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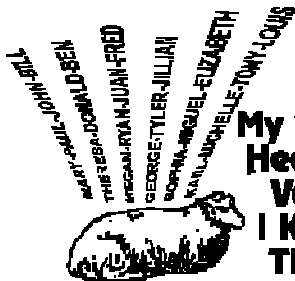
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**My Sheep
Hear My
Voice
I Know
Them**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th April 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me

First Reading: Acts 13:14. 43-52

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99: 1-3.5

Second Reading: Apo 7:9. 14-17

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: This Sunday in each of the three years of the cycle of readings we hear part of Our Lord's description of himself as the Good Shepherd. It is the world day of prayer for vocations. Please do keep and use the prayer card included with this week's newsletter. Here are some thought from Pope Francis's message for today: "The call of God comes to us by means of a *mediation which is communal*. God calls us to become a part of the Church and, after we have reached a certain maturity within it, he bestows on us a specific vocation. The vocational journey is undertaken together with the brothers and sisters whom the Lord has given to us: it is a *con-vocation*. The ecclesial dynamism of the call is an antidote to indifference and to individualism. It establishes the communion in which indifference is vanquished by love, because it demands that we go beyond ourselves and place our lives at the service of God's plan, embracing the historical circumstances of his holy people. On this day dedicated to prayer for vocations, I urge all the faithful to assume their responsibility for the care and discernment of vocations. When the Apostles sought someone to take the place of Judas Iscariot, Saint Peter brought together one hundred and twenty of the brethren (cf. Acts 1:15); and in order to choose seven deacons, a group of disciples was gathered (cf. 6:2). Saint Paul gave Titus specific criteria for the selection of presbyters (cf. Titus 1:5-9). Still today, the Christian community is always present in the discernment of vocations, in their formation and in their perseverance (cf. Apost. Ex. [*Evangelii Gaudium*](#), 107). We ask the Lord to grant to all those who are on a vocational journey a deep sense of belonging to the Church; and that the Holy Spirit may strengthen among Pastors, and all of the faithful, a deeper sense of communion, discernment and spiritual fatherhood and motherhood. *Father of mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are founts of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelisation. Sustain these communities in their commitment to offer appropriate vocational catechesis and ways of proceeding towards each one's particular consecration. Grant the wisdom needed for vocational discernment, so that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth. May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God.*"

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Jose Do Nascimento Gomes De Aguir, Seamus Brady** and **Edward Banks** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Norah Stanley** of Queens Road, Coggeshall. Her funeral will take place at St Bernard's this Thursday, 21st April, at 2.30 p.m. RIP.

OUR GOOD WISHES: To **Simon Davis** and **Danica Smith** who will be married at Kelvedon this Saturday 1.30 p.m.

UGANDA LOTTERY: Congratulations to our prize winners for this Quarter – **Pat Richardson (£60)** and **Neville Bridgman (£26)**. Subscriptions for the new Quarter (£13) are now due.

DAY WITH MARY: Walsingham Sunday 22nd May starting 11.40 a.m. with Mass at 12.00 noon, Exposition and Blessed Sacrament procession 2.30 p.m. and procession to Friday Market 5.05 p.m.

KELVEDON SINGERS WITH ORCHESTRA: A celebration concert with 'Bubbly' Vivaldi's Gloria and other joyful works. Saturday 30th April, 7.30 p.m. at St Peter ad Vincula, Goggeshall. £10 in advance: £12 on the door. Contact Sarah Phillips 01376 561719.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: This year's Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life is taking place this coming Sunday, 17th April. Today you will receive a prayer card to encourage you to pray for Vocations. Pope Francis recently said that "Prayer is the key to vocations...." so let us pray each day that our young people will hear God's call to discipleship as he calls each of us to "Some definite service" as Blessed John Henry Newman once said. If you feel called to the priesthood then contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr. Graham Smith at fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: On 23rd April there will be a visit to the German Catholic Church of St. Boniface in Adler Street, London E1 1EE, just off the Whitechapel Road, near Aldgate East Underground. After being bombed during the Second World War, the church has been completely rebuilt and is well worth visiting. After the visit there will be a chance to visit the Lutheran Church in Alie Street a short walk away. Anyone wishing to join the group will be very welcome. Please meet at St. Boniface's Church at 2.15 p.m. Any queries please contact Tony Galcius on 01708 346219.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE: After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3rd April 2016, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe on **Sunday 24th April 2016**.

