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**My friend  
how is it  
that you  
come in here without a  
wedding garment?**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**12th October 2014**

### ***TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR***

***Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.***

**First Reading: Is 25:6-10**  
**Responsorial Psalm Ps 22**  
**Second Reading: Ph: 4:12-14.19-20**  
**Gospel: Mt 22:1-14**



**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY:** This week Our Lord moves from the imagery of the vineyard to that of a wedding feast. The king is a generous host. When those invited make excuses, he sends out his servants to gather in all and sundry from the highways and byways so that his wedding hall may be full. However, when he sees a guest without a wedding garment he orders him to be cast out. At first sight this seems unfair but of course none of the guests came prepared. All were presented with a festal garment on arrival. If the man came in without one it was because he refused the gift. We are all welcome to the feast in the kingdom of heaven but only on his terms. We must be clothed in the garment of divine grace that he bestows upon us.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Nicholas Wisbey, June Myers, Roy Barralet, Andrew Barrett, Terry O'Brien, Maureen Ennis and Peter Emeney* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2015:** Parents with children due to transfer to secondary school next year are reminded that we fall within the catchment area for St Benedict's College, Colchester, although you may also qualify for a place in a lower category at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Parents need to obtain a priest's reference form from the Presbytery or directly from the College in addition to that submitted to the local authority. The College will need to receive these before the end of November.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2015:** If you would like your child to make his or her First Communion next year, please take a form from the back of the Church and return it by half-term. A preliminary meeting for parents will be held after half-term and sessions start in the New Year.

**CONFIRMATION:** In the past few days I have had several enquiries about Confirmation. That scheduled for 2nd July was postponed as it was the day after Bishop Alan's ordination. I have not yet been given a new date, but if the Bishop's visit is not scheduled for 2015 then there will be Confirmation on Whit Sunday. Timing of preparation will depend a bit on the date and recruiting catechists but it would seem a good idea to schedule a preliminary meeting for after Half Term. I will make available application forms at the back of the Church. Candidates should be 14 by the time of the Confirmation. Some young people may be uncertain about whether they want to be confirmed. I would encourage them to complete a form and take part in the process even if at the end they do not feel ready to make such a commitment.

**FINANCE:** Offertory Collection for **Sunday 5th October - £791.30.**

**FR GERALD'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014:** Copies of Fr Gerald's report are available at the back of each of the churches this Sunday. **Please do take a copy.** It shows the extraordinary progress that has been made with our help and the help of the other parishes Fr Gerald visits in the construction of new schools and educational facilities, supporting children that would not otherwise have had access to education, and the results of those who have come through the system. Also look out for a display board at the back of the churches over the next two weeks with more photos and details.

**CURRY NIGHT:** Will take place in **Kelvedon** on **Friday 7th November**. Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please register early to avoid disappointment for this popular event.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** At **St John Houghton Church, Tiptree Saturday 29th November** from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. **Raffle Tickets** are now available at the back of the church. **Stall holders list** available at the back of the church from this Sunday. If you are able to help in any way then please fill in your details accordingly.

**WASSAIL EVENING:** At **St Bernard's Church, Coggeshall** on **Sunday, 14th December** from **3.00-5.00 p.m.** Come and revisit this once popular event with Carols Sing-along, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and good cheer. Offers of help with transport will be gratefully received. **If you would like to help with organising any of the above, kindly contact Aggie O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Pat Richardson at 01376 570806.**

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Will now meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 16th October** at **Kelvedon** from **8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.** All welcome.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** If you would like to order a yearly missal please put your name on the list which you will find at the back of each Church or contact **Patricia Short** on **01621 929254**. The cost will be in the region of £5.00 according to how many we order.

#### WAR DIARY 1914-1918

The impact of the War is beginning to make itself felt in parish life. "The evening service will have to be discontinued during the week...unless at least 12 people can attend. Last Sunday there were only 4 at the service!" War casualties: Lieutenant Ambrose Teeling & Comte Albert de Merce (?)

Parish Notices 11th October 1914

**THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY:** Will meet next on Saturday 25th October at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. To mark the 400th anniversary of Heythrop College, Michael Walsh will give a talk "*From Louvain to Kensington: An English Jesuit seminary on the Move*". All are welcome. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12th October <i>28th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon  Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Family deceased Roy Barralet (anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b> 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	George Wigmore & deceased members Coggeshall Mission
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14th October <i>St Callistus</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30	William Sheldrake RIP <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16th October <i>St Hedwig</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>St Luke</i> 18th October	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Deasy Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19th October <i>29th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Mary McLintock RIP Gladys Campling RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 19th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Ann Ross	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Teresa Hall	Jean Mullane	Celia Butt