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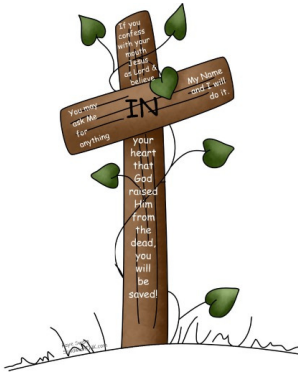
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE MOTHERING SUNDAY***

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

**First Reading:** Jos 5:9-12

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 33:2-7

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 5:17-21

**Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3.11-32



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Today's Gospel is the Parable of the Prodigal Son – or, as I prefer to call it, the Prodigal Father who seems crazily forgiving to his wayward son. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI comments: "The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, in recognising one is loved with a freely given love, a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit, do we at last enter a truly filial and free relationship with God." Please make a note in your diary that our **Lenten Service of reconciliation** will take place on Wednesday week, **20th March**, at **7.30 p.m.** Today is also known as 'Laetare' Sunday, from the official entrance antiphon inviting Jerusalem to rejoice and for us to find consolation in the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother. This is why we keep today as 'Mothering Sunday', an occasion to honour our earthly mothers.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Constance Turner, Lee Saunders, James Dey, Timothy Short, William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier and Mary Enkel** 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, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

**SIGNED MASS FOR THE DEAF:** Next Sunday we shall be welcoming **Sister Margaret** from the Diocesan Service for the Deaf and hard of Hearing at our 11.00 a.m. Mass. **Fr Frank Jackson** will be the celebrant and sign the Mass with the aid of others who will sign the readings and songs. The latter have been chosen for ease of signing. The signers will face down the nave of the Church so that they can be seen by any visitors who need sign language. For reasons of visibility you will be asked to sit or kneel at times you would normally stand. There will be the usual refreshments after Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS AT TIPTREE:** This year, in place of a walk of witness there will be a static display at the Centre. Passers by will be given a daffodil in bud to place in a cross covered with wire and to say a prayer. The idea being that these will have opened out into a blaze of gold on Easter Sunday. This will take place between 9.45 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. A small number of people are needed to cover this period and hand out leaflets with service times as well as daffodils. Those helping are asked to bring with them a bunch of daffodils in bud to hand out. If anyone would like to represent the Catholic community during this time please let me know – we need to ensure that there is cover for the whole period.

**MASS TIME VARIATION:** Because of meetings Mass on Wednesday will be at 6.00 p.m.

**DIARY NOTE:** The **Senior Parishioners' Annual Meal** will be on **Saturday 25th May**. More details to follow.

**THE CONCLAVE:** At the time of writing the date of the Conclave has not been announced. Preparations have begun in the Sistine Chapel. These take a week so it will not be before 12th and could start any time between 15th and 20th. Please continue to pray for the Cardinals. Mass will be offered daily (apart from next Sunday) for the election of the Pope until this has taken place.

O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for your Church  
who will please you by his holiness  
and to us show watchful care.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Following last year's success, the Youth Group is organising another LENT movie night for children 7 years old and over. The movie, this year is '*Jesus. He lived among us*' and is an account of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the last surviving apostle, John. Please come and join us on **Friday 22nd March at 6.30 p.m.** Finger food and drinks available for children and parents who would like to tag along.

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** Will take place on **Friday 12th April**, 7.30 p.m. at St John Houghton Tiptree. Tickets: **£7 pp** or a family ticket **£20** (2 adults + 2 children) are now available from **Viv Talbot** and include a ploughman's supper. All proceeds raised are for Besters.

**LENT 2013 DIOCESAN ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY: TOPIC 'The Healing Ministry in the Church Today.'** The day will conclude with a Healing Service. **DATE Saturday 23rd March. VENUE Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. TIME** Registration 10.00 a.m. - Tea/Coffee. **10.30 a.m. Start - 4.00 p.m. finish. SPEAKER Fr Jim McManus, CSSR. COST** £10. *Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. ALL ARE WELCOME For booking and further information, please contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org*

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 3rd March - £673.16.**

**BE STILL DAYS:** Led by Fr Ben at Clare Priory, Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March. **Silence in an ordinary life.** The programme will be identical on both days so book for the day that suits you. Each day begins at 9.30 am and ends at around 3.30 pm. The talk will be given by Gwen Harding, housewife, mother and grandmother committed to the practice of silent prayer. A soup lunch is provided and the cost is £20. Please book through Kathy 01787 277326.

**OCTOBER BABY:** The Good Counsel Network will be showing 'October Baby' at Ealing Abbey Social Centre, 2 Marchwood Crescent, Ealing W5 2DZ on **Wednesday 27th March** at 7.30pm. This is an inspirational film and will be sure to have a profound effect upon all who watch it. It has also been proclaimed by many as the 'pro-life film of the year' not to be missed. Tickets are £5 and can be reserved by calling Good Counsel Network on 0207 723 1740 or bought on the door.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 10th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	For the election of a Pope Violet Gillen (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 11th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	For the election of a Pope
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	For the election of a Pope <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 13th March	Kelvedon	6.00 p.m.	For the election of a Pope
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	For the election of a Pope <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	For the election of a Pope
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 3.20 p.m.	For the election of a Pope <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>St Patrick</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short anniversary <i>Signed Mass for Deaf</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kelwell anniversary

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

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 17th March	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Sean O'Leary Ann Ross	Jill Hinds	Edwina Abram
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Tom McInally	June Jezierski
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Isobel Kersey	Michael Wigley	Mary Branney