QUIZ NIGHT! LAST CHANCE! Have you signed up for our **ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT** yet? It will be a fun and entertaining evening for adults and children. Ploughman's Supper included in ticket price. We seek your understanding in collection of deposit payment for this event as we cater for committed number of attendees. Hurry! Spaces are limited. Sign up form available at all 3 Mass centres until today. Proceeds to benefit our twin parish of Besters & Lourdes Trip for Youth. You can also contact **Agness O'Brien (01376 573694)** or **Gloria Streat (07870281212)** to book your place.

ORGAN WORKSHOP: Essex and East London Royal School of Church Music. **Organ Workshop 'Questions, Answers, Advice & Encouragement'** with James Davy, Organist of Chelmsford Cathedral, Saturday 7th May at 10.00 a.m. St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, CM15 9AL. A morning designed for those in the earlier or intermediate stages of playing (including those transferring from the piano, who are finding things challenging!). James is an approachable and sympathetic tutor – there will be much here to encourage you. Cost Adults £10. *School pupils £5. Please download and complete the registration form available on our website www.rscm-eel.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 28th May 2016 come and join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we gather together to honour Mary, Mother of Mercy. You will have an opportunity to pray the Stations of Mercy and enter the Holy Door at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will also be walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey. 10.15 a.m. Reconciliation, 12.00 p.m. Angelus and Pilgrim Mass, 2.30 p.m. Procession along Holy Mile, 3.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: "Amoris laetitia" has been released by the Vatican early this morning, presently in eight different languages. Amoris laetitia: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family (19 March 2016). You can find links to this document in each language on the Papal Encyclicals Online homepage. <http://www.papalencyclicals.net>

MASS FOR MIGRANTS: All are welcome to join in the annual Mass for Migrants, a lively celebration of the rich diversity of London's Catholic communities, which will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in Westminster Cathedral. The event begins with a banner procession at 10.00am and testimonies from recent migrants and refugees at 10.15 a.m. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside at the Mass.

YEAR OF MERCY SUMMER EVENTS: '*Mary: bearer of Christ's Mercy*' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, Saturday 23rd April, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Cathedral House Hall, Brentwood. '*Spirituality of Mercy*' Speaker: Bishop Alan, SM, Friday 6th May, 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead, Pastoral Centre. '*Pathways to Prayer*' Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, Saturday 21st May 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Cathedral House Hall. '*Laudato si*' and the Year of Mercy Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday 4th June, 10.30 a.m.-12.00 noon at Cathedral House Hall. '*Amoris Laetitia*' (The Joy of Love) Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday 25th June, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon at Cathedral House Hall. Contact the Brentwood Religious Education Service (BRES) Office on 01277 265285 or lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

YEAR OF MERCY: Come in, the door is open boxes for prayers and contact slips are now in place in all the churches. Please post your prayer slips with the names of those you would like to be prayed for in the two forthcoming Masses.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 10th April - £594.27.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY 17th April <i>Fourth of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Intention Anne Cooney
MONDAY 18th April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 19th April	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 20th April	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 21st April <i>St Anselm</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Requiem: Norah Stanley RIP</i>
FRIDAY 22nd April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eddie Banks (anniversary)
SATURDAY 23rd April <i>St George</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Nuptial Mass: Simon Davis & Danica Smith</i>
SUNDAY 24th April <i>Fifth of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Eddie Banks (anniversary) Barbara Soar RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 24th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Derek Hand	Desmond Crone	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Valerie Bartlett	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Tracey O'Donnell	Jude Cody