
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)

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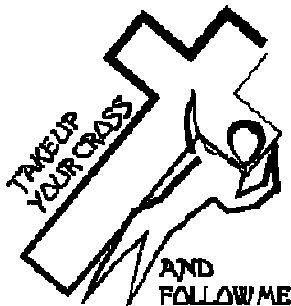
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th September 2012

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

First Reading: Is 50:5-9
Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9
Second Reading: Jm 2:14-18
Gospel: Mk 8:27-35



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY: Today is designated 'Home Mission Sunday'. The theme for this year is 'Confident in Faith'. On Home Mission Sunday we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of Evangelization which is coordinated by the Home Mission Desk. The money collected last year enabled: one million faith cards to be distributed to every parish in England and Wales, materials to be created in support of the Year of Faith (www.yearoffaith.org.uk) and delivery of a free national tour called 'Crossing the Threshold' to support ministry and outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics, as well as a large number of other projects. On 16th September please pray for and give generously to support the mission of the Church. For more information see: www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-mission-sunday-2012. 11th October will inaugurate the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI to commemorate the opening of the Second Vatican Council and as an invitation to spread the Faith. Our Gospel today reminds us that in essence this is always about a personal relationship with the Lord. Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do people say I am?" He follows this with a question that looks not for a statement of public opinion but a commitment in faith, "Who do you say I am?" Is the creed we say at Sunday Mass a real statement of our personal faith – "I believe" – or simply a communal act in which we join but without any real commitment or conviction?

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Kate Mais, Bernadette McCann, John Geddes, Jean Lynch** and **John Short** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwiste, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

FR CONRAD SMITH RIP: You will be sorry to hear that Fr Conrad, who often helped with our reconciliation services, died on Tuesday. He had been ill for some time but became very frail over the summer. He retired as parish priest at Greenstead last October and his funeral will take place there on Tuesday 25th September at 11.30 a.m. He had previously served at St George's, Walthamstow, Billericay, Newbury Park, Manor Park and Maldon, and as curate at Rayleigh and St Patrick's, Walthamstow.

DAY FOR MINISTERS: A time of prayer and reflection has been advertised between now and Christmas for **Ministers of Welcome, Readers** and **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**. So far the take up for each session has been no more than half a dozen. Unless more decide to take up the offer we shall have to rethink. In fact only nine out of the forty two possible attendees have responded. It would be helpful if those who are not planning to attend would let Fr Gordon know why. Does the problem lie with the format or timing or with the idea of continuing formation?

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Joshua Dylan Paul Hawkins** baptised at Coggeshall yesterday.

LEGACIES & BEQUESTS: Recently the parish received the final payment of a legacy from Pat Knight – over £8000 for which we are most grateful. If you would like to consider helping the parish or diocese by a legacy in your will, please contact the Diocesan Finance Office (01277 265280) for information and guidance on the correct wording. People also enquire about having an annual Mass for someone. This is called a ‘Foundation Mass’ and involves giving a sum of money in advance to cover an annual Mass to be celebrated for the next twenty five years. They are no longer accepted in perpetuity because of the impact of inflation. The Finance Office will be happy to assist you with any such enquiry.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd September - £788.51** and **Sunday 9th September - £1,000.37.**

HARVEST SUPPER KELVEDON & FEERING: In place of the former monthly Ecumenical Service we now have three joint events a year. Our next event takes the form of a ‘bring and share’ Harvest Supper at St Mary’s Primary School Hall on Saturday 29th September at 7.30 p.m. Admission tickets cost £1 (from Fr Gordon) – the proceeds will go to provide beehives for the Third World.

