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PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th July 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

A sower went out to sow.

First Reading	Is 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 64:10-14
Second Reading	Rom 8:18-23
Gospel	Mt 13:1-23



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY: During the week a paper reported that this year will see a record crop of apricots – a relative newcomer for UK growers – due to the cool spring and long dry and warm spell. The same seed can produce very differing crops according to the weather and soil conditions. In today's Gospel Jesus uses this imagery as a parable. If God's word is powerful and not uttered in vain, how is it that the effects seem to vary so much? The full potential is always there but so much depends on the disposition of the person who hears God's word. Do the words of scripture we hear at Mass just wash over us – perhaps because there are so many of them? Do we 'endure' them or seek to understand? Even the disciples had to ask the Lord to explain the parable of the Sower to them! Unlike the disciples we have the opportunity to look ahead to the message we are going to hear at Mass or to read it again afterwards at our own pace. There are many study aids to help us, e.g. 'Bible Alive' or 'Magnificat', but even without these it can help just to look through them and identify a few words or an image that speaks to us. A useful tip is that in compiling the Lectionary those concerned tried to make the Psalm provide a sense-link between the First Reading and the Gospel and often the verse chosen as the response picks out the theme.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Michael Keenan, George Opper* and *Angela Mather* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: To mark the Centenary of the Diocese Bishop Alan has asked every parish to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham and to make this possible has asked all parishes to cancel Saturday evening Masses for the occasion. Even if you cannot join in physically please try to link yourself spiritually with this act of thanksgiving by some act of devotion to Our Lady at home, e.g. part of the Rosary.

BAPTISM DURING MASS NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday during 11.00 a.m. Mass there will be a baptism – **Malachy Crocker** – grandson of Cedric & Nuala Thompson. The family are not expecting a large number of guests so there will be a couple of rows reserved. The opening questions will replace the penitential rite and the baptism follows the Gospel and homily.

ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL: The cost of the Sunday Missal is £5. If you ordered a copy can you please give the £5 to Pat Short or Fr Gordon.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd July - £850.56 & Sunday 9th July £619.08.**

LOURDES 'VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE': The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will this year be filming parts of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and packaging them as short clips which can be viewed on YouTube. These will include prayerful reflections and homilies from Lourdes, and will create a "virtual pilgrimage" for those in their homes. You will find the clips via www.bcys.net from the evening of Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: A kind reminder to all pilgrims that your pilgrim packs are ready at the back of the church. Please remember to collect yours before you leave. Also, I would appreciate if any money owed could be given either to Fr Gordon or Angie Hart after Mass. Thank you.

CHURCH ROTAS: We are looking for new ministers to welcome people or read at Mass or to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. If you are interested in welcoming people or reading please contact Gaby Ruiz by e-mail gaby.ruiz@btinternet.com. Appointment as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a responsibility that falls to the Bishop or Parish Priest. If you would like to suggest someone please contact Fr Gordon but without speaking to that person first since there can sometimes be sensitive issues

PILGRIMAGE 2018: Father Stephen Myres is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland next year from Monday 28th May to Saturday 2nd June 2018. Price is £546:00 per person includes: Half Board Accommodation. Full services of a guide. Coaching as per itinerary visiting Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka, Krakow, Wadowice, Zakopane. Entrance charge to Salt Mine Documentary film in Auschwitz Entrances to Wawel Cathedral and St Mary's Church Krakow. Plus Flight charge of approximately £170:00. Insurance price is £32:00 if required. Please telephone Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 884444.

PRAY MORE NOVENAS: Our next novena is to a Saint who is known for truly great things, St. Anne. St. Anne is the mother of Our Lady and grandmother of Jesus. She is a very powerful intercessor! You may have heard that unmarried women often pray to St. Anne for help in finding a spouse, but St. Anne is also known to intercede for people for almost any request, and especially for healing. We will start praying on July 17th! For more information please see www.praymorenovenas.com or our Social Media pages.

SAVE THE DATES! Our 1st annual Autumn Fayre will take place on Saturday 23rd September, at St. John Houghton, Tiptree, 10.00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Our annual Curry Night with Father Gordon is Friday, 13th October, St. Mary Immaculate, Kelvedon, 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. More information will follow in due course but if you have any questions please see Gloria Streat, Viv Talbot or any member of the Social Group. **SAVE YOUR SEEDS!** Have your flowers or veg gone to seed yet? If so, please save your seeds! We are asking for seed donations for our upcoming Autumn Fayre. If you can, please keep your seeds in paper bags and mark any pertinent information on the bag (flower colour, variety etc.). Thank you in advance!

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

SUNDAY 16th July <i>15th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP All Parishioners Private Intention
MONDAY 17th July	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Augustine Davidson RIP
TUESDAY 18th July	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th July	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 20th July <i>St Apollinaris</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. After Mass	Canon Peter Coyle RIP <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 21st July <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	NO MASS		<i>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham leaving Kelvedon at 8.15 a.m.</i>
SUNDAY 23rd July <i>16th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners In thanksgiving (Angie Hart) Lloyd & Irene Gilbert (ann.)

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: NONE this Saturday due to
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham*

Liturgical Rotas 23rd July	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Derek Hand	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Helena McInally	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody