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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the gate of the sheepfold

First Reading: Ac 2:14.36-41

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:20-25

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Today is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and is the annual day of prayer for vocations for the priesthood and religious life. The 'Good Shepherd' discourse from St John's Gospel is divided into three sections spread over the three years of the Cycle of Readings. In the first part Jesus begins with a slightly different image. Jesus first identifies himself, not as the Good Shepherd, but as the gate for the sheep. In the ancient walls of Jerusalem, there was a gate on the north of the city, by which animals were brought in from the surrounding areas for sacrifice. It was called the sheep gate. Once inside the city and within the temple courts, there was only one door where the sheep went in, and no lamb ever came back out after entering the temple precincts. They travelled in only one direction, and there they were sacrificed for the sins of human beings. For that first audience who heard Jesus' teaching about sheep, such knowledge added to the shock of his words: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:7,9). In the very temple area filled with sheep on their way to slaughter, Jesus declared there was a way out: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: At the back of the Church today you will find copies of a booklet containing A meditated Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. These have been distributed free of charge by an American charity – please do take a copy and make use of it, especially but not only during this Month of Mary. Prayer is the single most important way in which we can help the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of those God is calling to serve him. There are also cards with a prayer of Pope Francis and some cream invitation sheets for young people aged 17-35 to attend the 'Invocation Weekend' in July. If you know of someone who is seeking to discern his or her calling in life, then please pass this on to them. The cost is subsidised by the Vocations Sunday collection across the diocese.

CANON LAW CONFERENCE: I shall be away this week for the annual conference of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain & Ireland, this year at Harrogate. There will be no Mass Tuesday to Friday. In an emergency please contact Fr David Prior at Witham (01376 512219).

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Next weekend Mr David Black will speak at all Masses on behalf of the International Charity 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD': I have been told that a number of people are now attending Mass elsewhere because of the level of noise and conversation before the 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon. At Coggeshall and Tiptree this is not a problem – people seem able to contain themselves, to talk to God before Mass and to each other afterwards. I would ask those who attend Mass at Kelvedon to show the same respect for other people's time of prayer and also to be aware of the poor example this sets our children. One can greet someone and delay exchanging the news until later.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Thomas Buckland, Anna Southby, Elsie Wade, Joseph Lyan, Sr Francis Emelda, Eleanor Buckley and Dorothy Dodd** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 4th May - £603.72.**

SUMMER SCHOOL: This year the Society of Saint Gregory is holding its Annual Residential Summer School at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire 28 July - 1 Aug. The theme is - A sure compass by which to take our bearings, exploring how Vatican II is a sure compass for liturgical practice and the life of the church. Leaders include Director of Music - Frances Novillo, Director of Liturgy - Kathryn Turner and Keynote Speaker - Rev Fr Kevin McGinnell, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation of the Diocese of Northampton and Chair of the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain. A programme of talks and workshops, in which to practice and develop all liturgical and musical skills, as well as opportunities for rest, recollection and socialising. Following on from last year's success the society is offering 15 free places to any 18-35 year old interested in attending the Summer School. If interested please visit the Society of Saint Gregory website:- www.ssg.org.uk/summer school for full details or contact: T J Campbell the Diocesan Representative for SSG in Brentwood. Email: timothy.campbell@ntlworld.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This Sunday ("Good Shepherd Sunday") is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In particular we pray for those discerning a vocation to Priesthood and the Religious Life, and we remember the seminarians for Brentwood Diocese – Patrick, David, Gary, Eamonn and Rick, as well as Paschal who begins seminary in the autumn. The vocations website www.brentwoodvocations.org is full of excellent information, including contact details for Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, and freshly released news of the next "Invocation Festival" – a major national event in July, with magnificent speakers. All the work and resources to promote Vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life is paid for by today's second collection – thank you for your generosity.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY AND HCPT THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST: will be hosting an exclusive 'ladies' only Derby Day Lunch at The Rayleigh Golf Club, Rayleigh on Friday 6th June 2014. Guests will be treated to a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course. The event coincides with Ladies Day at Epson and ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a day at the races. Tickets cost £20 per person and lunch is served at 12.30 so plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to! Contact Julie Abbott on 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE: Sunday 18th May - through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit www.cafodbrentwood.wordpress.com/ or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 02085029722.

IRISH CEILI NIGHT: Saturday 7th June 2014 - Upper Hall, St. John Payne School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, CM14BS. Come along and enjoy a great family fun night out with a live Ceili Band. All dances will be called so get your dancing shoes on! Licensed bar, raffle, hog roast available to purchase on the night. Doors open at 7.30pm. Dancing 8-11pm. Tickets £6 per adult, £3 per child purchase from: Elaine Finn Davies 07837773886 or Rose Keely 07570131365.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4

SUNDAY 11th May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Halina Pieckielon RIP Int. Eileen Roberts
MONDAY 12th May <i>St John Houghton</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 13th May <i>St Erconwald</i>	NO MASS		
WEDNESDAY 14th May <i>St Matthias</i>	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 15th May	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 16th May	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 17th May	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Int. Beth Brown
SUNDAY 18th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners J.J. Mullen & family dec'd Sidney Doyle (ann.)

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

Liturgical Rotas 18th May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Giovanna Austin	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett	Simon Hall	Celia Butt