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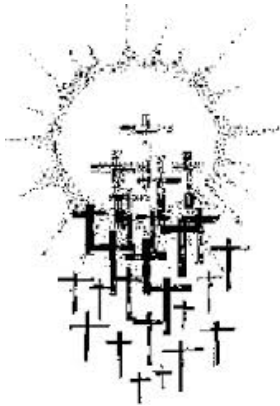
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PALM SUNDAY

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Is 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9.17-20.23-24
Second Reading: Ph 2:6-11
Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66



PALM SUNDAY: Palm Sunday is the start of what Christians refer to as “Holy Week.” It is a week full of emotional highs and lows and the reconciliation of many terrible contradictions. The Palm Sunday liturgy begins with the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and ends with the reading of his passion. The juxtaposition of Jesus in triumph and Jesus in agony is a poignant beginning to Holy Week as we remember the passion and resurrection of Christ. The kernel of our faith is what we remember throughout the seven sacred days we call Holy Week. Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week are rather quiet days. We recall the preparations for Passover. But beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday morning, the entire Church year focuses like a laser beam on that nucleus, that centre point of agreement in the Gospels and in the Christian community – the passion and resurrection of Jesus.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Edward Walkley, Patrick Christi, Hilda Hawes, Tadeo Nuromberg* and *Seamus Brady* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Bruce Radcliff, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, 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.

SPY WEDNESDAY: This gains its name from Judas Iscariot’s act of betrayal. Today the Bishop celebrates the Mass of Chrism at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.00 p.m. During the Mass the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils for use in the year ahead – the old oils are burned – and the gathered priests renew their commitment to serve the Church. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY THURSDAY: Holy Thursday evening is technically the end of Lent (although in a wider sense it continues until the Easter Vigil) and the beginning of the highest holy days of the church year – called the Sacred Triduum. Lent actually ends, and the Triduum begins at one specific moment on Holy Thursday, with the singing of the Gloria – the ancient hymn of praise to God that has not been heard in church for over six weeks. Silenced throughout Lent, the Church now bursts out in praise. “Glory to God in the highest...” Lent is over. There is a feeling of euphoria. The church bells are rung throughout the singing of the Gloria, and then fall silent until early Easter Sunday morning. As we remember the events of that first Holy Thursday, the Lectionary focuses on the Last Supper as recounted in John’s Gospel. Here we listen to the Last Supper discourse, and witness the washing of the feet of the disciples. The resounding note of the Last Supper is Jesus’ saying, “Do this in memory of me,” making it clear that no one can escape the message that all those who follow Jesus are called to be servants, to wash each others’ feet. The Holy Thursday liturgy ends in silence, for after the Last Supper, and the singing of hymns, Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. In the same way, at the end of our Maundy Thursday services, all exit silently and the church is left open until midnight for those who choose to “watch and pray” with Jesus in Gethsemane.

THE SACRED TIDUUM: Then on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m., the Church gathers again in silence. There is no opening song, or opening prayer, for the “watching” with Christ continues. The Passion is read again and again, all will exit in silence. Then after sunset on Holy Saturday, at 8.00 p.m., the Church gathers in silence once again, in the dark. In ancient times, Christians would read from the Old Testament stories of salvation history all night long, and then celebrate resurrection with the dawn. Our stamina may have cooled a bit, as the Lectionary offers only seven readings, but that can last over an hour. These are usually read in a dark church, with a psalm and a prayer between each reading. Then, finally, after the last reading, all the lights go on in the church, and the church bells ring out again as the Church raises its voice in the Gloria – Glory to God in the highest! The Gospel of the Resurrection is read and the Church rejoices. Lent is over and the Easter Octave has begun. One day is certainly not enough to celebrate the most important moment of our faith, so for the following eight days, from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday, the Church celebrates Easter. A reminder that **Good Friday** is a day of **fasting** for those aged 18-59 and of **abstinence** from meat for those aged fourteen upwards. There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday to support the Holy Places - not just the fabric of the buildings but the ministry to local Christians and pilgrims.

ECUMENICAL ACT OF WITNESS – TIPTREE: This year Christians will be inviting passer-by to tie a coloured ribbon to the cross on display at The Centre and giving them an explanatory leaflet 10.00– a.m. - 12.00 noon. If you are around do support them by joining them for a few minutes to help and to pray.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP – COGGESHALL: There will be a children's workshop on Good Friday at St Peter's Church 10.00-12.30 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA STARTS GOOD FRIDAY: The message of Divine Mercy that St. Faustina Kowalska announced to the world has been given a great deal of honour by the Church. Pope John Paul II canonised the Polish nun and named the Sunday after Easter “Mercy Sunday.” An important aspect of St. Faustina's Mercy was the Divine Mercy Novena, which begins nine days before Easter Sunday — Good Friday. This year Divine Mercy Sunday will also mark the canonisation of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER: As usual there will be times of confession available at each of the Churches on Saturday: Kelvedon 9.30-10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 10.30-11.00 a.m.; Tiptree 11.30-12.00 noon.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT: Come and join us for an Easter egg hunt in Fr Gordon's garden after 11 o'clock Mass in Kelvedon on Easter Sunday. Everyone is welcome.



FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th April - £653.92.**

TEACHING VACANCY: St Bonaventure's are seeking to employ a Curriculum Leader In Spanish TLR 2c (Inner London Allowance) Required for September 2014, applicants must be an Outstanding classroom practitioner. Full details of the post are available on the school website at www.stbons.org/CURRICULUM-LEADER-IN-SPANISH Deadline for applications is Thursday 24th April 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

SPRING YOUTH GATHER: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service would like to invite anyone in school years 7-9 to join us for a day of outdoor activities at **Stubbers Adventure Centre** in **Upminster** on 17th May. The cost of the day is just £20 and includes all activities. More information can be found at www.bcys.net/events or call 01277 265286.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 23rd April** at **10.00 a.m.** in **St Dominic's room** to plan the Quiz Night, Senior Parishioners' lunch and the Summer Fete. If you would like to be involved in any of these events then please come along. Further details from **Agness O'Brien 01376 573694**.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Vincent's Primary School, Dagenham require a Deputy Headteacher from September. Application pack and further details are available from our website www.st-vincent.barking-dagenham.sch.uk or the school office. Tel: 020 8270 6695. Email: office@st-vincent.bardaglea.org.uk Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Closing date: Thursday 8th May. Interviews: Monday 19th May.

25TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Diocesan Pilgrimage leaves on Saturday 26th July, returning Thursday 31st. The programme includes a wide range of spiritual and social opportunities, plus a trip out into the Pyrenees for the afternoon. The pilgrimage is well supported by an excellent medical team, and many young helpers who can assist those who are in wheelchairs. Our hotels are very central, and a high standard, and the price includes all meals. From £618 by air, and £418 by coach – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

Liturgical Rotas 20th April	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	Isobel Kersey	Jean Mullane	Celia Butt

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Violet Gillen RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Elian Herveson
MONDAY 14th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
TUESDAY 15th April	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy New Common Fund
THURSDAY 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet, procession to Altar of Repose and watching until midnight.</i>
FRIDAY 18th April <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SATURDAY 19th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree Kelvedon	9.30-10.00 a.m. 10.30-11.00 a.m. 11.30-12.00 noon 8.00 p.m.	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of new fire and baptismal water</i>
SUNDAY 20th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Howell Jones RIP <i>Baptism: Ryan James Whittick</i> Private Intention

Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday SEE ABOVE.