

WELCOME TO THE
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR

*If he listens to you, you have won back
your brother*

First Reading	Ezk 33:7-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 94:1-2.6-9
Second Reading	Rm 13:8-10
Gospel	Mt 18:15-20



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR: St Paul speaks of the debt of mutual love. This is a general principle applying to all relationships but it applies more specifically in the context of our relationship with each other in Christ as members of his Mystical Body, the Church. In the Gospel Our Lord spells out what this means in concrete terms. In a world of fallen humanity there will always be disagreements. As far as possible these should be resolved informally and directly, but if this does not succeed they should be resolved within the community of the Church. Christ gives the power of binding and loosing to the Church as a whole, each community presided over by the Apostle or their successors. He even envisages what today we would call 'excommunication' for those who refuse to listen since they are ignoring not simply a human judgement but the voice of God speaking through his Mystical Body. Conversely, our Lord also tells us that the power of prayer offered by the community is greater than that of the same people praying in a purely individual way. "If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name I shall be there with them."

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, 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* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Anne Wade and Kate Mais* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2018: Parents with children due to transfer to secondary school next year are reminded that we fall within the catchment area for St Benedict's College, Colchester, although you may also qualify for a place in a lower category at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Parents need to obtain a priest's reference form from the Presbytery or directly from the College in addition to that submitted to the local authority. The College will need to receive these before the end of November.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: Our next prayer breakfast for the local community in Kelvedon and Feering takes place this Saturday at URC 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2018: Advanced notice that application forms will be available shortly and should be returned before half-term so that our catechists can plan ahead. Clearly children and young people differ in maturity but they should be at least seven years old for First Communion and fourteen by next Whitsun for Confirmation.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 3rd September - £617.85.**