. **But they need funds.** Could you give a very small amount of your time to help us please? We need collectors in **Kelvedon** and **Feering**, particularly on the **Riverside Estate** in **Kelvedon** and pretty much all over Feering. Could you collect just in your road, either by leaving Christian Aid envelopes or taking a collecting tin round. It doesn’t take long and people are fantastically generous. If you would like to help, please contact **Fr Gordon** or **Sarah Openshaw**, Sarahopenshaw22@gmail.com 01376 570381

**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ST BONAVENTURE’S FOREST GATE:** Our current Chaplain has moved to a position outside of our school with the Bishop’s Conference and we are seeking to appoint the very best candidate to replace her. St Bonaventure’s is a popular, over-subscribed boy’s Catholic school in the Newham Deanery of the Catholic Diocese of Brentwood. We also run a highly successful joint and mixed 6th Form with St Angela’s Ursuline school. The school has been consistently judged as Outstanding by Ofsted and the Diocese of Brentwood and we need a Chaplain that is able to contribute to the spiritual development and Catholic formation of our students, whilst reflecting the ethos of the school with respect to excellence in all areas. A full job description and person specification is on the school website [www.stbons.org](http://www.stbons.org) in the vacancies section. If you would like a visit to the school, please contact Mrs C. Jackson PA to the Headteacher via email - [c.jackson@stbons.org](mailto:c.jackson@stbons.org) Deadline for Application forms is Friday 28th February 2014 at 4.00pm.

**CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY & PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS:** For the last 11 years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; one in a parliamentary support role within the Bishops’ Conference Secretariat; one in each of the Catholic Agencies (CAFOD and CSAN) in a public policy role; and one in a media internship in Archbishop’s House Westminster. All internships will run from **September 2014 - July 2015** and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/interns> Completed application forms and references must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The **closing date** is **5.00pm on Wednesday 26th February 2014**; the Assessment days will be 1st and 2nd April 2014. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd February - £873.35.**

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

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9th February<br><i>5th Sunday of Year</i>         | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree  | 9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>6.00 p.m.      | All Parishioners<br>Talbot Family deceased<br>Marion O'Donnell RIP                                      |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>10th February<br><i>St Scholastica</i>            | Kelvedon                           | 9.00 a.m.                                 | Intention Community of Our Lady of Walsingham   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>11th February<br><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>      | Kelvedon<br>Tiptree<br>Kelvedon    | 8.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>7.30-8.30 p.m. | Secular Clergy Common Fund<br><i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>12th February                                  | Kelvedon                           | 7.30 p.m.                                 | Wendy McKenzie RIP  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>13th February                                   | Kelvedon<br>Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon | 10.00 a.m.<br>7.30 p.m.<br>8.00-9.00 p.m. | Tom and Eddie Wall RIP<br>Private Intention<br><i>Parish Prayer Group</i>                               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>14th February<br><i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i> | Kelvedon                           | 9.00 a.m.                                 | Private Intention   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>15th February                                   | Kelvedon                           | 10.00 a.m.                                | Intention Deasy Family  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>16th February<br><i>6th Sunday of Year</i>        | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree  | 9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>6.00 p.m.      | All Parishioners<br>Kathleen Turner RIP<br>Audrey Holder RIP  |

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

| Liturgical Rotas<br>16th February | Eucharistic<br>Ministers    | Lectors          | Ministers of<br>Welcome |
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| <b>COGGESHALL</b>                 | Sean O'Leary<br>Derek Hand  | Neville Bridgman | Edwina Abram            |
| <b>KELVEDON</b>                   | Tom McInally<br>Steve Smith | Helena McInally  | Elizabeth Maxted        |
| <b>TIPTREE</b>                    | Isobel Kersey               | Michael Wigley   | Jude Cody               |