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PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th August 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Tell me to come to you across the water.

First Reading 1K 19:9.11-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading Rm 9:1-5

Gospel Mt 14:22-33



NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: A popular hymn begins, “O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed...” The force of the storm and power of nature has prompted awe in human beings from the earliest times. Here is a force we cannot control. Yet the God who reveals himself in Scripture is not himself a ‘force of nature’ but lies behind everything that exists. In our first reading Elijah discovers the voice of God not in the wind, earthquake or fire but a gentle breeze. In the Gospel the disciples are afraid – their small boat beset by a gale – but Jesus appears to them walking across the water. As he gets into the boat the wind drops. The disciples bow down before him and say, “Truly, you are the Son of God!” This incident prepares the way for Peter’s confession of faith and for the special glimpse of glory granted to Peter, James and John at the Transfiguration.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Rosemary Tuite, Alec Ross, 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 *Sr Mary Dympna OP, Hanni Kyan, David Jordan, Ellen Doyle, Jacqueline O’Reilly, Orlando Greci, George Madden, Gertrude Aves, Florence Watts, James Ruane* and *Ronald Ingram* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On Tuesday we keep the feast of Our Lady’s journey to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation** with Mass at the usual times: **Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m.**

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Annabelle Janet Mary Scott** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

RSCM-EEL ANNUAL CHORALFESTIVAL 2017: This year our Festival will be a very special occasion celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be held in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, 21st October, 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. with the Festival Thanksgiving Service at 4.00 p.m. The service will be conducted by Andrew Wright, Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral. We invite all singers to join us for a memorable and enjoyable day of singing finishing with our Thanksgiving Service. Individual singers are warmly welcomed, as are members of all choirs, robed or unrobed. The choirs of Chelmsford and Brentwood Cathedrals will be joining us for the Service. The music this year has been specially chosen and is included in a booklet which has been printed for us by the Royal School of Church Music. Copies of the booklet £5 and further information from shirleytimmins@btinternet.com.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th August - £668.00.**