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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun.

First Reading: Gn 12:1-4
Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22
Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8-1-
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: During cycle A of the readings (St Matthew's Gospel) the Lent Sundays focus in a special way on those preparing for Baptism at Easter and on certain Sundays there are special prayers and blessings that may be used for them. Today's first reading sets before us Abraham's journey –setting out into the unknown on the basis of a promise from God. The Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration – enlightenment as to who Jesus really is. In his Lenten message for 2011 Pope Benedict said, "The Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John 'up a high mountain by themselves' (Matthew 17:1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. He desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf. Hebrews 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord."

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Clare Wilding, Henry Jezierski, Francesca Ciarvella Mary Enkel* and *Patricia Fredericks* 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: This Monday, **17th March**, there will be a **house Mass** at the home of **Agness and Michael O'Brien (Feering Hill House, 15 Feering Hill)**. If you would like to join us for this please have a word with **Agness (01376 573694)**. Due to a commitment in London there will be **no** Mass on Thursday morning this week.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Ella Maria Thorogood**, baptised at Coggeshall last Sunday and to **Terry Wendy Casey, Charlotte Ruby Casey** and **Melissa Victoria Casey**, baptised at Kelvedon the previous Friday.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please collect your new box which comes into use on **Sunday 6th April**. Grateful thanks to all our parishioners who contribute so generously to support our parish financially. If you are not currently in the envelope scheme and would like to join, please have a word with **Fr Gordon** or **Tom McInally** on **01376 570919**.

VACANCY: **Holy Family Catholic Primary School** (Witham) seeks to employ a committed Catholic to the post of Deputy Head from September 2014. (Salary Range L8-L11). Closing date 24th March 2014. Interviews 23rd April 2014. For more details see Job Scene or contact the school on 01376 513418 or email: admin@holymfamilyrc.essex.sch.uk

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd March - £489.54**.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: Stations of the Cross: unless otherwise stated – Kelvedon Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., Coggeshall Thursdays 6.30 p.m., Tiptree Sundays 5.15 p.m.; especially for children at Kelvedon Saturdays 4.00 p.m. Lenten Course: Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday evenings 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. The theme this year is 'Marking the Centenary of World War I' Bible Study on Jonah: Tiptree URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m. Lenten Course: Kelvedon & Feering: URC Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. and St Mary Immaculate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. The theme is 'Encountered: Meeting God in ordinary places'. Our Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be following up the DVD used at the recent Day of Prayer. Times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Tiptree Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; Kelvedon Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Kelvedon Saturdays 10.30-11.00 a.m. Individual aids to daily prayer and reflection: 'My Day by Day' (adults £1.00; children's £0.55); 'Walk with me' (£1.00).

CHOIR MEETING: Calling all singers for Easter! We hope to again celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord with music at Mass this Easter Sunday. Those who have sung with us before and anyone else who would like to join us (adults and children) - no previous experience of singing in a choir is necessary and we promise lots of help, fun and uplifting music! Practices will commence at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday 22nd March at Kelvedon; most of what we will be singing we have sung before, and Celia can provide additional practices at her home for individuals or groups where needed. Please can everyone who can join us for this wonderful celebration of our faith contact Celia on; celiacrossley@gmail.com or 01206 330794 for further details.

ABBOTSWICK HEALING MASS: Celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at Abbotswick House of Prayer Wednesday 19th March at 2.30 p.m. Donation on the day.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURES 2014: The Cost of Discipleship - reflections on the nature, joys and challenges of Christian discipleship. Wednesday 19th March Fr Mark Reilly, Assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral. The lecture begins at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Admission free. All welcome.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: How the Ursuline Sisters came to Brentwood, a talk by Sr. Anne Spilberg, Leader of the Brentwood Ursuline Congregation, will take place on Saturday 22nd March at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood at 2.30 p.m. Any enquiries, please contact the Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

CREATIONISM/DARWINISM - WHAT IS A CATHOLIC TO BELIEVE? Taking place at St. Charles Hall, Clacton (next to our Lady of Light Church CO15 6AG) on Wednesday 19th March at 6.45pm. The first of the two talks, "Catholic Doctrine on Creation" by Hugh Owen, details the authoritative teachings of the Fathers and Councils of the Church concerning Genesis. While the second talk, "In the beginning was information" by Greg Clovis, considers recent scientific discoveries in particular, biological information and genetics. These talks are delivered in a way that those with no or little background in theology or science can grasp these concepts.

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

SUNDAY 16th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
MONDAY <i>St Patrick</i> 17th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Richard Rann & deceased Parishioners.
TUESDAY 18th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
THURSDAY 20th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	NO MASS 6.30 p.m. 7.00p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 21st March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
SATURDAY 22nd March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Josie Kelly RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 23rd March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 23rd March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Desmond Crone	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Mary Branney