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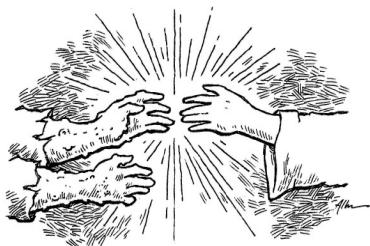
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**15th February 2015**

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### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR**

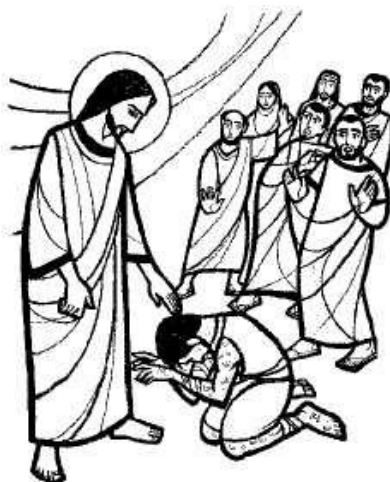
*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.*

**First Reading:** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:31-11 :1

**Gospel:** Mk 1:40-45



**SIXTH SUNDAY:** In today's Gospel Our Lord touches a leper and heals him. Our first reading suggests that the concept of leprosy took in a number of skin conditions not simply what today is known as Hansen's Disease, but the effect was the same, exclusion from human society and from the worship of the community. Healing brings not just physical relief but reintegration into society. This is why he is sent to the priest so that his healing can be officially certified. Often Jesus heals with just a word, or even at a distance, but on this occasion he reaches out and touches the leper – a form of human contact that he had lacked for so long and a sign that instead of the sickness affecting the one who touches, Christ's touch itself brings healing. It is a symbolic and effective gesture. In the same way Jesus sends out his disciples not simply to pray with the sick but to lay hands on them and anoint them. In this way Jesus brings his healing touch to them too through this outward or sacramental sign.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Teresa Hall, Mary Cody, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, 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 *Anthony Bowen, Alice Elliot, Kevin Murphy, Sr Rose Aquinas, John Bell, Margorie Weir, Anna Murphy, Isabel Chittock, Anrzej Matrejek, Kathleen Boyton, Ron Everitt* and *David Fox* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HALL FAMILY:** You will be sorry to hear that Teresa Hall has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is shortly to undergo treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital. Simon has asked that parishioners be told the situation and they will be very grateful for your prayers.

**LENT:** Lent begins on Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. Mass times are as on holy days: **Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m.** It is a day of abstinence from meat and for those aged 18-60 also of fasting (one meal and two snacks). The usual Lenten booklets are available at £1.00 for adults and £0.55 for children (infant and junior).

**LENTEN ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS:** This year these will take place in all three centres: **Kelvedon and Feering: Tuesdays 10.30-11.30 a.m. URC and Wednesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. St Mary Immaculate.** "Balance" – a five session course for Lent on rest, work and play by Robert Warren & Sue Mayfield. **Coggeshall: Thursdays 7.30-9.00 p.m. Christchurch.** "Hearing God" series of four sessions by Rod Kallmier. **Tiptree: Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m. URC and Thursdays 10.30-12.00 noon St Luke's.** "Who is Jesus? Five key events in our understanding of him". Where groups are scheduled twice a week the content and in most cases the leader will be the same on both days.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** As usual there will be Stations of the Cross on the Sundays of Lent at Tiptree 5.15 p.m. – next Sunday they might start a little late as I will be at the cathedral for the Rite of Election 3.00-4.00 p.m.

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Is on **Friday 6th March**. This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas. All are welcome to join us for a service at **Christ Church Coggeshall** at **10.30 a.m.** For more information contact **Jane Crone** on **01376 563146** or [janeccsc1@gmail.com](mailto:janeccsc1@gmail.com)

**PARISH FINANCE TEAM APPEAL:** The same 4 members (Sean (chairman) Tony Hinds (Accounts) Colin (all things at Coggeshall and specialist help at the other churches), and Tom) have been in post for many years and new blood is desperately needed to ensure competence in this vital area of service in the future. One or two individuals joined in recent times but they have not responded to invitations to attend the latest meetings. One individual has recently offered help on Gift Aid, but the most pressing requirement is to find an understudy for the Parish accountant - Tony. If you feel you have ability for this voluntary work you are invited to have a word with Fr Gordon in the first instance. One point of information is that the Diocesan annual Finance AGM takes place in March and that could be a useful area for anyone who might be interested to learn more about the wider picture before offering to help.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 8th February - £765.70.**

**MINISTRY BURSARY:** A new Ministry Bursary of £250 per annum has been created with the intention of contributing to the spiritual and/or technical development of those currently serving the parish through the many different ministries. The total amount of this bursary can be shared between one or more candidates to cover the partial or total cost of courses related to their ministry or spiritual retreats. Please, find application forms and further explanations at the back of the church. Rules can be obtained on request from the Presbytery.

**DEPUTY PRE-RECEPTION (NURSERY) MANAGER:** Required at New Hall Preparatory School, Chelmsford. (8.00am to 5.00pm, term time only with 18 weeks holiday each year). An excellent understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage is required and an NNEB/ NVQ Level 3 qualification or equivalent is essential. The salary for post will be between £16,819pa and £19,835pa. Staff also enjoy generous benefits including access to our pool and fitness suite & a complimentary lunch each day! Closing Date: Midday, Wednesday 25 February. For Application Form contact the HR Department: Tel: 01245 467 588 Fax: 01245 464 348 Email: [hr@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:hr@newhallschool.co.uk) [www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Francis Catholic Primary School, Gilchrist Way, Braintree, Essex CM7 2SY. Closing date: 10th March 2015. For an application pack please contact Carolyn Kerr, Essex County Council, School Workforce Development Team tel. 0333 013 0784 or email: [headships@essex.gov.uk](mailto:headships@essex.gov.uk).

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2 [4 from Wednesday]**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 15th February <i>Sixth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Anne Creegan RIP Kathleen Turner RIP All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 16th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Anthony Bowen (anniversary)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 17th February <i>Seven Holy Founders of the Servites</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18th February <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Hall Family Audrey Holder RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Maria Hoefft (sick)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 20th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 21st February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Theo Villada RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22nd February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Int. Catherine O'Donall (sick) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Martha Farkas

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

Liturgical Rotas 22nd February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Neville Bridgman	Benedict Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Helena McInally	Valerie Bartlett	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody