

**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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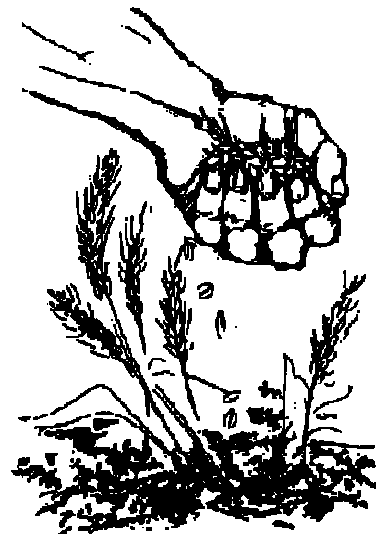
PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th June 2015

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows
into the biggest shrub of them all*

First Reading:	Ezk 17:22-24
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 91:2-3. 13-16
Second Reading:	2 Cor 5:6-10
Gospel:	Mk 4:26-34



ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: In Biblical times the Holy Land was much more heavily forested than it is today and many different kinds of tree are mentioned. Some like poplar and willow need plentiful water. Others such as ebony were imported. Sandalwood was used ceremonially because of its fragrance. Figs and olives are short but productive. Oaks seem to be mostly solitary trees. Fir, pine and cypress were used for building purposes. Palm trees can grow to 100' tall but the Cedar is regarded as special, not only because of its size, but its fragrance. It normally grows on mountain sides between 2000 and 6000 feet in altitude, can reach 130' in height and trunks 8' in diameter. For Ezekiel it is a fitting symbol for Israel – and is still the main feature of the Lebanese flag today. For the prophet it is not just a feature of the natural world but a sign of God's power and protection. In today's Gospel Our Lord speaks in the same way about the humble mustard seed. It looks insignificant yet the power of God enables it to grow into a great shrub if not a mighty tree. For Ezekiel the focus is on the magnificence of the cedar. For Jesus it is not so much the size as the hiddenness of God's transforming power at work that speaks to us of the Kingdom of God. It is not size alone that makes for greatness.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Denis Wood, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, 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 *Kathleen Rumble, Anthony Corbett, John McGee, Daisy Cattini, Kathleen Azzario, Brian Vanson, Pat Vallely, Florance Wood* and *David Edwards* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN: Our good wishes go to the following children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday: **Alexander Bartin, Dakota Bradley-Jones, Niall Clark, Katherine Ewers, Victoria Hilling, James Holland, Alessandro Horrocks, Edward King, Molly Nee, Elsie Smith, Harrison Smith, Declan Staines, Sarah Van Stolk** and **Olivia Wheeler**. Our thanks go to **Angie Hart** for all the time and energy she dedicates to forming our First Communion children.

FUNERAL: **Mr Brian Flannery's** funeral is scheduled for **Monday 22nd June** at **11.00 a.m.** followed by burial in Kelvedon.

CAR PARKING – KELVEDON: Last Sunday after Mass a local resident came to the Church to complain that a Mass attender was parked across his drive for well over an hour preventing him from making an essential journey, a business meeting that had to be cancelled. Please respect the rights of others and do not inconvenience them in this way. We put out cones to help those opposite but cannot police the High Street. There are two public car parks available just a short walk away.

FINANCE: Offertory collection **Sunday 7th June - £559.44.**

MASS VARIATIONS: This Thursday Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. as I have to cover a funeral at Clacton at 11.00 a.m. There will also be Mass at Coggeshall at 7.30 p.m. Thursday this week.

MIRACULOUS RELIC IMAGE OF UR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Bishop Alan Williams will be principal celebrant at a service of reception for the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, "*Protectress of the Unborn*", at the Cathedral on **Friday 19th June at 7.30 p.m.**; and from **19th - 25th June** the Cathedral will be open for visits throughout the day under the care of the Knights of Saint Colomba and staff from the Cathedral. Devotional booklets will be available, and petition slips can be completed and subsequently sent to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. More information about the miraculous image can be found at <http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk/>

REVIEWING & EVALUATING SACRAMENTAL RESOURCES: An invitation to all catechists - **First Holy Communion/Reconciliation** and **Confirmation** to meet on **Monday 29th June, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** in the **Cathedral Conference Centre**. We will share good practice; reflect on the learning outcome of resources used for sacramental preparation; evaluate both strengths/weaknesses. Please bring copies of resources used in your parish. We will also consider the role of parents in sacramental preparation. **Facilitator: Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM**. For booking, please contact the Adult RE & Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265255/219.

SUMMER FETE: We welcome donations of Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac, DVDs, Puzzles, etc. If you have soft toys to donate to our **Soft Toys Tombola** stall, please can you send them in **by Friday, 19th June** so that they can be prepared for the Tombola. If you can help man a stall during the fete, set-up or clear-up before and after the fete, kindly fill in your details in the **Summer Fete Volunteers List**. You may also **pledge to bake** Cakes, Cookies, etc. on a list now available. All other items for the Fete can be left at the back of the church. **RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available please take and sell them to your family and friends. We will be sorting items for the stalls on **Thursday 25th June in St Dominic's Room from 12.30 p.m.** so if you are free and would like to help please join us.

ORGAN RECITAL: On Wednesday 17th June from 1 – 2 pm in Brentwood Cathedral, we are delighted to welcome back **Domenico Gioffre** who is from Messina in Italy! Domenico is a student at the Royal College of Music and he will be giving an Organ Recital which will include the following pieces:- *Cesar Franck, Piece Heroique and Chorale No.1, en Mi Majeur. Johann Sebastian Bach, Chromatische Fantasie und Fuge, BWV 903, Trio Sonata IV, BWV 528*. On this occasion, Domenico will also be playing the following piece on the piano which we are much looking forward to. *Ludwig van Beethoven Sonata in A-moll, Op. 110*. Please do join us for refreshments afterwards in the Song School.

War Diary 1914-1918

Please pray for Private Hugh McArdle killed in action.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' MID-SUMMER LUNCH: Saturday 11th July, 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m. in St Dominic's Room. Please complete and return the **YELLOW slip** to Fr Gordon by **Sunday 5th July**. Spare copies of the form are at the back of the church.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW: Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community. Join us on the weekend of **4th/5th July** at **Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood**, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. **For further information call Jim on 01277 373848 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org**

AYLESFORD PRIORY PILGRIMAGE: Calling all Grandparents, Grandchildren and of course Mums and Dads. Join us on **Saturday 11th July** at **Aylesford Priory** for a day of faith and fun. Plenty to do for all the family in wonderfully peaceful surroundings. Rosary procession and concelebrated Mass. For more details please contact Caroline on 01328 560333.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: Is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk

VACANCY: St Alban's Catholic Primary School in Hornchurch requires a KS1 or KS2 teacher for September. Band dependent on experience and skills. For a suitable candidate, a TLR would be available to lead a core area such as English or RE. Please phone Bernadette Matthews on 01708 555644.

VACANCY: Assistant Facilities Manager/Caretaking & Site Maintenance required for July 2015/ Closing Date: Friday 26th June. Full Time 35 hours X 52 weeks. Scale 3 Circa £18,045 - £19, 182). Full Details available from All Saints Catholic School, Terling Road, Dagenham RM8 1JT. Email: Office@allsaintsschool.co.uk Tel: 020 8270 4242.

VACANCY: All Saints Teaching School Alliance (ASTSA) is hosting a free Information Event for staff in primary and secondary schools who are interested in following the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders or the NPQ for Senior Leaders. This event is being held at All Saints Catholic School on Tuesday 16th June at 4.30 p.m. If you are interested in attending this Information Event please contact Nigel Gardener (ngardener@allsaintsschool.co.uk) to book a place.

VACANCY: For KS2 Class Teacher at La Salette Primary School. La Salette School is a successful welcoming primary school; we wish to recruit a KS2 teacher for September 2015. The post is open to both newly qualified and experienced teachers. For further information please contact the Headteacher Mrs A Fletcher. Tel: 01708 555554.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 14th June <i>11th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Stuart Short Sidney Doyle RIP
MONDAY 15th June	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Patrick & Mary Purcell (anniv.)
TUESDAY 16th June <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Denis Hall RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th June	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 18th June	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 19th June <i>St Romuald</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
SATURDAY 20th June <i>St Alban</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 21st June <i>12th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention O'Leary Family All Parishioners Intention Sheila Barralet

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

Liturgical Rotas 21st June	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Neville Bridgman	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Tom McNally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody