

WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th November 2017

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR

*The bridegroom is here! Go out
and meet him.*

First Reading	Ws 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 62:2-8
Second Reading	1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel	Mt 25:1-13



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR: As the Church's year draws towards its close the readings invite us to reflect increasingly on the day we must meet Our Lord face to face, whether this is at the end of time, or at the end of our own time on earth. This is why the Lord tells the parable of the bridesmaids. We cannot know exactly when the Lord will come. Nor can we stay awake all the time – even the wise bridesmaids nodded off! However, we can be prepared for his coming. The oil in our flasks symbolises the good lives we have led. If we take God's mercy for granted, and so do not live as he expects us to, then our flasks will be empty and our pleas to enter the wedding hall may fall on deaf ears. Today is also Remembrance Sunday. As Catholics remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in times of conflict for our freedom and peace but we also pray for them. We ask God's mercy on those who were not ready to meet him face to face that his loving acceptance of Our Lord's sacrifice on the cross may cleanse them of all sin.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, 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* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Nigel Palmer, Margaret Roberts, Alice Morrison, William O'Shea, Pat Knight, Felix Le Roy* and *Thomas Winfield* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE: The usual act of Remembrance will take place at Tiptree War memorial this afternoon at 2.45 p.m. followed by a service at Tiptree URC.

CONFIRMATION MEETING: Candidates and their parents are reminded that there will be a preliminary meeting this **Tuesday 14th November** in St Dominic's Room, Kelvedon 7.30 p.m.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: We host this month's prayer breakfast for the local community in Kelvedon and Feering on Saturday 18th 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Amelia May Flynn** baptised at Coggeshall yesterday.

MASS VARIATIONS: Due to an overnight meeting Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.00 a.m. and there will be no Mass this Thursday.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd October - £664.32, Sunday 29th October - £1,076.03** and **Sunday 5th November - £622.50**.

ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL: If you would like a copy of the 2018 St Paul Sunday Missal please contact **Pat Short** on **01621 929254**.