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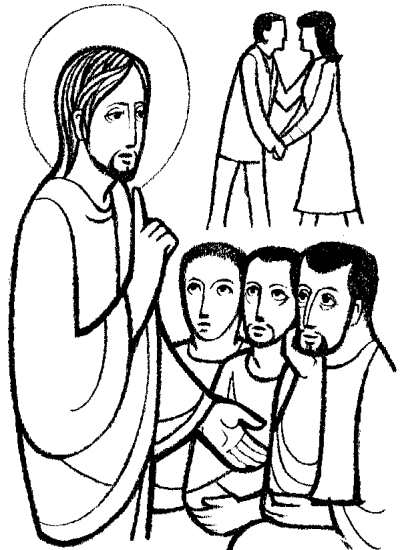
PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th February 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

***You have learnt how it was said to your
ancestors; but I say this to you.***

First Reading	Si 15:15-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34
Second Reading	1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel	Mt 5:17-37



SIXTH SUNDAY: "As we continue our reflection on Matthew's great sermon, we hear a long Gospel passage today that may seem to be complex and filled with prohibitions (5:17-37). It is far too easy to "tune out" such a Gospel text, rather than trying to understand its rich meaning. The passage (5:17) begins with a word of reassurance: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil." The law remains and will always remain because it comes from our unchanging God. Jesus intends to state the ideals of the new kingdom on earth that is ushered in by his appearance. His whole intention is to bring people beyond legalism -- which seriously affected the Scribes and the Pharisees -- and a literal interpretation of rules, and into the spirit of the law. Jesus teaches that minimal obedience is far beneath the dignity of those who love God and neighbour. To strive for less than perfect love is to strive for too little." Father Thomas Rosica, CSB.

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 *Frank Harden, Jan Mireki, Ellen Brausgrose, Alice Elliot, Anthony Bowen, Kevin Murphy, Sr Rose Aquinas* and *Margorie Weir* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

A12 CLOSURE: Parishioners should be aware that the A12 will be closed for bridge repairs (Ewell foot bridge) at weekends until 25th February. You may need to allow extra time to get to Mass or use alternative routes avoiding Kelvedon High Street, e.g. via Braxted Park or Rivenhall/Silver End.

LOURDES 2017: If anyone who is sick or disabled and unable to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage, a place and assistance may be available on the Ampleforth Pilgrimage (14th - 21st July). Please address any enquiries to Fr Gordon.

VISITING TEAM: We have a parishioner wishing to start a **Visiting Team for Tiptree**. Visiting the old and frail, whether at home or in hospital, making sure they are well and bringing some warmth and conversation is a wonderful way to live our Christian values. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Fr Gordon or one of your Stewards of the Gospel. It would be wonderful to have a visiting team for each of our villages!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 17th to 19th March 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 5th February - £765.91.**