PRAYER BREAKFAST COGGESHALL: The next Prayer Breakfast will be at St Bernard’s on Saturday 29th September 8.00-9.00 a.m. – due to unforeseen circumstances Christchurch are not able to host it this time. It is our turn to take responsibility for the catering. Sue Harrison used to organise this. Jane Crone has agreed to take it on for this occasion, but we could do with more support from St Bernard’s, both in terms of taking part and also sharing this responsibility for future occasions.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group will start again on the **Thursday 20th September 8.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.** at Kelvedon Catholic Church and will be looking at the **Year of Faith.** All welcome. Any questions please contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859.**

ST BENEDICT’S COLLEGE: As part of the implementation of a new Senior Leadership structure and to support the newly appointed Principal. Salary Range L16-L21. Required January 2013 or earlier. The successful candidate will be a practising Catholic with the knowledge and skills and a proven record of leading teaching and learning and developing transformational change to support St Benedict’s to become an outstanding Catholic College. Closing date: Monday 1st October at noon. Applications will only be accepted on the college application form and should be addressed to the Principal. Shortlisted candidates will go through to the formal interview stage on: 24th and 25th October 2012 For further details see website www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. For an application pack contact Mrs Diane Hilliard, PA to the Principal: Telephone 01206 516842 or e-mail d.hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk

MASS FOR SEAFARERS: The Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass for seafarers at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 26th September at 5.30pm. For more information contact johngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 0207 012 8607.

RELIGIOUS POEM COMPETITION: Would you like to submit a poem you have written for this new competition. United Press is well known as the publisher which runs the biggest free to enter annual poetry competition in the UK. This is the National Poetry Anthology and you can find a lot more about it on our website. See our website at www.ukcharityaid.com. Free poetry competitions like our new "Religious Poem" competition are designed to encourage people to be more expressive and creative. Our competitions are open to any age group and are completely free to enter.

BLOOMING BRIDES: Kelvedon's Flower Festival with a Difference. On Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd September there's a unique chance to experience a wonderful collection of Wedding Dresses covering more than 100 years. Don't miss this very special opportunity to come along to our Flower Festival with a Difference at Kelvedon's Village Hall, the Institute, and see the hall adorned with flowers as part of "Blooming Brides" - a feast of flowers and vintage wedding dresses. To mark the Village Hall's Centenary a collection of Wedding Dresses has been assembled covering every decade in the last 100 years - from Edwardian splendour through Wartime austerity to Unisex trouser suits - and many more - each group accompanied by flower arrangements in the style of the appropriate period. Light Refreshments will be available throughout both days and entry is free - although we hope our visitors will not leave before making a donation! "Blooming Brides" promises a fascinating glimpse into the changes in wedding customs and fashions which have taken place over the last 100 years and we know that our flower arrangers will delight visitors with their skilful combinations of floral scent and beauty. Friends of Kelvedon Institute offer a warm welcome to visitors, families and friends on Saturday 22nd September between 10.00am and 5.00pm or Sunday 23rd September from 11.30 to 4.00. We're sure that everyone will enjoy "Blooming Brides" - a truly unique Festival of Flowers and Vintage Fashion.

WEEKLY ADORATION AT KELVEDON: Will resume this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. The next session of monthly 'Adoration for Life' will be on **Tuesday 2nd October** 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. followed by the normal weekly silent Adoration. Anyone is welcome to attend any of these worship sessions.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP: Open to all men and women aged 17 – 30. If you are reflecting on where and who God is calling you to be, and you want gentle company and conversation with others, guided by Fr Dominic Howarth and Sr Anne Spilberg OSU, then **you are very welcome on Friday 28th September**. We meet in Brentwood, and each time we hear personal testimony – at this gathering **Fr Tom Jordan** will share his vocation story. Fr Tom has been a Priest for over twenty years, and is currently Parish Priest of Romford. Before becoming a Priest he was a highly rated chef, working for the BBC, so his story is full of variety! The evening also includes a fish and chip supper, and a time of quiet prayer and Adoration, as well as a chance for discussion and questions. For full details, email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call 01268 281732.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY 16th September <i>24th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Hall RIP Angela Bamber RIP All Parishioners
MONDAY 17th September <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 18th September	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th September <i>St Theodore</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
THURSDAY 20th September <i>St Andrew Kim Taegon</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 21st September <i>St Matthew</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 22nd September	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 23rd September <i>25th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Parents of Edwina Abram All Parishioners Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 23rd September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL		Jill Hinds	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Jude Cody