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PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th August 2015

THE ASSUMPTION OF BVM

***The Almighty has done great things for me,
he has exalted the lowly.***

First Reading: Rv 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 44:10-12. 16

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56



ASSUMPTION OF BVM: Today we keep the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. The Scriptures tell us nothing of the end of Our Lady's life although it is presumed that she lived with St John the Evangelist at Ephesus. From the Fifth Century various accounts appear in writing. In some versions of the story the event is said to have taken place in Ephesus, in the House of the Virgin Mary, although this is a much more recent and localized tradition. The earliest traditions all locate the end of Mary's life in Jerusalem. By the 7th century a variation emerged, according to which one of the apostles, often identified as St Thomas, was not present at the death of Mary, but his late arrival precipitates a reopening of Mary's tomb, which is found to be empty except for her grave clothes. In a later tradition, Mary drops her girdle down to the apostle from heaven as testament to the event. This incident is depicted in many later paintings of the Assumption. The taking of Mary into Heaven became an established teaching across the Eastern, Western, Coptic and Oriental churches from at least the late 7th Century, the festival date settling at August 15. Pope Pius XII proclaimed this to be a dogma of the Catholic Faith in 1951 not so much on the basis of these traditions as a spelling out and anticipation of Christ's promise that we will share in his Resurrection by virtue of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception and life entirely free from sin. Today's first reading probably had immediately in mind the escape of the Christian community in Jerusalem to the desert across the Jordan at Pella when the Romans besieged and destroyed the Holy City – the Church is seen as the daughter of Jerusalem – but looking back we identify the Church with Our Lady. Her destiny foreshadows ours. Today is also regarded as the Patronal feast day for all churches dedicated in honour of Our Lady without any further specification.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Alphonso Ciaravella, 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, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Orlando Greci, George Madden, Gertrude Aves, Florence Watts, James Ruane, Ronald Ingram, Edith Hutley* and *Manuel Issa* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

HOLIDAY PERIOD: Fr Frank Jackson kindly offered to cover for me this weekend and so this week there will be no morning Mass until Saturday. In an emergency please ring Fr David Prior at Witham: 01376 512219.

COGGESHALL YOUTH WORK TRUST: I am running a craft stall in aid of the **Coggeshall Youth Work Trust** and need some old balls of wool. If you are able to donate some I would be very grateful, any colour will do. You can leave the wool at the back of any of the Mass centres or I can collect from your house. Contact **Jane Crone 01376 563146**.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 9th August - £657.92**.

A NEW SAFEGUARDING E-LEARNING PROGRAMME: The Catholic Church in England and Wales is possibly the first Church in the UK, or indeed the world, to offer safeguarding e-learning to every parishioner free of charge. Do you work with children, young people or adults who may be vulnerable? Are you a parent who wants to learn about online safety? Then take a look at the safeguarding e-learning programme which includes:

- Child Protection
- Child Protection in Education
- Safeguarding Adults
- Child Exploitation & Online Safety
- Mental Capacity

To find out more please see our diocesan website on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net or www.catholicnews.org.uk where you will find a brochure giving details on how to access the programmes. The e-learning programme is an integral part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding. We all have a role to play in creating a safe environment.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The Essex Recusant Society has sent us several copies of their journal 'South-Eastern Catholic History'. Please do take a copy - if you feel able to contribute to their funds please leave £6 in an envelope. This issue includes articles on the Petre Mortuary Chapel at Thorndon Hall and the connections between St Anne Line and the Essex Witch Trial of 1582.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Is looking for individuals to represent their parish and to take part in our 'Run for a Child' 5K run on **Wednesday 2nd September** at 7.00 p.m. The run, organised by Pitsea Running Club, takes place at Westley Heights Country Park, Basildon. There is no need to book, just turn up and run; under 16s are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult. The entry fee is only £2 to cover the costs of running this event, so any additional sponsorship money you are able to raise will allow us to continue to support the children and families who need us, so please do your best. For further information or to request a Sponsor Form please contact Julie 01268 784544/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk

PARISH BARN DANCE & HOG ROAST EVENT: Saturday 26th September 2015 from 4:00 p.m. till late. Tickets are now on sale in Kelvedon after Sunday Masses. Please speak to **Gloria** at **01621 819698** if you attend Mass in Coggeshall or Tiptree and would like to purchase tickets. This is a parish-subsidised event. Tickets can be purchased at £8.00 (Adult) £4.00 (Child) or £20.00 (Family:2A+2C).

PARISH FAMILY COOKBOOK: (2015 Edition) A detailed leaflet relating to this upcoming Parish Cookbook can be found at the back of the church. If you have a recipe or two you would like to have included, please liaise with **Aggie (01376 573694)** or **Gloria (01621 819698)** or email us a copy at KCP_SocialComm@hotmail.com

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

SUNDAY 16th August <i>Assumption of BVM</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Michael Quigley RIP Heloise Flynn RIP
MONDAY 17th August	NO MASS		
TUESDAY 18th August	NO MASS Tiptree	11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th August <i>St John Eudes</i>	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 20th August <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 22nd August <i>Queenship of B.V.M.</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
SUNDAY 23rd August <i>21st Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Cecil & Julie Hillyard (anniversary) All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.;
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction will RESUME in September*

Liturgical Rotas 23rd August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Jane Crone	Sean O'Leary	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Patricia Pike	Gulia Horrocks	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt