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Then
Will The Eyes
Of The Blind
Be Opened

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th September 2012

23rd Sunday of the Year

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10.R.v.1

Second Reading: St James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



23RD SUNDAY OF YEAR: As the Paralympics draw to a close, today's Gospel sets before us the Lord freeing a man from an impediment to hearing and speech. As our first reading reminds us this is one of the signs of the coming of the Kingdom prophesied by Isaiah. "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy." Indeed the prophecy is not limited to humanity. God's salvation will bring wholeness even to the land so that the desert will gush with water. This whole subject engenders some ambivalence among those with various limiting conditions. They want to be valued and recognized for who they are not to be identified by their condition. The Games have shown us just how much they can achieve - far more than many 'able bodied' people. Sometimes this leads to the paradox of denying their limitations and finding references to blindness, deafness and disability demeaning. Oscar Pistorius was able to compete in both Games, but with a trade-off. The limits he had to accept on his blades to run in the Olympics meant he was effectively four inches shorter, and with a shorter stride, in the Paralympics. Physical and mental limitations can lead to a higher degree of development in a narrow area but they are still limitations. Through his Son God brings us wholeness and freedom from all limitations so that we can reach fulfillment in his company. Some are granted this in a miraculous way in this life, as in today's Gospel, but most must come to terms with the limitations that come to all of us with the passing of time. Here we have a tent that we must fold up at the end of our journey. It is only in our heavenly home that we shall be brought to complete fulfillment. We thank God for the miracles and also natural achievements that he give us as signs and encouragements.

GLORIA RESPONSE: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwisted, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember John Leuce, Julie Rainbird and Anne Wade whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: to **Nicholas Jones & Carly Fry** and to **Matthew Abbott & Erica Beltrami** who were married on Friday and Saturday respectively.

HARVEST SUPPER: Kelvedon & Feering: In place of the former monthly Ecumenical Service we now have three joint events a year. Our next event takes the form of a 'bring and share' Harvest Supper at St Mary's Primary School Hall on Saturday 29th September at 7.30 p.m. Admission tickets cost £1 (from Fr Gordon) - the proceeds will go to provide beehives for the Third World.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Today we are invited to reflect on and perhaps change our attitudes in a society that increasingly diverse. Do we treat people justly and with respect or do we pre-judge them by labelling them? Are we willing to accommodate change or do we expect others to conform to our ways - not just in moral standards but culture? Are we open to the gifts that people from different backgrounds may bring us? Even a largely mono-cultural community such as ours is becoming more diverse. As a parish we have people from Spain, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Malaysia, India, Lebanon, and Iraq, not to mention English speaking countries such as Ireland and New Zealand.

WE REGRET: to announce the death of **Mrs Gloria Elik-Glammeyre** of Grove Road, Tiptree. Her funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. Also of **Mrs Sally Heath** of Tollesbury Marina. Her funeral will take place at Witham, where she attended Mass, on Friday 14th September at 12.00 noon.

BIBLE SOCIETY: The Bible Society Annual Harvest Lunch and AGM takes place at St Luke's, Tiptree on Saturday starting at 12.00 noon. A 'bring and share' meal is followed by a brief AGM and speaker concluding by 2.00 p.m.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: Coggeshall: The next prayer Breakfast will be at Christchurch on Saturday 29th September 8.00-9.00 a.m. It is our turn to take responsibility for the catering. Sue Harrison used to organise this. Jane Crone has agreed to take it on for this occasion, but we could do with more support from St Bernards, both in terms of taking part and also sharing this responsibility for future occasions.

TIPTREE YOUTH WORKER: The new Youth Worker for Tiptree employed by the four Churches in Tiptree through 'TYPO' will be commissioned in a service at Tiptree URC next Saturday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. All welcome. If you live in Tiptree and are free do turn up to show your support and encouragement especially as it is a new venture and will be quite a challenge.

'CARE & SHARE' COURSE: This is organized by St Mary the Virgin Church, but will run at Kelvedon URC Church on Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.30 p.m. for five weeks starting 26th September. 'Care and Share' is a five session course designed by the former diocesan Pastoral Assistant Training Co-ordinator, Revd Brigid Main. It looks at the basics of pastoral care and aims to help lay people begin to develop confidence and skills in listening, understanding and organisation. The sessions are entitled:

1. What is pastoral care?
2. Visiting and listening
3. Making contact
4. Dealing with loss
5. Getting organised

CLARE PRIORY: The Knights of St. Columba, Colchester are organising a day of Recollection with Prayer and Meditation at Clare Priory, Suffolk on Saturday 22nd September 2012 and invite all parishioners to join them. Sister Stephanie will be giving a talk. The cost will be £12. Please bring a packed lunch. Transport will be by private car. The day begins at 10am with Mass and ends at 4pm with Benediction. To book, please contact Justin Nathan on 01206 241317 or 07845 392684.

INVITATION ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND TEENAGERS: Theresa Weight's First Profession as a Religious Sister will take place on Sunday 23rd September, 11.30am Mass, Brentwood Cathedral. Come along for the Mass and then join us for refreshments in the parish hall. If you'll be coming, please send us a quick email or Facebook message so we can make sure we have enough seats!

"BELOVED": Woman's Weekend 12th to 14th October 2012 at SENT Sawyers Hall Lane Brentwood Essex CM15 9BX. Beloved is a weekend retreat for women of all ages which aims to help women to come to know and to experience that: "I am my Beloved's and His desire is for me". It is an opportunity to give God the space to become the first in our hearts, and to allow Him to reveal how much He loves each of us individually. For more information or to book a place please contact: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011. You can also get details from the website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk

HEAD TEACHER: Required January or April 2013 at **St. Luke's Catholic Primary School**, Harlow. We are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic, as Head teacher of our school, who will have real ambition and commitment, to lead our school team on its journey of raised aspirations, achievement and love. To arrange a visit, contact the school office on 01279 423499. For an application pack, please contact Helen Edwards, ECC Schools Workforce Team on 01245 436247

CHANT EXPERIENCE DAY: RSCM Essex and East London Area. Saturday 15 September 2012 9.30am – 5.00pm St. Andrews Church, The Drive, Ilford, Essex IG1 3PE. Led by John Rowlands-Pritchard. All welcome to be part of an enthusiastic group eager to learn about Gregorian chant. Working sessions explore the riches of adventurous chant celebrating the Cross (Holy Cross Day is 14th September). Cantor for the day will be Frances Novillo, Regional Music Adviser for the RSCM in London and South East. John Rowlands-Pritchard has long experience leading both amateur and professional singers in Gregorian chant workshops and has worked with cathedral choirs, RSCM, English Heritage and music festivals. £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. A packed lunch will be required, hot and Cold drinks available. Please register your interest by email to d.paterson@skhs.net or admin@rscm-eel.org.uk Payment will be on the day. If paying by cheque please make them payable to RSCM-EEL.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 9th September <i>23rd of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Hugh & Elsie O'Rorke RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 10th September	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 11th September	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharstic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 12th September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Baptism: Joshua Dylan Paul Hawkins</i>
SUNDAY 16th September <i>24th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Hall RIP All Parishioners Private Intention
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30-11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 16th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lannette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Short	Jadwiga Smith	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	Mary Branney