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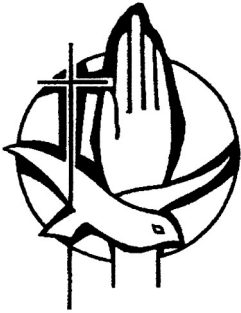
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th September 2016

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one
repentant sinner.*

First Reading:	Ex 32:7-11.13-14
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 50:3-4.12-13.17.19
Second Reading:	1 Tm 1:12-17
Gospel:	Lk 15:1-32



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Over the next three weeks we hear at Mass three great parables, unique to St Luke's Gospel, through which Our Lord wants us to understand the merciful love of God our Father: the prodigal Son; the Unjust Steward; the Rich Man and Lazarus. Each of the readings today brings out God's wish for every human being to be saved - the fullness of life that only he can give us both here on earth and in eternity. In the first reading we are told of God's mercy despite the rebellion of his Chosen People and their worship of the golden calf. In the Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Prodigal Son. In the second reading St Paul describes himself as a great sinner but one spared by the grace and love of God. For him this is a sign of God's inexhaustible patience with frail human beings. If God can show such patience and forgiveness he must love us very much! But he does not force himself on us – he sends the Holy Spirit to prompt us but he waits for us to turn to him. Whatever your past failings never despair of God's love! Here is a saying that may help us to reflect on how justice, mercy and grace relate to each other; "Justice is getting what we deserve; mercy is not getting what we deserve; grace is getting what we don't deserve."

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, 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* & any unknown to us.

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

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: This Saturday we host the monthly Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering: 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome – do join us in prayer for the needs of the local community.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2017: Parents are asked to return a completed application form (from back of Church) by 25th September.

NEW YOUTH GROUP FOR KELVEDON & FEERING: Starting this autumn: all four churches in our two villages are working together to launch a New Youth Club for 11-14 year olds. Provisionally called the 'KAFY Club' (for 'Kelvedon and Feering Youth Club') it will run every Thursday in term-time at 4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. from Thursday 22nd September, in Kelvedon United Reformed Church, Kelvedon High Street. All children from School Years 6-9 are very welcome. It's been set up through a generous five-year grant from a local Christian charity, Hands Together. We're delighted that Jules Caprioli-Blake, Youth Worker at the Coggeshall Youth Work Project based at St Peter's Church, Coggeshall, is running it, supported by others in his team plus local volunteers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For **Sunday 28th August - £690.78** and **Sunday 4th September - £604.85.**

DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS: If you are intending to apply for a place for your child for next September in a Catholic Secondary School, you will probably already know that the process changed last year. Instead of asking your Priest to complete a reference form regarding your Catholicity which he would then send directly to the school, you now need to see your Parish Priest and ask him for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Your Parish Priest will give this to you providing he is satisfied you are a practising Catholic. You will then need to take this to the Catholic School to which you are applying, together with your child's Baptismal Certificate (or Certificate of Reception where appropriate). If you do not, for whatever reason, qualify for a Certificate of Catholic Practice and your child is baptised, then your application will come into the next category for Baptised Catholic Children. For further details, please read carefully the admissions criteria/arrangements of the Catholic school to which you wish to apply. If you think you are likely to be, in this second category, **please do still apply** in the normal way, as explained by the Catholic school or the Local Authority, and remember to take a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate** to the school.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL YEAR OF MERCY MASS: Sunday 18th September at 6.30 p.m. Have you been emotionally, sexually or physically abused? Has a member of your family or friend been abused in any way? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr Graham Smith.

DISSERTATION SURVEY: I am currently studying in my spare time for a Bachelor of Divinity with the Maryvale Institute and am now entering my final year. For part of my final year studies I need to write a dissertation about a piece of research I have undertaken. I have chosen to research the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To do this I need information from people in the parish about how they view the sacrament. Next week you will be handed a survey form as you arrive at Church. Please would you complete this for me and post in one of the boxes at the three churches. It is anonymous so it will not link back to any particular individuals and I need the information to enable me to write the dissertation. Thank you so much for your help in this matter. **Pat Ezra**

WAR DIARY 1914-1918

It is a while since there was anything in the Newsletter, but with the Somme the parish notice book begins to include more references to war casualties

31st July 1916: Lt. Frederick Drinkfield & Lt. Joseph Conway

30th July 1916: Lt. Raymond Burns

6th August 1916: Rifleman Thomas Kean

13th August 1916: Sergeant Bernard Phillips

27th August 1916: Captain Bagshaw

3rd September 1916: Fr. Denis Doyle, Fr Wilfred Nevanar (?), Lt. Adrian Farrell &

2nd Lt. Adolphe Goossens

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY 11th September <i>24th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Dec'd Muzzio, Serafino, Elik, Terranova, & Raiciche Families All Parishioners
MONDAY 12th September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Derek Pike RIP
FRIDAY 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 17th September	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Jean Lynch RIP <i>(St Robert Bellarmine)</i>
SUNDAY 18th September <i>25th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Pat & Harry Streat RIP Private Intention
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 18th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Helena Mcnally Patricia Pike	Giovanna Austin	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Michael Wigley	Jude Cody