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*Go first and be reconciled
with your friend.*



Then come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:24

PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th February 2014

SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors;
but I say this to you.*

First Reading:	Si 15:15-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34
Second Reading:	1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel:	Mt 5:17-37



SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: “As we continue our reflection on Matthew’s great sermon, we hear a long Gospel passage today that may seem to be complex and filled with prohibitions (5:17-37). It is far too easy to “tune out” such a Gospel text, rather than trying to understand its rich meaning. The passage (5:17) begins with a word of reassurance: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.” The law remains and will always remain because it comes from our unchanging God. Jesus intends to state the ideals of the new kingdom on earth that is ushered in by his appearance. His whole intention is to bring people beyond legalism -- which seriously affected the Scribes and the Pharisees -- and a literal interpretation of rules, and into the spirit of the law. Jesus teaches that minimal obedience is far beneath the dignity of those who love God and neighbour. To strive for less than perfect love is to strive for too little.” Father Thomas Rosica, CSB. Someone said, “If we reach for the stars we might at least arrive at the chimney pot!”

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Alice Elliot, Kevin Murphy, Sr Rose Aquinas, Anna Murphy, Margorie Weir, Ron Everitt, John Bell, Isabel Chittock, Anrzej Matrejek, David Fox, Kathleen Boyton, Doris Samuels** and **Margaret Sawyer** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, 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.

MASS VARIATIONS: No Mass this Monday as I have to be at a funeral in Woking for 11.30 a.m. On Saturday the **Parish Day of Prayer** begins with 10.00 a.m. Mass – see separate schedule – so confessions will be heard in the Sacristy 10.30-11.00 a.m. and there will be **no** Exposition and Benediction today. Please note that the 9.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday will be followed by a short service for Colleen Furse’s family during which her ashes will be interred close to the wall of St. Bernard’s. Other parishioners are welcome to remain behind for this.

PRAYER DAY FOR THE PARISH: **Next Saturday, 22nd February**, for all members of the parish. We will both pray and look at the different types of prayer that are available to us. If you would like to attend then please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church as numbers attending will be needed for catering purposes. The day will start with Mass at **10.00 a.m.** and will finish at **3.00 p.m.** A light lunch will be provided. For further details please contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859**. All are welcome.

COGGESHALL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The Prayer Breakfast for February takes places next Saturday 22nd 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome but please sign up on clipboard for catering purposes.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 9th February - £543.41**.

REDECORATION OF THE KITCHEN - KELVEDON: Many thanks to Angie & Michael Hart who have spruced up our kitchen area. They found that the walls are paper lined and that the use of bluetack and other forms of adhesive had damaged the paper and plaster beneath, so users are asked not to attach posters and other items directly to the walls but only to the pin boards provided.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VACANCIES: We are seeking to recruit a new **Admin Assistant** (£16k pa. Full time: 37.5 hrs p/w.) to join a small team at the Society's busy National Office in London SE17 to provide administrative support to the CEO and the Administration & Communications Team. For an application pack and further details contact Matthew Stockton on 020 7703 3030 or E-mail: matthews@svp.org.uk Closing date: **21st February**. Interviews: TBC. We are also seeking to recruit a new post to join our team at the Society's busy National Office in London SE17. **Membership Development Officer South** (£20,000 pa. Full time: 37.5 hrs p/w). For an application pack and further details contact Matthew Stockton on 020 7703 3030 or E-mail: matthews@svp.org.uk Closing date: **28th February** Interviews: TBC. Applications are invited from individuals who can empathise with the Society's ethos and work and who have a good standard of written and spoken English.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: Are recruiting a senior Social Worker to be their new part time (19 hours) Head of Professional Services to practice manage a strong existing team and to work with the existing Deputy Director who is moving to a part time role. Application Pack from Steven Webb (Director) on swebb@bccs.org.uk or 01268 784544.

LOURDES SUMMER 2014: The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes a wonderful and varied programme of Masses, liturgies and socials, plus an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. Visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for more information and to order a brochure. **Please book by 1st March if you will need medical assistance.**

JOB - A CANTATA BY MICHAEL STEPHENS: Brentwood Cathedral Music will be hosting a Cantata by Michael Stephens based on the life of Job on Saturday, 8th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. The wonderful performers are mainly from Holy Family, Benfleet parish together with many friends, and for this performance they will also be joined by young singers from the Cathedral. The event is in aid of the CAFOD Appeal for the unfolding humanitarian tragedy in Syria. Tickets are £10 Adults; £7 Seniors and £1 under 16's. For more information and to obtain tickets please call : 01277 265288 or 07854 330962 or email Michael Stephens at: michael.stephens.nmpcd@aon.co.uk .

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 23rd February 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 16th February <i>6th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kathleen Turner RIP Audrey Holder RIP
MONDAY 17th February <i>Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
TUESDAY 18th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th February	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Ellen Sancerre RIP
THURSDAY 20th February	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Evelyn Wright RIP <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 21st February <i>St Peter Damian</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
SATURDAY 22nd February <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 10.30-3.00 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund <i>Day of Prayer - separate schedule</i>
SUNDAY 23rd February <i>7th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Colleen Furse RIP <i>Burial of Ashes: Colleen Furse</i> Manuel & May Issa (ann.) All Parishioners

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. in Sacristy
NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction today.**

Liturgical Rotas 23rd February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Short	Jadwiga Smith	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey	Mary Branney