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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.*

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Passiontide – the last two weeks of Lent – begins today. Crosses and statues are veiled to remind us of the centrality of the Cross of Christ without which there would be no Redemption or saints in heaven. This is why crosses are unveiled during or after the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday but images of the saints only for the Easter Vigil and the celebration of the Resurrection. The readings today continue the theme of last Sunday focussing on the role of God’s grace in our salvation. St Paul writes to the people of Philippi, “I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death.” Isaiah speaks of God bringing new life to the desert and that there is no need to recall the past. In the Gospel Jesus tells the woman brought before him accused of adultery, “Go away, and don’t sin any more.” This is not to say that our sins don’t matter. Rather Jesus has taken them upon himself, borne them on the altar of the cross and washed us free by his Precious Blood. The water and blood flowing from his side makes all things new and brings us life eternal. One of the ways in which we receive this precious gift is through the sacrament of penance or reconciliation. We whisper our sins to Christ in the person of the priest, and Jesus says to us through his lips, “Go and sin no more.”

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier, Patricia Fredericks, Mary Enkel, Violet Gillen, Clare Wilding, Henry Jezierski, Halina Pieckielon and Francesca Ciarvella* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

TIPTREE LENT BIBLE STUDY 2016: Our final session this week is on how St Paul speaks about the Passion. The course will run ecumenically in Tiptree on Tuesday evening at 8.00 p.m. at Tiptree URC and on Thursday morning at 11.00 a.m. at St Luke’s. It will also be run on Wednesday at 12.00 p.m. at Heath House, Layer Breton, where there will also be a simple lunch. The leader this week will be led Rev. Anne-Marie Renshaw.

ALL DAY CONFESSION: On Monday of Holy Week at St James the Less, Priory Street, Colchester. There will be priests available for Confession all day (from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.) on Monday of Holy week (21st March). Please tell people for whom this would be helpful.

MASS VARIATION: Mass on Wednesday will be at 8.00 a.m. – I am teaching at Parkminster Monastery, Sussex, in the afternoon and have a school Governors’ meeting at St Benedict’s in the evening.

TERESA HALL THANKSGIVING SERVICE: At the time of Teresa's funeral it was announced that in due course there would be a service of thanksgiving particularly for those unable to attend her funeral. This will take the form of a Mass celebrated by Bishop Thomas at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 18th March at 12.00 noon and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome but no on-site parking will be available.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of two parishioners: Margaret (Peggy) Sitkowski of Driffield Close, Feering and Margaret (Peggy) Le Good of Walnut Tree Way, Tiptree. Peggy Sitkowski's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 17th March at 11.00 a.m. followed by cremation at Three Counties Crematorium. Peggy Le Good's funeral will be a Service at Colchester Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd March at 11.45 a.m. RIP.

SEDER SUPPER: As usual we join with our friends from the other Churches in Coggeshall for a 'Seder Supper' this Thursday, 7.30 p.m. at St Peter's. We hear a simplified version of the narrative and questions that accompany the Passover meal in a Jewish family so as to help us celebrate our own Holy Thursday celebration of the Last Supper with greater understanding. There will be a 'sign-up' list for catering purposes.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS AT TIPTREE: This year, as last, there will be a short act of witness at The Centre - a couple of readings and hymns – preceding the 12.00 service at St Luke's. Those attending are encouraged to wear something red as a sign of witness.

UGANDA APPEAL 2016: The opportunity to donate to the **Uganda Appeal 2016** remains open for another couple of weeks. Do please bring your envelopes back (don't forget to add your Gift Aid number if you have one). If you do not have an envelope then please pick one up from the back of the church. Cheques should be made payable to **Kelvedon Catholic Church**. Another way to participate is through the **Parish Lottery** which has been a big contributor to our funds for Fr Gerald over the years. For more information about the Lottery please contact **Viv Talbot** on **01621 819317** or for any other questions contact **Simon Hall** on **01206 213399**.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Envelopes for the coming year will be available at all churches from today Sunday 13th March. Anyone who does not currently use envelopes are encouraged to contact Tom McNally on 01376 570919.

CELEBRATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY: With Thanksgiving Mass and Fellowship at Agness O'Brien's residence, Feering, on Monday, 15th March at 8:00 p.m. Contact Aggie at 01376 573694 to confirm attendance and to allow preparation for Holy Communion.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Would like to increase further the medical cover it provides for its pilgrims. If you are a doctor, please consider joining the pilgrimage this year (14 - 19 August). Your care of our pilgrims is greatly needed, will be greatly appreciated, and is immensely rewarding. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Cathy O'Connor at 01206 501146 or via cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

KELVEDON CATHOLIC PARISH SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2016: Is now available to help you plan for the rest of this year. A copy will be given out to each family after Mass at all three Mass centres in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL PARISH QUIZ NIGHT 2016: Will be held at **St John Houghton RC Church**, Tiptree on **Friday 22nd April** from **7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.** **Admission prices** are **£7.00** (Adults) and **£3.50** (Child) with 50% non-refundable deposit. Booking forms are available at all three Mass Centres from Sunday, 13th March. Teams of 6-8 or if you come alone, we will match you to a table. **Note:** We seek your understanding on the need for deposits to be taken as this is a fundraising event and as such, we are catering according to committed number of attendees.

TABLE TOP SALE: Are you planning to 'spring clean' over the next few weeks and do not fancy doing a Car Boot Sale? Our Parish Social Committee is organising a Table Top Sale which will be held at Feering Community Centre on 14th May 2016 from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Set-up from 11:30 a.m. There will also be a Café run by the Social Group at this event. **Cost : £10.00 per table.** To book a table, please contact Aggie O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Gloria Streat at 07870 281212.

CATHOLIC POLICE GUILD ESSEX BRANCH: All are invited to the launch of the Essex Branch of the Catholic Police Guild on 23rd May 2016 at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh SS6 7HP. Mass commences at 11.00, and is being said by Essex Police's newest Chaplain, Father Paul Fox. This is followed at 12:00 by a reception at The Royal British Legion situated at the top on London Hill.

INVIGILATORS REQUIRED: All Saints Technology School, Dagenham require Invigilators for May and June £9.00 p.h. For an application form please see www.allsaintsschool.co.uk

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th March - £609.85.**

FREE HALF DAY EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY SEMINARS: For all non Catholic Chaplains, NHS Managers and staff. **'The Catholic Patient in Hospital'** Following on from the release of the NHS Chaplaincy Guidelines 2015 these seminars aim to inform all non Catholic Chaplains, NHS Managers and staff of the reasons and rational of how Catholic Patients religious needs differ to other faith and belief groups. Seminars will be led by Professor Jim Mc Manus, Director of Public Health Hertfordshire County Council. **Venue:** Free Church Group, 27 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9HH (very close to Euston station). Dates **22nd March & 27th May 2016.** Morning seminar- 09.00 to 13.00 Afternoon Seminar 13.30 to 16.30 Refreshments provided Further seminars will be held in Birmingham on the **8th June 2016** Venue to be confirmed. Certificate of attendance will be provided. To register please e-mail cath.morgan@CBCEW.Org.uk or Nicholas.Johnson@CBCEW.Org.uk

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 13th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Richard & Margaret Browne RIP Timothy Short (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 14th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Sister Camilla
TUESDAY 15th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Ivor Morris RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th March	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy New Common Fund
THURSDAY 17th March <i>St Patrick</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Richard Rann & dec'd parishioners <i>Requiem: Peggy Sitkowski RIP</i>
FRIDAY 18th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 19th March <i>St Joseph</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Heloise & Michael Flynn RIP <i>Baptism: Fleur Elizabeth Chevalier</i>
SUNDAY 20th March <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 Teresa Hall RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 20th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Giovanna Austin	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Michael Wigley	Jude Cody