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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Remembrance Sunday

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



33RD SUNDAY: In today's Gospel Our Lord looks ahead to the final Judgement when he will come again in glory. He warns that before this comes to pass there will be many different kinds of disaster on earth, both natural and man-made. However, we must not jump to conclusions and identify events of our own day with these 'End times'. Many will try to deceive us in this way. What matters is not when this will happen but that we are ready and do not allow such things to shake our faith. The Prophet Malachi uses the image of stubble burning. Those who are middle-aged will remember how, until environmental concerns led to the banning of the practice, every Autumn you would see a line of fire dancing across the fields as the farmers burned off the stubble to prepare for ploughing and planting the next crop. For Malachi it is a purifying and cleansing fire that prepares the way for new life. In the same way the 'Day of the Lord' will usher in God's Kingdom in a definitive way and sickness and death will be banished for ever in a transformed universe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Alice Morrison, William O'Shea, George Willett Pat Knight, Thomas Winfield, Catherine Hood** and **Philip McCallion** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

'THE JOURNEY': This month's ecumenical service for Kelvedon & Feering takes the form of a performance of this musical reflection by members of our own music group at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon, next Sunday at 3.00 p.m. All welcome.

OUR GOOD WISHES: Go to **Brendan Thompson** and **Abigail Easter** who will be married at Kelvedon this Friday at 1.00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS:

This Saturday **Tom McNally** will receive his award from the Holy Father of the medal 'Bene Merenti'. This was established by Pope Gregory XVI as a way of recognising those who had served the Church in an outstanding way. The form of the medal has varied over the years but the current form is that of a gilt Cross suspended from a ribbon in the papal colours of white and gold. On the reverse it carries the inscription 'Bene merenti' - *'to one who deserves well'*. All are welcome to the special Mass at 12.00 noon.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

'QUESTIONS OF MORALITY': This is the title of a study morning exploring Roman Catholic and Anglican approaches to Moral Theology that takes place on Saturday at the Ursuline School Hall, Brentwood 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. For more information or to book a place please contact Tony Castle: ant_castle@hotmail.com.

HEALING MASS: Led by Fr Eamonn at Abbotswick House of Prayer on Wednesday 17th November at 2.30 p.m. All welcome. For further details call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org

PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE: On Thursday 18th November please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact: The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or www.goodcounselnetwork.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY, MADRID: 9th to 23rd August 2011. An opportunity for those in school year 12+ to take part in the incredible experience that is World Youth Day. The two week visit includes one week spent in our host Diocese of Zamora followed by a week spent with Pope Benedict and 1.5 million Catholic Young people in Madrid. For more information and application forms, please look at www.bcys.net/events/abroad/world-youth-day/ or phone the youth office on 01277 265286. There are only a few places left, so please get your applications in as soon as possible.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: 25th and 26th November - Schools' Charity Concert. Come and enjoy the spectacle of over 500 children from our Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools singing as one to an original score by Bazil Meade, founder of the London Community Gospel Choir. The concerts are at the Brentwood Centre and tickets can be purchased online from www.nationalboxoffice.co.uk or from the ticket office on 0871 224 1113. All money raised goes to support the work of Child-care and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. A list of which primary schools are appearing on each night can be found on www.bcys.net

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 7th November - £668.48.**

BCYS CAFOD: Young Leaders weekend - 3rd to 5th December. This weekend which is aimed at young people in school year 10+ is based at Walsingham House (the Diocesan youth retreat house in Canvey Island) and includes leadership training, information about CAFOD, a chance to see social justice in action and to learn how you can take part and lead others to get involved also! The weekend which costs £55 includes a day trip into Central London on Saturday. Application forms (and photos of last year's event) are available on www.bcys.net or by contacting 01277 265286, and need to be sent in by Monday 15th November.

ADVENT: Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite you to join them for **EVENING PRAYER FOR THE START OF ADVENT** in the Chapel at New Hall on Saturday 27th November at 6.15pm. It will be followed by some light refreshments. All are welcome - please join us - it would be lovely to see old friends and new!

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday 27th November
10.00 a.m. - 12 noon
St John Houghton Tiptree

Please continue to send in goods for the stalls, i.e. bottles, toys, books, unwanted gifts, plants, cakes and produce. We also need items for the Red and Gold stall i.e. candles, decorations, gloves, toiletries etc. There are still some raffle tickets left so if you have not yet taken any please do so and return the counterfoils and money to Fr Gordon. If you would like to help contact Pat (01376 570806), Jadwiga (01376 570624) or Miriam (01376 570919).

PLAN for 17th November 2010
8.00 p.m. in St Dominic's Room in Kelvedon
after 7.30pm Mass

Please do come along to this meeting. It will be great to start planning in earnest how we really do reap the rewards from our wonderful Mission in July. Please think about the following:

- Realistic goals for 2011 – What can we achieve from the list above and how might I be able to contribute?
- Is there anything missing from the list – do I have any other ideas?
- What are my special gifts and talents and how might these help the Parish?
- How do we get more people involved in the life of the Parish? – We are truly blessed with so many willing volunteers but more are always welcome
- Invite others to come along who may be reluctant – we all have gifts that can help each other

There will be a reasonably formal agenda covering the items above but allowing everyone to make a contribution about their ideas and willingness to be involved.

I would love to end such an amazing year for our Parish with a plan for next year, which includes some of the new initiatives that have been listed above. I know that everyone works very hard and so we must only tackle what we think we can achieve! Ultimately though, this is **The Lord's Work** and we are blessed to have so many who are willing to contribute to the life of our Parish. Thank you to all of you!

Once again, please do come along on 17th November to plan for another fantastic year in the life of our wonderful Parish.

Thank you and God Bless.

Helena (Chairman of the Parish Council)

PARISH MEETING
Wednesday 17th November
PUTTING OUR PLANS INTO ACTION!

The post mission meeting on 6th October was a vibrant and very-well attended meeting. It was full of wonderful testimony as to how valuable the Mission had been to all who attended. Below are some notes that summarise what was shared during the meeting:

Post Mission Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 6th October 2010

Sharing of experience of mission: where did I meet the Lord?

- Visiting: Holy Spirit at work; felt the strong presence of the Spirit during visits
- People's thirst for God, even through their brokenness
- Prayer: both in preparation for mission and during the mission; this resulted in many miracles being accomplished in the parish
- Sense of community and communion; working together – unity and warmth.
- Parish involvement: during the pre-mission process, many chose to come together and work to make mission possible.
- Prayer Group: a prayer group was started as a result of the mission; it is still going strong.
- All night vigil
- Evening services awoke a sense of God inside individuals; people experienced the presence of God within them. It also brought a challenge: how is the Lord calling each person into relationship with Him?
- The dramas during the services enable people to experience the Gospel in a different way; it also enabled people to reflect on Scripture.

Ways to help us grow/develop/nurture/sustain our faith in the Parish.

- Series of lectures/ teaching evenings on specific topics relating to my faith
- Adult formation: learning more about what it is that I believe in as well as developing my understanding of God
- Sharing group: a space where I am able to share with others and support one another in our journey
- Parish Council: a place where we not only make decisions to help our faith grow but also a place filled with prayer and listening to God.
- Develop the ministries within the Parish: Readers, Altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.
- Organising retreat days/prayer days or away days as a place of renewal and also used as a 'time out with God'.
- Monthly ecumenical prayer group.
- Mum's group as a space for sharing and socialising.
- Visiting: to develop a way of reaching out to the wider community.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 14th November <i>33rd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Pat Knight (anniversary) Pat Knight (anniversary)
MONDAY 15th November	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Phillipa & Tim Aslat & Family <i>Mothers' Prayers Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 16th November <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th November	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
THURSDAY 18th November <i>Dedication of Basilicas</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. NO MASS	Charlie & Lottie Sullivan & Fam. <i>Church open for Prayer</i>
FRIDAY 19th November	Kelvedon Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	John & Ann Wright RIP <i>Wedding: Brendan Thompson</i> <i>and Abigail Easter</i> <i>Prayer Group</i>
SATURDAY 20th November	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.00 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>'Bene Merenti' presentation to</i> <i>Tom McInally</i>
SUNDAY 21st November <i>Kingship of Christ</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP Intention Gareth Talbot All Parishioners
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 21st November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	Simon Hall	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McInally	Tom McInally	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Marie Barrett Isobel Kersey	Simon Hall	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary		