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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR

Your endurance will win you your lives.

First Reading	Mal 3:19-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97:5-9
Second Reading	2 Th 3:7-12
Gospel	Lk 21:5-19



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR: Until about thirty years ago when environmental concerns led to a change in farming practice each Autumn a familiar sight would have been a line of fire gradually crossing a field burning off the stubble prior to ploughing and planting the seed for the next crop. It was seen as a way of purifying the soil and allowing the nutrients in the form of ash to be reabsorbed more quickly – today the stubble is ploughed in and so releases its nutrients more slowly as it decays. Our first reading recalls this image and uses it to depict the Day of the Lord when the world will be cleansed and renewed. Fire is not easily controlled and from time to time we see pictures of bush fires out of control in America or other parts of the world. Fire is not to be toyed with. Jesus foresees a similar fate awaiting Jerusalem. A generation after his Passion the Romans will besiege Jerusalem and raze it to the ground. All that will be left of Herod's great new Temple will be the retaining walls of the platform – the part that Jews revere today as the Western or 'Wailing Wall'. In St John's Gospel he tells us that the day will come when true worship will not be in Jerusalem or the Samaritan holy place of Mount Gerizim, but rather 'in spirit and truth'. The Old Covenant, with its ties to the Jerusalem Temple will have given place to the New Covenant. However, this does not mean that the final Day of Judgement is imminent – we cannot predict that. Rather we must always be at the ready for when it does come and the Kingship of Christ is finally revealed.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, 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* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Thomas Winfield, Philip McCallion* and *Evie Buckland* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'THE ART OF DYING WELL': The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is launching a new website, 'The Art of Dying Well', that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based on the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. The address is: www.artofdyingwell.org. Some prayer cards are available at the back of each church with the text of one of the prayers for the commendation of the dying. It encapsulates our Christian hope and, as it were, gives permission for those we love to leave us for their eternal home.

THANK YOU: A big thank you from Jane and Desmond Crone for a lovely celebration last Sunday. Thank you to our lovely church family for so many things on Sunday and always, including cheerful company, cups of tea and coffee, fabulous flowers, a lovely gift and some beautiful photographs.

YEAR OF MERCY - CONFESSIONS: As during Lent, to mark the close of the Year of Mercy the priests of the Deanery will be hearing confessions all day this Friday (18th) at St James the Less, Priory Street, Colchester.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & REFLECTION: St Mary's C of E, Kelvedon would like to invite the bereaved to a quiet reflective serve of about 45 minutes this Saturday (19th) at 3.30 p.m. Cards with more details are available at the back of Kelvedon church.

MASS VARIATION: No Mass on Tuesday as I have a meeting in Port Talbot and on Friday I have been asked to cover the opening of the 'Mercy Day' at Colchester with Mass at 9.15 a.m.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: This month's ecumenical prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering takes place on Saturday 10th 8.00-9.00 a.m. at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT - ST JOHN PAYNE: A small number of young people from the parish attend St John Payne School, Chelmsford. The head teacher has asked us to share this information with you. "We occasionally receive queries regarding transport options to our school and I am pleased to share with you an opportunity brought to our attention by one of our parents from Braintree. I understand that similar has been established by families from Brentwood. Families in the Braintree area have established a parental committee to source transport. The committee will be responsible for the contract. In response to interest from families in the Witham & Maldon areas the committee asks that we share their success at establishing the Braintree service. Expressions of interest can be sent to jwchelsea@aol.com."

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group is organising a get together for children 7 years old and over. Please come and join us for some fun and games on **Friday 18th November 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in St Dominic's at Kelvedon**. Bring a friend along; new people or old friends most welcome. Finger food and drinks available. Please let Pauline know if you can come so we can make sure we have enough food. Email: pauline@mcaloone.com

YOUTH DAY MASS - ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE: On Sunday November 20th, we celebrate the solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King and it is also **YOUTH DAY**. It is therefore an occasion in which we would like as many young people as possible to take part serving during 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon. We need: 3 Lectors, 2 Welcome Ministers, 2 Collection people, 2 Offertory people and Choir singers...as many as possible. If you would like to take part, please put your name on the list on the Youth Group Board, reply via email or talk to Fr Gordon or Angie Hart after Mass.

BOOK OF THE MONTH OCTOBER: *The Optician of Lampedusa* Emma Jane Kirby. Emma Jane Kirby is an award winning BBC journalist and daughter of our fellow parishioner June Kirby. Emma Jane has reported extensively on the reality of mass migration today. In the *Optician of Lampedusa* she brings to life the moving testimony of an ordinary man whose late summer boat trip off a Sicilian island unexpectedly turns into a rescue mission.

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

SUNDAY 13th November <i>33rd of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners War Dead Irene Austin RIP
MONDAY 14th November	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Pat Knight (anniversary)
TUESDAY 15th November <i>St Albert the Great</i>	NO MASS Tiptree Kelvedon	11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th November <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Souls
THURSDAY 17th November <i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
FRIDAY 18th November <i>Dedication of Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul</i>	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 19th November <i>St Josaphat</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Ray Deasy RIP
SUNDAY 20th November <i>Kingship of Christ (Youth Sunday)</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Tony Hinds RIP Young People of Parish All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Liturgical Rotas 20th November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Helena McInally	Valerie Bartlett	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody