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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### ***THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD***

*As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.*

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3.6-7.8-9  
Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23  
Gospel: Lk 24:46-53



**ASCENSION:** For St Luke the Ascension is a pivotal event, the hinge that links his Gospel with its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles. This is why he tells the story twice, in a simpler form at the conclusion of his Gospel, and in a more elaborate form to begin his story of the early Church. His Gospel presents the public ministry of Jesus in the form of a journey towards Jerusalem where he is to experience the cross and resurrection. The Acts of the Apostles is about a journey starting from Jerusalem but reaching out to the ends of the world as the risen Lord, through the Spirit and in the Church begins the work of reconciling the whole of humanity to God. The Ascension marks the point of transition from the visible presence of God on earth to his invisible presence through the unseen power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The days in between are for the disciples a time of prayer and expectation. It is a time for us too to reflect on the gift of the Spirit received in baptism and confirmation and to pray that the Holy Spirit may renew and refresh us. So much of the Lord's work remains to be done. Like the early disciples we are to bring this Good News to the ends of the earth, not just far off places but all those around us whose lives seem untouched by God.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Thomas Buckland, Anna Southby, Elsie Wade, Joseph Lyan, Sr Emelda Francis, Eleanor Buckley, Dorothy Dodd, James Bond, Janina Tempalski** and **Patrick Duffy** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** & any unknown to us.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** Today we are invited to pray for all those who work in the media to spread the Good News and in particular for those who work for the Church in this field at national level.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** **Wilf Jennings** and **Emmy Jane Jeffreys** baptised at Kelvedon last Saturday and Sunday respectively, and to **Bernard David** and **Kalpna Kalidas** who were married last Sunday.

**CANON LAW CONFERENCE:** This takes place in Galway this week so there will be **no** Mass Monday to Friday.

**COGGESHALL HOLIDAY CLUB MEETING:** Hi all I have changed the meeting to 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th May please let me know if you can make it. Kind regards Jules.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 5th May - £887.80.**

**KELVEDON & FEERING HERITAGE SOCIETY:** Have postcards by local photographers on sale at 50p each in the 3 following places: The Post Office, Kelvedon High Street, Clocks, 2 High Street, Kelvedon, Feering Community Centre and Kelvedon Library, Maldon Road.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12TH - 18TH MAY:** As a Catholic community we channel most of our support for Third World Aid through CAFOD, but some parishioners also work with Christian Aid in making the annual house to house collection. Not all streets in Kelvedon and Feering are covered so there will be an opportunity for those who have not been visited and wish to do so to contribute to a collecting box after Mass this weekend and next.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' LUNCH:** Takes place on **Saturday 25th May** in **St Dominic's Room, Kelvedon**. Please complete the **blue form** and return it before **Sunday 19th May** so that we can get an idea of the numbers for catering. Forms can either be given to Fr Gordon or left at the back of the church. For more information contact **Jadwiga** on **01376 570624**, **Miriam** on **01376 570919** or **Pat** on **01376 570806**.

**STILLNESS WITHIN:** An afternoon of discovery at Clare Priory. *"Then Jesus got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm."* Matt Ch. 8 v 26. We live in turbulent times and we need to find within ourselves a place of calm and stillness. On Saturday 18th May (2.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.) **Liam Sammon** will share with us his discovery of "Stillness within", and the strength that this discovery has given to him. Our session will include time for questions and afternoon tea. There is no charge but please book a place with Kathy at the Priory 01787 277326.

**THE LEGACY OF VATICAN II:** The diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation is organising a series of talks on the Second Vatican Council for the Year of Faith. The enormous breadth of the teaching of the Council is not well known. This series of nine evening talks will provide a rich panorama on the work of the council. The first three talks are as follows. On Thursday 23rd May Mgr George Stokes will talk about 'the Four Pillars of Vatican II', the four key documents of the Council. On 30th May **Fr James Hawes** will take as his theme '**Memories of Vatican II**'. On 6th June we welcome **Rev Dr David Chapman**, Methodist theologian, who will speak on '*Ecumenism: an evaluation*'. All talks begin at 7.30 p.m. There is no charge and no need to book. Further talks are organised for the autumn. For full details please go to [www.whatgoodnews.org/](http://www.whatgoodnews.org/) and click on 'Events'.

**NEW HALL SCHOOL VACANCY:** Director of Music required. Competitive salary on the New Hall Pay Scale + generous benefits & training provision • superb working environment • London 30 minutes by train. For further details and Application Form please contact the Human Resources Department: Tel: 01245 467 588 Fax: 01245 467 188 or Email: [hr@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:hr@newhallschool.co.uk). Closing date Midday Friday 17th May 2013. Interview date Tuesday 21st May 2013.

**CAFOD:** Please join **CAFOD Brentwood** on **Saturday, 8th June** when tens of thousands of people from across the UK will gather in Hyde Park in London calling on world leaders to act in favour of the poorest. We will be supporting the '*Enough Food for Everyone IF....*' campaign supported by over 170 charities. Contact 02085029722 or [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Events/IF-campaign-event](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/IF-campaign-event)

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12th May Ascension of the Lord	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Josie Stephenson RIP All Parishioners Charles Campling (anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b> 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	NO MASS		
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14th May <i>St Matthais</i>	NO MASS Tiptree	11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15th May	NO MASS		
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16th May	NO MASS		
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17th May	NO MASS		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18th May	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19th May Pentecost	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Private Intention <i>Baptism: Alara Ayse Erdil</i> Sidney Doyle (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 19th May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Gabrielle Ruiz	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Jadwiga Smith	Helena McInally	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Valerie Bartlett	Mary Branney