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**Faith**  
is not hoping  
**God** can  
it is knowing  
the **Will**



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR**

*No one has come back to give praise to God,  
except this foreigner.*

First Reading: 2 k 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97: 1-4

Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** The most obvious theme connecting our Gospel and first Reading today is the healing of leprosy but there is a second – an ‘outsider’ is healed and gives thanks to God. St Luke, perhaps reflecting his background as a physician, puts particular emphasis on healing miracles. He also focuses more than the other Evangelists on those on the fringes of society. At the Incarnation it is Luke who mentions the shepherds whereas Matthew mentions the wise men. Only St Luke and St John refer to Samaritans (the woman at the well). It is St Luke who gives us the parable of the Good Samaritan. Here too it is the Samaritan not the Jews also healed who gives thanks to God just as in the Old Testament the Gentile Naaman from Syria gives thanks after initial scepticism about being asked to bathe in the Jordan. God reaches out to those who do not yet have faith, or have it only in a somewhat distorted form, to bring them healing in the knowledge that their faith will grow as a result. God’s inclusive mercy has been spelled out in the Year of Mercy that draws to a close in November. As in Lent the clergy of Colchester Deanery have decided to mark this with another whole day of confessions in St James’s, Priory Street, on the last Friday of the Year of Mercy – 18th November. Details will be in the newsletter nearer the time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* & any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Ian Chaplin, Allan Bradley, Giovanna Masucci, Joan Mechear, Frederick Brown, Sr Mary Eugene OP, Nicholas Wisbey, Sheila Barralet, June Myers* and *Roy Barralet* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Please place offerings for Family Fast day into the offertory collection using either your Gift Aid envelopes or the CAFOD envelopes available at the back of the church.

**PACT & ANCHOR HOUSE:** With a certain lack of ‘joined up’ planning, both PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust) and Anchor House have sent out appeals timed for this weekend! Literature/envelopes from both are available at the back of the church but please send any contributions directly to the charities concerned.

**STEWARDS MEETING:** A kind reminder that the Stewards of the Gospel are hosting a meeting for **parents of young people** in the parish on **Saturday October 15th at 4.00 p.m. in St Dominic's**. A very short presentation followed by questionnaire answering session while enjoying a glass of wine and cheese. Please come along and help us shape the parish of the future. RSVP mahart66@outlook.com

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like to order a yearly missal please put your name on the list which you will find at the back of each Church or contact **Patricia Short** on **01621 929254**. The cost will be in the region of £5.00 according to how many we order.