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PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th May 2016

PENTECOST

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34
Second Reading: Rom 8:8-17
Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23B-26



PENTECOST SUNDAY: 'Pentecost' means fifty – fifty days after the Passover and the Resurrection. For the Jewish community it is a feast of 'first fruits' and also of thanksgiving for the gift of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. This is why such crowds were gathered in Jerusalem. It is also why the Holy Spirit comes down in the form of fire and wind – a sign of the New Covenant sealed in the Blood of Christ. As Christians we celebrate today as the birthday of the Church – the day when God empowers the disciples to carry out the commandment to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth and to baptise all people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes down individually upon the disciples but as part of a group. It is a communal experience. It is the same for us. Our relationship with Christ in the Spirit is personal and individual but we do not receive the Spirit in isolation but to make us part of God's family, the Mystical Body of Christ. We cannot be Christians in isolation. This week and next we have tried to give expression to this by inviting those we do not see too often to join us for Mass. If you are someone who has come in response to this, you are most welcome and we are pleased to see you. If you have come with questions or concerns then please do raise them after Mass or subsequently.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: We are hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering next Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. Do join us in informal prayer for the needs of our local community.

TYPO PRAYER: This Tuesday there will be an hour of informal prayer at St John Houghton, Tiptree, for the youth work undertaken on behalf of the local Churches in Tiptree by TYPO and Stuart Keiller our youth worker. At present there are funds to continue this work until this time 2017 but we need to pray for ongoing support, both one off donations and ongoing commitments. We also need to pray for more volunteers (particularly from a younger age group) to help with the various sessions, for Stuart in his work and for all the young people who are finding support and encouragement in this way. If you cannot join us in the flesh this Tuesday 8.00-9.00 p.m. please do make this enterprise part of your prayer that evening and indeed every day.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *John Fahy, Edna Emeney, Ann Pace, Bernadette Conerney, Joseph Lyan, Sr Francis Emelda, Eleanor Buckley, Dorothy Dodd, James Bond, Janina Tempalski, Patrick Duffly, Delia Cooch, Barry Flannery, Violet Waters, Edith Lovejoy, William Hawes* and *John Dunion* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 8th May - £851.54** .

COGGESHALL IS OPENING ITS TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDENS: on Sunday 5th June, 2.00pm – 6.00pm. In the town you can find gardens on a grand scale, riverside gardens, woodland gardens and tiny gardens. Our country gardens invite you to step back in time and enjoy perfect planting in historic surroundings. Attractions include the world's largest collection of weaver bird nests in Ben's Museum and a chance to visit St Nicholas Chapel with its fine examples of early English Brickwork. Guests can also learn how a working water mill operates. There will be lots of fun and games for children including a chance to collect their Town and Country Mice stickers, seek out items on the trail list and enjoy activities in a large and exciting garden. There will also be ice creams and hot dogs. Coggeshall's renowned Cream Teas and Cakes will be served throughout the afternoon by the river. Tickets are £5.00 per person and children under 14 are free. Tickets will be on sale in Coggeshall's Fork 'Andles from May 1st and on the day in Market Square as well. Do visit our stunning website <http://www.coggeshallopengardens.org.uk/>

St.Mary's Catholic Primary School Tilbury, has a vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher, starting September, to join their lovely school. Closing Date for Applications: 23rd May - Interview Date: 27th May 2016. Salary Range - Leadership 6 – 10 (plus fringe). For further details contact Alison Bishop, Tel: 01375 843254 or visit the school's website www.stmarys.thurrock.sch.uk

HEALING MASS: at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th May 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

STUDY DAY AT GIDEA PARK: Professor John Morrill, permanent deacon and director of ongoing formation for the clergy in the Diocese of East Anglia, will lead a study day on 'The Bible in English', with a focus on the Bible in Reformation England and concluding with Bible translations in the present day. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on Saturday 18th June from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: a short introductory course led by Fr Stephen Billington at Abbotswick House of Prayer (Brentwood) from Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June 2016. A possibility of residential or day attendance. For further information please contact Sr Gabriela on 01277-373959 or info@abbotswick.org.

VACANCY: Foundation Stage/KS1/KS2 CLASS TEACHERS. Salary: TLRs considered. REQUIRED FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 (or sooner, if available). Visits to the Academy are warmly Welcomed. Closing date for applications: Tuesday 17th May 2016 . ST AIDAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY, Benton Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4AS. Tel 020 8590 5223, Fax 020 8503 8344, email: hr@st-aidans.redbridge.sch.uk.

ANNUAL SUMMER FETE: on Saturday 25th June 11am - 1pm: Summer Fete Raffle Tickets now available to collect. Volunteers sign up list also available. Please send in donations of books, toys, bric-a-brac or any other suitable items to Kelvedon Mass Centre beginning Sunday 5th June 2016. Our new Summer Fete Hamper Basket Raffle needs donations of food items to fill the hampers. If you can donate an item or two for this, kindly contact Agness O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Gloria Streat 01621 819698/glo146@aol.com.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' TEA PARTY: this year is extra special. Let us honour the nation's longest reigning monarch with our very own Tea Party to celebrate her 90th birthday. This event will take place in Kelvedon Catholic Church on Saturday, 4th June from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. So, SAVE THE DATE! Registration for this birthday bash will commence from Sunday, 8th May at all 3 Mass centres. If you have not yet received an invitation, please pick one up at the back of all three Mass centres.

FATHER GORDON'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Come and join us in celebrating this milestone event with a 'Bring & Share' party following 11.00am Mass at Kelvedon Sunday 17th July. Please pick up your invitation at the back of each Mass centre today.

MORE SINGERS NEEDED FOR FATHER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - AND CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES: We still need more singers for the Anniversary Choir, in particular **ladies!** So if you can sing in tune, please do consider supporting our church and community in this way. No musical knowledge is needed. Rehearsals will start on: **Sunday 12th June at 10am at Kelvedon Church** (please be prompt). If you can sing with us, or would like some further details, please contact Celia at: celiacrossley@gmail.com or phone 01206 330794.

ENVELOPE BOXES: When the new boxes were issued at the end of March there were some new donors who took boxes with envelopes nos 286, 315, 316 and 320. Maybe the information has gone astray but we do not appear to have a record of who took these boxes and whether they wished to join the Gift Aid scheme. If you are using envelopes with one of these numbers could you please contact either Tom McNally (570919) or Tony Hinds (570508).

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CHORAL MASS: On Tuesday 31st May at 7 p.m. a Choral Mass will be celebrated to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. In order to reserve seating for clergy in the Cathedral would you be kind enough to e-mail Fr Martin Boland on cathedral-brentwood@gmail.com or cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com if you intend to concelebrate.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3

SUNDAY 15th May <i>Pentecost</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Masses today will be offered for all parishioners and especially our project 'The door is open'
MONDAY 16th May	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 17th May	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.	Private Int. <i>Prayer for TYPO</i>
WEDNESDAY 18th May <i>St John I</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Int.
THURSDAY 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Int. Sister Camilla
FRIDAY 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Int.
SATURDAY 21st May	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Int. Deasy Family
SUNDAY 22nd May <i>Holy Trinity</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Masses today will be offered for all parishioners and especially our project 'The door is open'

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

Liturgical Rotas 22 nd May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Gabrielle Ruiz	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Helena McNally	Valerie Bartlett	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody