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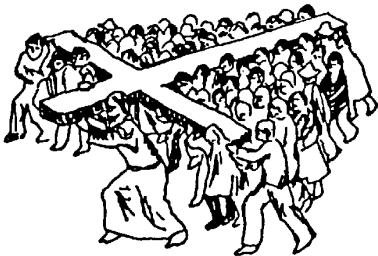
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th September 2015

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

***You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined
to suffer grievously***

First Reading: Is 50:5-9

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

Second Reading: Jm 2:14-18

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY: Today's first reading and Gospel focus on the Passion. Isaiah prophesies that God's Servant will suffer but God will stand by him – a reading we hear on Good Friday. In the Gospel, after eliciting a profession of faith from Peter he warns that he must be put to death but will rise again on the third day. If we want to be his followers we must be willing to take up the cross and be willing to lose our lives for his sake. Down the centuries many Christians have done just that and in our own day many have been killed rather than renounce their faith, not least at the hand of ISIS. While most of ISIS's victims have been fellow Muslims, we must not forget the many thousands of Christians who have been killed or forced to flee. As well as offering concrete help we must pray for them and for those still beleaguered in their home countries. We must also pray that we would have the same courage and fortitude if our own faith were to be tested in this way. Two feasts this week pick up and continue this theme. Tomorrow we keep the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – a reminder of how the relics of the True Cross, discovered by St Helena, were carried off by the Persians in the Seventh Century, but recaptured and returned to Jerusalem. The following day we honour Our Lady of Sorrows and reflect how her Son's suffering affected the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her compassion for us in our own sufferings.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Sheila Barralet, Alphonso Ciaravella, 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, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Anne Wade, Kate Mais** and **Bernadette McCann** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

TERESA HALL RIP: On behalf of all my family and the Bartleet family I would like to thank all of you who have offered your support and prayers for Teresa over the last months while she has been ill. Although she had a tough battle with her cancer she died peacefully, without pain, in her home with her children and grandchildren all around during the last few days. She had great faith, and no fear of death, which was an inspiration to all who saw her. *Simon*

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Irene Smith** of Riverside Way, Kelvedon. The funeral will take place on Friday 25th September - funeral service at Kelvedon 1.15 p.m. followed by cremation at Chelmsford 2.30 p.m.

AFRICAN CATHOLIC MISSION GENERAL MEETING: The 18th Pan-African Annual Mass will be held on Sunday 20th September 2015, at 3pm followed by a Reception at the St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark SE1 7HY. The main celebrant is Bishop Patrick Lynch, Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Migrants. Seven African Community Choirs will be in attendance and every one is cordially invited to attend.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 30th August - £602.52.**

REFUGEE CRISIS: Last Sunday's Angelus, 6 September, Pope Francis invited every parish, religious house and monastery in Europe to respond to the growing refugee crisis by offering a place of sanctuary to families fleeing from war and persecution in their home countries. The Pope calls on our generosity and solidarity to recognise and act upon our common humanity. The UK government has agreed to receive and resettle up to 20,000 Syrian refugees from the camps in neighbouring countries over the next five years. The Catholic Church in England and Wales will work alongside Government and local authorities to offer welcome and support to those in need. The refugee crisis is a huge challenge, not only in Europe and the Middle East, but in many others parts of the world where large numbers of refugees live deeply uncertain and perilous lives. Consequently, as a Catholic community, and as a country, we need to be committed to helping refugees over a long period. To sustain that effort we need moral imagination. We recognise that we can all contribute and play a part in helping to support the most vulnerable of refugees. Such assistance includes: **Prayer, Financial support, Time and professional skills (e.g. language teaching, legal help, advocacy), Shelter and accommodation.** We can all be attentive to those who are vulnerable and newly arrived in our local communities and parishes. A warm welcome can be the most simple yet effective of gifts we can all offer. Practically, we are working to ensure, as far as possible, that every diocese has a contact nominated to co-ordinate your parish/individual response; they will liaise with the local authority and other faith groups to match offers of time, talents and accommodation with the pressing humanitarian needs of the local area. Additional information will be regularly updated in our web section for the refugee crisis: catholicnews.org.uk/refugee-crisis **Cardinal Vincent Nichols (President), Archbishop Peter Smith (Vice-President).**

SUNDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD TEAM: As the new academic year begins, the team has now resumed their work with the children in Kelvedon. This is a good opportunity for new volunteers to join the team. If you are interested in working one Sunday every 6 weeks please contact **Yvonne Ewers** on **01621 893534** or talk to Angie Hart or Fr Gordon.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2016: If you would like your child to receive his or her First Communion in 2016, please complete and return an application form, available at the back of the Church, as soon as possible, certainly before half term, so that we can organise a preliminary parents' meeting and order the necessary materials.

PRAYER VISITING - TIPTREE: On Monday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. at Tiptree URC there will be a Prayer Visiting evening. This is to prepare for and launch the Autumn programme of visiting homes in Tiptree with an offer of prayer. In due course we hope to cover the whole of Tiptree. New volunteers are needed both to help with advance leafleting and the door to door calls. The object of the evening is to encourage new people to take part and explain what is involved. Please do come along and find out. It is not as daunting as it sounds and there are many people who welcome the thought that someone is praying for their particular needs. You are not committing yourselves to visiting by attending the evening.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION VACANCY: Brentwood Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Education to succeed Mgr George Stokes. The new Director will lead the Diocese, its Education Department and its schools into a new era of expansion, development and restructuring, as we seek to engage fully with the changing national landscape of education. This is a wonderful opportunity for the right person, who will be a practising Catholic, with a track record of successful senior leadership in education or a related professional area. Applications are welcome from serving or recently-retired Headteachers. If you would like further information and/or an application pack, please contact Janet Simmons at the Diocese of Brentwood Education Department, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT or download a pack at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/dde (or janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org) If you would like an informal conversation about the post before applying, please contact Janet Simmons. The closing date for application is 29th September 2015.

PARISH BARN DANCE & HOG ROAST EVENT: Barn Dance/Hog Roast tickets still on sale for the event, which will be on 26th September 2015, from 4.00 p.m. till late. Adult tickets £8 each, children £4, family ticket (2A & 2C) £20. For those in Coggeshall and Tiptree, there will be someone at both locations selling tickets over the next 2 weeks. Don't worry if you have two left feet, come along for the fun and food!!! Please note this is a parish subsidised event. Contact Aggie 01376 573694 or Gloria 01621 819698 for further details.

LAST CALL FOR RECIPES FOR UPCOMING PARISH COOKBOOK: As we would like to have our latest edition of the Parish cookbook printed in time to sell at our Christmas Bazaar, we are asking that all recipes be submitted no later than 30th September. Please send to our Parish Social Group's email: kcp_socialcomm@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016: To apply for a place at a Catholic Primary or Secondary school parents need to complete a supplementary information form, signed by the parish priest, which provides information on the level of religious practice to establish which admissions category the child should be ascribed to. Both a generic form for Catholic Primary Schools and a specific one for St Benedict's College, Colchester can be obtained from the parish priest. For St John Payne, Chelmsford, please consult the school secretary. These need to be submitted by the end of November. For details on each school and its admissions criteria see the appropriate website.

CANCER RESEARCH: Maria O'Leary is abstaining from alcohol for the month of September in aid of **Cancer Research**. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause go to justgiving.com **Maria's page**.

War Diary 1914-1918

Please pray for Brigadier-General Kerse (?) VC and Captain John A. Liddell and all killed in the War.

Parish Notices 12th September 1915

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

(Pope Francis 2013)

TYPO PRAYER EVENT: Thursday 24th September at St Luke's Church, 7.30 p.m.

Do you want to see the finances released to continue the work Stuart has begun beyond 2016? If so, please join us as we come together to pray. Our Father has the resources, he wants to give them to us but he likes to be asked! He says, *"if my people will humble themselves and pray....then I will hear from heaven."* **Together we can do it!** There will be: displays to stimulate your prayer. Stories, Worship, User-friendly Prayer! Please join us.

2016 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: You are warmly invited to join us. 29th May - 2nd June 2016 By air. Staying at the fabulous 4* Hotel Grande Moderne closest to the Sanctuaries. Full board basis. All rooms have ensuite facilities. Prices based on 2 sharing £549 Full spiritual programme and free time. Further details please contact Sue on 07979 746707.

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

SUNDAY 13th September <i>24th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Muzzio, Serafino, Terranova, Raichiche & Elik Family deceased Maureen Arnold RIP
MONDAY 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Holy Souls <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 17th September	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Jean Lynch RIP
FRIDAY 18th September	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr George Lyons RIP
SATURDAY 19th September <i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 20th September <i>25th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Pat & Harry Streat RIP Ann Siddell

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

Liturgical Rotas 20th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Sean O'Leary	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Mary Branney