

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

Monsignor Gordon Read

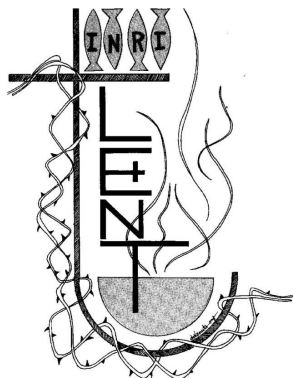
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th March 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'Laetare' - Mothering Sunday

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

First Reading: 2Ch 36:14-16. 19-23

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son...” He brought us to life through grace. We are reborn through the waters of baptism entering even now into the gift of eternal life in Christ. If God is our Father, the Church is our mother. We are nurtured in the faith by our fellow Christians (including our parents) to whom we are bound not by blood but the deeper bond of the shared gift of the Holy Spirit. Jerusalem was the mother city for the Jewish people, the site of the Holy Place. The New Testament speaks of the Heavenly Jerusalem as our mother, something the official entry antiphon at Mass alludes to. This is why today gradually came to be seen as a wider celebration of motherhood, daughter churches honouring their ‘mother’ church, and all of us honouring our human mothers. We rejoice today in Mother Church. We give thanks for the human mother into his care Almighty God entrusted us on the day of our conception. We thank Our Lord too for sharing with us his Mother Mary as he hung on the cross – “Behold your mother...behold your son!”

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, 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 *Mary Enkel, Clare Wilding, Henry Jezierski, Halina Pieckielon, Francesca Ciarvella* and *Dennis Smith* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ST BARNABAS SOCIETY: Today we have an appeal and retiring collection on behalf of the St Barnabas Society, which provides assistance for clergy and religious of other Churches who take the step of becoming Catholic, often at great personal sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Sean McGinley** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Natalia Mulka** of Barnhall Lane, Tolleshunt Knights. Her funeral will take place at Kelvedon on Thursday 9th April at 1.00 p.m. followed by burial at Tolleshunt Knights Cemetery.

HOUSE MASS: There will be a house Mass this Tuesday, the Feast of St Patrick, at **Agness O’Brien’s** house at **8.00 p.m.** Parishioners are welcome to attend – **please let her know** if you plan to do so: **01376 573694.**

COGGESHALL ‘SEDER SUPPER’: This annual event organised by *Coggeshall Churches Together* is based on the Passover meal celebrated by Jewish families and is intended to help us understand better the nature of the meal shared by Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper: **7 30 p.m. Thursday, 26th March at St Peter’s.** If coming, please add name to sign-up sheet at the back of church.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 8th March - £708.18.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: A couple of years ago, HMRC introduced an extension to the Gift Aid scheme which enabled the parish to claim Gift Aid funding in response to ANY CASH (other than £50 notes!) put into the weekly offertory collection. As a result of last year's donations we were able to claim an additional £2140 so clearly we have to make the best use of this source of parish support as we can. However the scheme does introduce some complication into the weekly counting procedure and to ease the task for the counters we need to be able to readily identify those participating in the standard Gift Aid scheme. We are therefore changing the envelope numbers of everyone from Sunday 12th April when the new envelopes are first used – the new numbers will be in the range 201 – 400. This change does not require parishioners to do anything different to what they are already doing – except for tax payers to remember to use the new number if they make a donation without using the numbered envelopes. Offertory envelopes will be ready for collection from after Mass on 15th March.

GARETH TALBOT: A massive thank you to the whole parish for the very kind gift you send me recently which I'll be putting towards my flight home at Easter and a few much needed items for my new apartment. Life is good here, lots of travelling around the UAE between our offices and various clients, but lots of exciting and interesting work. I'm looking forward to seeing you all when I'm back in a couple of weeks' time at Easter and I hope that you've been looking after Edward for me... *Best Wishes, Gareth.*

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: The Social Committee will be holding a meeting in **St Dominic's Room, Kelvedon** at **10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 15th April**, to plan for the Parish Quiz Night which takes place on Friday 24th April.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT 2015: Will be held at **St John Houghton RC Church**, Tiptree on Friday 24th April 2015 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Admission prices** are £7.00 (Adults) with £3.50 non-refundable deposit and £3.50 (Child) with £1.50 non-refundable deposit. Booking forms are available at each church from this Sunday, 15th March. **Note:** We seek your understanding on the need for deposits to be taken as this is a fundraising event and as such, we are catering according to committed number of attendees.

MASS OF HEALING: Will take place at **St Teresa's Church, Clairmont Rd, Lexden, CO3 9BE** on **Thursday, 19th March** at **7:30 p.m.** All Welcome

HEALING MASS: At Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wednesday 18th March 2015. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for more information.

WAR DIARY 1914-1918

Please pray for Lieutenant Leonard Charles Wildmouth killed at Ypres.

Parish Notices 14th March 1915

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - USED UNIFORM COLLECTION: St John Payne Catholic School currently hold a supply of donated clean, used, uniform to support our students in need. However, this new initiative is proving very successful and, although many parents have kindly donated uniform, the demand is high, and stocks constantly need replenishing. The school are requesting donations of clean uniform, shoes, trainers and also P.E kit. We are aware that not all parishioners have children at St John Payne but we would still welcome white shirts that button to the collar, black school trousers, black shoes and trainers. Donations can be brought to the school office or alternatively collection can be arranged by contacting Mrs Barnett at the school on 01245 256030 or via email at office@sjp.essex.sch.uk.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL LENTEN SERVICE: Takes place on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m. in Aquinas (Upper) School Hall. All are welcome to come along to this event which is a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter in a creative, vibrant and prayerful way. Refreshments will be served after the service.

REMINDER - LENT DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY: Speaker - Bishop Alan Williams, SM. **Saturday 21st March**, Registration 10.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. Start – 3.45 p.m. Finish. **Venue:** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. **Cost:** £10 per person. For booking contact the Adult RE & Formation Ministry office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VOCATIONS EVENING: “In Conversation with Fr Christopher Jamison” - Tuesday 31st March (Tuesday of Holy Week). Fr Christopher Jamison is a Benedictine Monk, a regular contributor on Chris Evans’ Radio 2 Breakfast show, a profound author about prayer and silence, and Director of the National Office for Vocations. This is an evening especially for young adults aged 17-35, with a rare opportunity to hear Fr Christopher share his personal vocational journey: what inspired him to become a monk and a priest? The evening takes place at **St Margaret’s, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB** (close to DLR & Jubilee Line) and includes chicken & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org or on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page. The event is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: Practical Insights for Catholic Evangelisation Today. Join us on **Saturday 28th March** at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT from 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. to hear and discuss what Catholic evangelisation is, explore possible practical responses in our personal and parish life, and look at what resources are available. Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* says, “I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation.” Clare Ward is an experienced and insightful speaker who works in the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis with the Catholic Bishops’ Conference. Admission is free and a light buffet lunch is provided. To book your place contact 01277 265289 CEF or cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

SUNDAY 15th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>'Laetare'</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short RIP <i>Baptism: Logan Lawrence Rhodes</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Sue Williams
MONDAY 16th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 17th March <i>St Patrick</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree House Mass	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.	Richard Rann & dec'd parishioners <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> Intention O'Brien Family
WEDNESDAY 18th March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Intention Teresa Hall
THURSDAY <i>St Joseph</i> 19th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Derek Pike RIP
FRIDAY 20th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Donor's Intention
SATURDAY 21st March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Eileen Tilley RIP <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 22nd March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Halina Pieckielon (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Dominic Mark Reed</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 22nd March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Gaby Ruiz	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Patricia Pike	Tom McInally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody