
**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)**

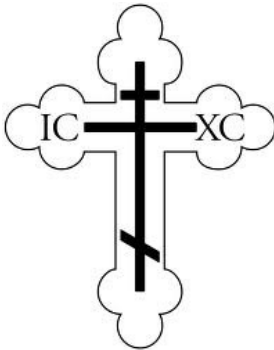
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th September 2014

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

First Reading:	Nb 21:4-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 77:1-2:34-38
Second Reading:	Ph: 2:6-11
Gospel:	Jn 3:13-17



THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS: “The Feast of the Cross had its origin at Jerusalem, and is connected with the commemoration of the Finding of the Cross and the building, by Constantine, of churches upon the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary. In 335 the dedication of these churches was celebrated with great solemnity by the bishops who had assisted at the Council of Tyre, and a great number of other bishops. This dedication took place on the 13th and 14th of September. This feast of the dedication, which was known by the name of the *Encaenia*, was most solemn; it was on an equal footing with those of the Epiphany and Easter. The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross sprang into existence at Rome at the end of the seventh century. Allusion is made to it during the pontificate of Sergius I (687-701) but the text shows that the feast already existed. The Gallican churches (i.e. those in France), which, at the period here referred to, do not yet know of this feast of the 14th September, have another on the 3rd of May of the same signification. It seems to have been introduced there in the seventh century, for ancient Gallican documents, such as the Lectionary of Luxeuil, do not mention it; Gregory of Tours also seems to ignore it. The date seems to have been borrowed from the legend of the Finding of the Holy Cross (Lib. Pontif., I, p. cviii). Later, when the Gallican and Roman Liturgies were combined, a distinct character was given to each feast, so as to avoid sacrificing either. The 3rd of May was called the feast of the Invention of the Cross, and it commemorated in a special manner Saint Helena's discovery of the sacred wood of the Cross; the 14th of September, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, commemorated above all the circumstances in which Heraclius recovered from the Persians the True Cross, which they had carried off. Nevertheless, it appears from the history of the two feasts, which we have just examined, that that of the 13th and 14th of September is the older, and that the commemoration of the Finding of the Cross was at first combined with it.” *The Catholic Encyclopedia*.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **John Bartleet, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

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

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Maximus Flynn Christopher** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Ellen Barron** of St Dominic's Residential Home. Her funeral took place on Friday.

FIRST COMMUNION 2015: If you would like your child to make his or her First Communion next year, please take a form from the back of the Church and return it by half-term. A preliminary meeting for parents will be held after half-term and sessions start in the New Year.

MASS VARIATIONS: Please note that the Thursday evening Mass at Coggeshall resumes this week but for this week only will be at 7.00 p.m. since St Bernard's hosts a meeting of Coggeshall Churches Together at 7.45 p.m. Fr Frank Jackson will cover Masses next Sunday – there was a possibility that I would have to go to America for a meeting, but in the event this was not necessary and I will take the opportunity to join the Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

WALSINGHAM – PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE: Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 21st September, led by Bishop Mark Davies. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on notice board or pick up yellow flyer from back of Church.

COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER FOR ESSEX & EAST LONDON: Are you inspired by the vision of Christians of different traditions working together? Are you a great networker, solution finder and administrator? If so, this post may be for you. £10,000 pa plus 10% pension contribution home based, 16 hours a week. Closing date: 23rd September 2014 Details: www.cte.org.uk/CTEELjob

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2015 INTAKE: Our Open Evening for parents and prospective students is on Thursday 9th October, 7.00 – 9.00pm. No booking is necessary. The Principal will give a presentation during this event. If you would like a tour of the college, with an opportunity to visit lessons and see a normal college day, we will be offering tours on the following dates at 9.00am and 10.00am. Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd October. Please book on one of the tours, by telephoning Mrs Barnes, our Admissions Officer on 01206 516846 or email admissions@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk If you would like to visit at another time, please ask as we will try our best to accommodate you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2015: Parents with children due to transfer to secondary school next year are reminded that we fall within the catchment area for St Benedict's College, Colchester, although you may also qualify for a place in a lower category at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Parents need to obtain a priest's reference form from the Presbytery or directly from the College in addition to that submitted to the local authority. The College will need to receive these before the end of November.

NEW HALL SCHOOL – OPEN MORNING: The Principal, staff and students of New Hall School, Chelmsford, are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Morning on Saturday 27th September 2014 from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. New Hall, founded in 1642, is one of the top performing Catholic co-educational independent day and boarding schools in the UK. We welcome student from ages 3-18. Please visit newhallschool.co.uk or call 01245 467588 to book your place at the Open Morning.

TIPTREE BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP: All welcome to the Bible Society Action Group AGM at Tiptree URC on Saturday 20th September 12.00 noon. The short AGM will be followed by a DVD on the work of the Bible Society and a 'bring and share' lunch.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The Catholic Church in England and Wales TODAY celebrates Racial justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2014 is 'Combating Human Trafficking'. The Church is committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people and the Bishops' Conference's Office for Migration Policy takes the lead in our work to address the horrors of this modern-day form of slavery.

A QUESTION OF FAITH: Do you have questions on living your Catholic faith? You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask these questions including those on Moral Issues and Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any question you may have always wanted to find the answer to. Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on **Wednesday 24th September** at **Our Lady and St George Parish Hall, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU** from 7.30 p.m. No charge and wine and nibbles are provided. Further details from the parish on 020 8520 5877 or The Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289.

DON'T STOP THE MUSIC: This programme, to be broadcast on Channel 4 on Tuesday 16th September, at 9.00 p.m., features St Teresa's School, Basildon, and the beginnings of a school orchestra. Over 90 instruments were donated to the school – donations from across the Diocese should feature in this episode. The programme makes a passionate case for teaching young children to play classical music and the school would like to warmly thank all those who were so generous in donating instruments to transform opportunities for our children.

CONGO FUND RAISING CONCERT: To help provide basic education for children in the Kivu area of the Congo where the government puts no money at all into schools a Concert of secular and sacred light music will take place on **Saturday 11th October**, at **8.00 p.m.** at **All Saint's Parish Church Stock**. £12 per person, including an interval drink. For further details email anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk or call 01245 604108.

PAN-AFRICAN ANNUAL MASS: Sunday 21st September at 3.00 p.m. at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 7HY. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Patrick Lynch (Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark Archdiocese). It will be followed by a special Reception at the Amigo Hall where Bishop Howard Tripp will launch the first book on the African Catholic Mission. In attendance will be the various African Community Choirs including, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Cameroon and Francophone African Communities. All are cordially invited to attend the Mass followed by a special Reception in the Amigo Hall.

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

SUNDAY 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Private Intention Intention Anna Cooney (sick)
MONDAY 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 16th September <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th September <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Jean Lynch RIP
THURSDAY 18th September	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 8.00-9.00	Derek Pike RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 19th September <i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
SATURDAY 20th September <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention (L.N.)
SUNDAY 21st September <i>25th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Ingram & Gross family deceased Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 21st September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Pat Pike	Tom McNally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody