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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*God sent his Son so that through him the world
might be saved.*

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6.8-9

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52-56

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel: Jn 3:16-10



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY : The Holy Trinity is the way we describe the inner nature of Almighty God. We could know nothing of how God is in himself – only his external actions and impact on our lives – if he had not chosen to reveal himself to us. There are glimpses of God as three in one in the Old Testament, e.g. when the three heavenly messengers come to Abraham at the oak of Mamre but it is Jesus who reveals God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not only in his command to the disciples to baptise all nations at the end of St Matthew’s Gospel, but also in the way he speaks of his relationship with the Father and the promise of the Holy Spirit in St John’s Gospel. It took the Christian community three hundred years of reflection and discussion to come to a settled view on what this means and to put it into the words of the Creed of Nicaea and Constantinople that we say at Mass every Sunday. Inevitably not everyone accepted this consensus. Arius and his followers (including today’s Jehovah’s Witnesses) rejected this as a challenge to the oneness of God and held that only the Father was truly God. It is hard to keep the balance right and we can easily use ‘God’ as equivalent to ‘Father’ when all prayer is directed at least implicitly to the Trinity as a whole – usually to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Gladys Campling, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Hani Kyan, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, 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 Corbett, John McGee, Kathleen Azzario, Daisy Cattini, Brian Vanson, Pat Valley, Florance Wood, David Edwards* and *Lancelot Hill* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Karolina Antczak** and **Grace Davis** who make their First Holy Communion during 11.00 a.m. Mass today.

CORPUS CHRISTI: The feast of Corpus Christi is kept next Sunday. There will be the usual procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11.00 a.m. Mass, with Benediction in the garden (weather permitting). I would encourage the First Communion children in particular to take part in this. If you cannot stay on for the twenty minutes or so involved, please feel free to leave once the procession has left the church building. Flower petals for scattering would be most welcome.

MRS WIGLEY RIP: Please remember in your prayer’s Michael Wigley’s mother, who died during the week, also Michael and his family.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS’ MID-SUMMER LUNCH: **Saturday 5th July, 1.00 p.m. for 1.30 p.m.** in **St Dominic’s Room**. Please complete and return the **blue slip** to Fr Gordon as soon as possible before the 29th June. There are some spare copies of the form at the back of the church.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP-ELECT FR ALAN WILLIAMS: I have received two invitations for people to represent the parish. As mentioned last Sunday, the fairest way to do this seems to draw the names out of a hat after 6.00 p.m. Mass today as replies have to be in ASAP. **If you would like an opportunity to attend please place a form with your details in the receptacle provided after Mass TODAY.** The Mass will be at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 1st July at 12.00 noon.** You will need to produce your invitation card on the day. One parking permit has been issued to accompany each pair of tickets.

SUMMER FETE: If you have soft toys to donate to our Softy Toys Tombola stall, please can you send them in by Friday, 22nd June so that they can be prepared for the Tombola. All other **ITEMS** including **TOYS, BOTTLES, BOOKS** can be left at the back of the church. If you would like to be involved with the Fete then please contact **Aggie (01376 573694) Pat (01376 570806), Miriam (01376 570919) or Jadwiga (01376 570624).** **RAFFLE BOOKS** are now available, please take some to sell to family and friends.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sundays 1st June - £829.96** and **8th June £682.97.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Lourdes by coach – great value, 6 days 5 nights in Lourdes, plus luxury coach travel and a central hotel, from just £418. Join 450 pilgrims of all ages on the 25th Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan Williams. There are a few coach places left, departing Brentwood on Friday 25th July, returning on Friday 1st August. The price includes all meals in Lourdes as well as a full Diocesan programme of Masses, liturgies, processions and social events. There is still time to book – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE & FUNDS: Monday 23rd June is a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. Please remember to pray and to fast in any way possible. This could be fasting on bread and water or it could be fasting from a particular thing i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, TV. For details see; www.goodcounselnetwork.com Also at the moment The Good Counsel Network has no money, but is supporting a growing number of expecting Mothers and some who have had their children. If you can help us to support these women then you can donate either directly into our bank account or via the Donate button on our website: www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Donate.html The Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Allied Irish Bank (GB), 202 Finchley Road, London NW3 6BX (Sort code: 23 – 83 – 95 A/c. no: 00287036). Donations by cheque or standing order to help with our ongoing costs should be made payable to the Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel and sent to PO Box 46679, London NW9 8ZT.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: Run by Marian Fathers Saturday, 28 June from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer RC Church, Petersfield Avenue Romford, Essex, RM3 9PB. Day includes: Praise and Worship, Talks, Mass, Benediction and Veneration. All welcome. Bring packed lunch.

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

SUNDAY 15th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary & John Wood RIP <i>1st Communions</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 16th June <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 17th June	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 18th June	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 19th June <i>St Romuald</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 20th June <i>St Alban</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 21st June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 22nd June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Nora Rackstraw RIP Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 22nd June	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Teresa Hall	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Helena McInally Pat Richardson	Tom McInally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody