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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24TH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times,
but seventy-seven times*

First Reading: Si 27:30-28:7
Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4.9-12
Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt 18:21-35



24TH SUNDAY: Forgiveness is never easy. St Peter asks Our Lord how many times we must forgive someone – the more often we are wronged, the weaker the evidence of repentance and the harder it becomes. Jesus tells a parable to bring home to us that whatever wrongs WE may have suffered, God has forgiven us much more. Seventy-seven times amounts to no limit at all. The first reading from a book that focuses on practical wisdom (Ecclesiasticus) seeks to motivate us out of self interest. If we keep a score of injuries we must expect others, including God, to do the same towards us. Behind both of these lies a truth that, whether or not the wrong doer is repentant and able or willing to change or make amends, forgiveness is to our benefit and failure to let go of injuries is to perpetuate the harm we have already suffered. If you burn your hand the first thing is to take it away from the source of the heat and plunge it into cold water or ice to reduce the temperature – every second counts in reducing the long term harm. In practical terms the best way we can let go of our injury is to give it to the Lord to carry on the cross – not just once but as often as the memory of it comes back to us. Perhaps we will always be scarred but he will reduce the pain little by little as time goes by.

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

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Brian Kennedy** of Nunn's Close, Coggeshall. His funeral took place at St Bernard's on Friday. RIP.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Lexi Olivia Jane Dickson** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Daniel McDermott, Pam Lowth, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Danny Mullane, Hanni Kyan, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Maria Hoeft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly,** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Today is designated a day of special prayer and action for racial justice. The focus this year is on 'people trafficking' – a modern form of slavery and an insult to the intrinsic dignity of human beings created in the image and likeness of God. It is said to be the third most profitable form of criminal activity after the illegal trade in arms and drugs – some 2.4 million people have been 'trafficked' in this way.

MASS VARIATIONS: There will be **no** Mass this Thursday due to a school Mass at St Benedict's.

YEAR OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE: You are welcome to a talk at St Peter's, Coggeshall, given by Canon Andrew Knowles on Thursday 15th September 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: The next Prayer Breakfast will be at Christchurch on Saturday 24th September 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. if you plan to come please sign the usual list at the back of the church.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 28th August - £784.95** and **Sunday 4th September £741.03.**

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE KELVEDON

& FEERING: We host the next service at St Mary Immaculate next Sunday afternoon (18th) at 4.00 p.m. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2012: Parental meetings will begin after half-term. Applications will be available from the back of the Church from this weekend and should be returned by mid-October.

NEW LITURGY STUDY DAY: The Parish has arranged a teaching from an outside speaker **Fr Hugh Somerville Knapman OSB** on the **New Liturgy** to explain why the changes have been made. It is from **10.00 a.m.** until **2.00 p.m.** on **Saturday the 22nd October** at **Kelvedon Church** starting with Mass and including a soup and roll lunch. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.
Pat Ezra Adult Formation Coordinator.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Meets every Thursday evening 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. at Kelvedon. All are welcome.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER: The Governors of **St.Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff** are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher (Group 2 school) from January 2012. For details or to arrange a visit please contact Anne McDonald on 01702 343823 or by email to a.mcdonald@st-helens.southend.sch.uk. Closing date for applications 26th September.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & THE FAMILY: You are invited to Brentwood Cathedral on 24th September to join us for Mass with Bishop Thomas presiding, to celebrate the vocation of marriage and the joy of family life. To book your place please call Elisabeth Abbott on 01277 265290 or email Familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

BE STILL DAY: *"It was in my inmost heart that you, Lord, had made me begin to love you". St Augustine.* The next "Be Still" day (led by Fr Ben OSA) at Clare Priory will be on Saturday 17th September. It will begin at 9.15 a.m. and end at 3.30 p.m. The cost is £15.00 which includes a soup lunch. If you would like to take part please contact Kathy to book a place on 01787 277326.

TRIP TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 24th September for the concluding Mass of the celebrations for the **950th anniversary** of the founding of the shrine. During this Mass **Sr Gabriela**, a member of the community that runs the Diocesan House of Prayer, will take her final vows. You are welcome to join us on this special occasion. Coach leaving Brentwood 9.00 a.m. - returning 6.00 p.m. Optional donation on the day. For further details visit events page of www.abbotswick.org or call **Sr Camilla 01277 373959** to book a place.

PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS: Sunday 18th September at 3.00 p.m. at St George's Catholic Church, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 9HU. Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Southwark will be the principal celebrant. In attendance will be the various African Choirs: Ghana, Nigeria, Congo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Ivory Coast Choirs. All are cordially invited to celebrate 20 Years of African Mission Ministry in the UK, followed by a Special Reception in the Parish Hall. For further details, contact Deacon Joseph: 020-8521 2359; afri cath@clara.co.uk

<p>Dialogues September 11th</p>	<p>The dialogues matter. The words exchanged by priest and people mark the key moments of the Mass. In them we acknowledge each other and prepare ourselves for the key liturgical actions. The Mass begins with the Sign of the Cross (no change to the translation there!) and a greeting dialogue. There is another key dialogue between priest and people before the Gospel is proclaimed; again at the conclusion of the Offertory prayers and again at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer; finally a dialogue comes at the end of the Mass before the final blessing and dismissal. All are key moments. Over the next weeks, as we learn the new translations of the dialogues, we are encouraged also to learn the new Missal chants and to sing these dialogues. There is a very practical reason for this. Learning new chants and new texts together will help us stumbling, on auto-pilot, into the 'old' words. Perhaps you can notice too how our chant, at least once we get used to it, helps mark the significance of these moments - moving from ordinary life into the sacredness of worship and pack again; and between the various key moments of the Mass.</p>
<p>And with your spirit September 11th alternative</p>	<p>English speakers lost something when, back in the 60s we translated '<i>et cum spiritu tuo</i>' as 'And also with you.' rather than as 'And with your spirit'. The rather bland and general response lacks something of the richer, indeed more spiritual original. In a world that is often blind to the spirit, the phrase reminds us of our being spiritual beings, made in the image and likeness of God. This Sunday the new, more literal and accurate, English translation unites us again with the practice of the universal Church.</p> <p>It serves us well too, in the changes to what ministers of the word say at the end of the readings they proclaim to us. The Latin '<i>Verbum domini</i>' is now translated more tersely: 'The word (or Gospel) of the Lord.' We have lost the 'This is...'. The new response, in its little way, makes it clear that what we acclaim 'Thanks be to God' or 'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ' is not the words on the page, still less the book they are read from, but the living word of Scripture, made present in this proclamation, to which we have carefully listened and which we now begin to take to our hearts and prepare to respond to in prayer.</p>

CATHOLIC WITNESS - FRIDAY PENANCE: Several months ago a joint letter from the Bishops of England and Wales was read at Mass on this subject. From 16th September all Catholics aged fourteen and upwards will be obliged to abstain from eating meat on every Friday in the year unless it coincides with a 'solemnity' (the highest grade of feast in the calendar including holy days of obligation and some other days such as St Joseph or the Immaculate Conception). Here again is the text of the Bishops' decision:

"By the practice of penance every Catholic identifies with Christ in his death on the cross. We do so in prayer, through uniting the sufferings and sacrifices in our lives with those of Christ's passion; in fasting, by dying to self in order to be close to Christ; in almsgiving, by demonstrating our solidarity with the sufferings of Christ in those in need. All three forms of penance form a vital part of Christian living. When this is visible in the public arena, then it is also an important act of witness. Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of our Lord. The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference. The Bishops wish to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity. They recognise that the best habits are those which are acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness. It is important that all the faithful be united in a common celebration of Friday penance.

Respectful of this, and in accordance with the mind of the whole Church, the Bishops' Conference wishes to remind all Catholics in England and Wales of the obligation of Friday Penance. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this should be fulfilled by abstaining from meat.

Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake. This is to come into effect from **Friday 16 September 2011** when we will mark the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom. Many may wish to go beyond this simple act of common witness and mark each Friday with a time of prayer and further self-sacrifice. In all these ways we unite our sacrifices to the sacrifice of Christ, who gave up his very life for our salvation."

Note that all parish priests have the power to dispense from this obligation in individual cases or to permit some other form of penance to take its place (canon 1245). The Church's law is not inflexible in the way that civil regulations are! Should unexpected circumstances make it morally impossible to observe the law, the Church expects you to use common sense – for example if you are invited out to a meal and find that no non-meat option is available. No one is bound to the impossible.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4

SUNDAY 11th September 24th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Hugh & Elsie O'Rorke RIP Victims of '9/11'
MONDAY 12th September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Gerald Moorcraft RIP
TUESDAY 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 pm	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 14th September	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Church in the Czech Republic <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
THURSDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Kelvedon	7.30-8.30 pm	NO MASS TODAY <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 16th September	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr John Shaw RIP <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>
SATURDAY 17th September <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Jean Lynch RIP
SUNDAY 18th September 25th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Int. Fr Daniel Kelly (ordained yesterday) Ivan Van de Vyver RIP All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 18th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Teresa Hall	Jill Hinds	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Patricia Pike	Audrey Thurlow	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey Celia Butt	Valerie Bartlett	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Tom McInally		