
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR

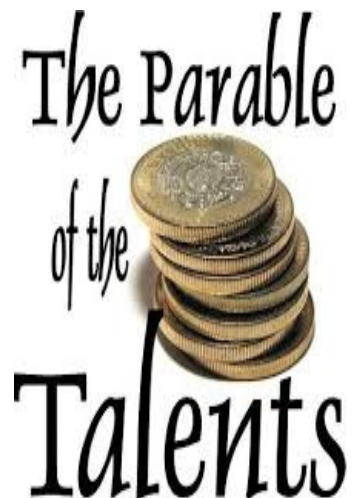
You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

First Reading: Pr 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Th 5:1-6

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR: As the Church's year draws towards its close the readings invite us to reflect increasingly on the day we must meet Our Lord face to face, whether this is at the end of time, or at the end of our own time on earth. Last Sunday we would normally have heard the parable of the bridesmaids with their flasks of oil. This week we hear that of the talents. We are used to the metaphorical understanding of the word that comes from the New Testament as gifts and skills entrusted to us. In the time of Jesus, though, it was a 'money of account' – a gold bar used for trading purposes rather than a coin. Originally it was made of bronze, representing the value of a cow and made in the shape of a hide, it was later made in the much more portable gold of equivalent value.



PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Thomas Winfield, Evie Buckland, Philip McCallion, Catherine Hood, Tony Wilding, George Willett, Helena Dawson* and *John Dodd* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING: There will be a preliminary meeting to discuss arrangements for the First Communion classes for 2015 this Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. after the evening Mass at Kelvedon. Parents have been notified individually but if you have not yet sent in an application form please do so today and attend the meeting.

CONFIRMATION: We do not yet have details about whether Bishop Alan will be coming in 2015 or whether this will take place on Pentecost Sunday, but have to plan the classes. For those who have indicated an interest and their parents there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 26th November** at **8.00 p.m.** after the evening Mass at Kelvedon. Forms are still available if you have not yet completed one.

CURRY NIGHT: Gross receipts banked were £884.20. Expenses amounted to about £325.00 although a few more may come in, so we are looking at in the region of £500 raised for our twin parish of Besters in South Africa. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Curry Night, not least all those who helped provide additional food, desserts, and lay out and clear away afterwards.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 9th November** **£696.39.**

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY: On Monday 24th November at 10.30 a.m. there will be a Deanery Mass for the deceased clergy at St Teresa's Church, Lexden. Bishop Alan will be joining the clergy for their Deanery Conference afterwards and will preside at the Mass, which will be over by about 11.00 a.m. All welcome.

ADVENT PREPARATION: Advent is just a fortnight away. The usual booklets will be available to help you prepare spiritually for Christmas. The 'Walk with me' and 'Day by Day' booklets for adults cost £1. The children's booklets, both infant and junior, cost £0.55.

PARISH YOUTH MEETING: Come and join us on **Friday 21st November** at **6 o'clock** in **St Dominic's Room**. We will be finishing off the making of the piñatas and preparing for the Christmas Bazaar. Everyone is welcome. Please let Pauline know in advance by emailing pauline@mcaloone.com so we can cater accordingly.

ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST COGGESHALL: The next prayer breakfast is on **Saturday 29th November**. The usual sign up list is available for catering purposes.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: **Saturday 29th November, 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon** at **St John Houghton, Tiptree**. Please continue to send in **bottles, gifts, books and toys**. All items can be left at the back of the church. **Cakes** on the day or on **Friday 28th November** when we will be sorting and setting up stalls from **10.00 a.m.** at Tiptree.

PARISH WASSAIL EVENING: **Bernard's Church, Coggeshall, Sunday 14th December, 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.** Pre booking essential for catering purposes. Please see registration form at the back of the church. This is a fun **FREE** afternoon of music and Christmas carols for all the family.

GIFT AID: Many thanks to those parishioners who use Gift Aid envelopes for their offerings. The Diocese tells us that for the year 2013-2014 they have been able to recover for the parish **£8576.50** from HMRC. Our thanks go to the finance team who sort the envelopes and count them week by week, and especially to Tom McNally for all the time and effort he puts in to organising the scheme. If you are a tax payer but do not use envelopes or a standing order for your offerings, please consider doing so, thus enabling the parish to recoup the tax you have already paid on what you give. For more information please contact Tom.

VACANCY FOR HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT/CHILD SUPPORT: At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School; SWF, Chelmsford for January 2015. Closing date for application 24th November. This is a part-time post, 17.5 hours a week term time only, Band 3 Fixed Term Contract until 31st August 2015. Interviews will be on 2nd December 2014. A high level of English and Mathematics skill is essential. Please contact the school for an application pack: tel. 01245 321828.

DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2015: Due to the ongoing problems in the Holy Land, some of which we have seen in the news recently, I have been strongly advised to postpone next year's pilgrimage, which I am doing. All being well, we will look into putting it on for the following year. Let's please continue to pray for peace there. Rev. Paul Fox, St Mary's Hornchurch.

LUNCH TIME HANDBELLS RECITAL: The Cathedral House Handbell Ringers would like to invite you to their second Lunchtime Recital at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd December, at 1.00 p.m. The recital will feature Popular and Christmas melodies. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection and any profits will go towards the Samaritans.

TYPO DAY OF PRAYER: Tuesday 25th November, Tiptree URC at 8.00 p.m. Please help to make this the **BIGGEST** prayer meeting in Tiptree for 100 years as the churches of Tiptree come together to ask God to release the finances for the work of TYPO to continue. Tiptree URC will also be open for individual prayer from 9 am; there will be a display to stimulate your prayers and there will be a small prayer meeting for those who are free from 12 – 1.00 p.m.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION: 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' Saturday 29th November: 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. The day will be led by Sr Nuala Gannon, *ibvm* and members of the Diocesan Spirituality team. **Cost:** A Donation.

ADVENT TALKS: Tuesday 2nd December 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. with Fr Martin O'Connor, PP at St Bede's, Chadwell Heath. **Tuesday 9th December 7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m. with Sr Angela Morris, CRSS. Tuesday 16th December 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. with Sr Nuala Gannon** and members of the Diocesan Spirituality team.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Sunday 26th to Friday 31st July 2015. From £649 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £429 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. For much more information and to order a brochure visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org

BEING FAITHFUL: Marriage between Muslims and Catholics in particular more broadly is becoming increasingly common. Bringing together the expertise of theologians, canon lawyers, providers of marriage preparation and pastors, the study day seeks to examine and deepen reflection on the issues with a view to improving the preparation offered to couples. **10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. 19th November at Heythrop College,** Kensington Square London W8 5HN. Email d.howard@heythrop.ac.uk to register. Registration: £10.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 16th November <i>33rd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Peter Hall (anniversary) All Parishioners Pat Knight (anniversary)
MONDAY 17th November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 18th November <i>Dedication of Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th November	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Tony Conerney (anniversary)
THURSDAY 20th November	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
FRIDAY 21st November <i>Presentation of BVM</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
SATURDAY 22nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Robert Goodman RIP
SUNDAY 23rd November <i>Christ the King</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Joe Patten RIP All Parishioners Sidney Doyle (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 23rd November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Benedict Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Helena McInally	Valerie Bartlett	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody