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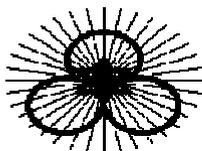
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**You  
Shall  
Bow  
Down**



**In  
His  
Presence**

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th February 2013

### ***FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

*Jesus was led by the spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.*

First Reading:	Deut 26:4-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 90:1-2.10-15
Second Reading:	Rom 10:8-13
Gospel:	Lk 4:1-13



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:** This is the concluding section of the Holy Father's message for Lent 2013, which focuses on the three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity: "Like any gift of God, faith and charity have their origin in the action of one and the same Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 13), the Spirit within us that cries out "Abba, Father" (Gal 4:6), and makes us say: "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Cor 12:3) and "Maranatha!" (1 Cor 16:22; Rev 22:20). Faith, as gift and response, causes us to know the truth of Christ as Love incarnate and crucified, as full and perfect obedience to the Father's will and infinite divine mercy towards neighbour; faith implants in hearts and minds the firm conviction that only this Love is able to conquer evil and death. Faith invites us to look towards the future with the virtue of hope, in the confident expectation that the victory of Christ's love will come to its fullness. For its part, charity ushers us into the love of God manifested in Christ and joins us in a personal and existential way to the total and unconditional self-giving of Jesus to the Father and to his brothers and sisters. By filling our hearts with his love, the Holy Spirit makes us sharers in Jesus' filial devotion to God and fraternal devotion to every man (cf. Rom 5:5). The relationship between these two virtues resembles that between the two fundamental sacraments of the Church: Baptism and Eucharist. Baptism (*sacramentum fidei*) precedes the Eucharist (*sacramentum caritatis*), but is ordered to it, the Eucharist being the fullness of the Christian journey. In a similar way, faith precedes charity, but faith is genuine only if crowned by charity. Everything begins from the humble acceptance of faith ("knowing that one is loved by God"), but has to arrive at the truth of charity ("knowing how to love God and neighbour"), which remains for ever, as the fulfilment of all the virtues (cf. 1 Cor 13:13). Dear brothers and sisters, in this season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the event of the Cross and Resurrection – in which the love of God redeemed the world and shone its light upon history – I express my wish that all of you may spend this precious time rekindling your faith in Jesus Christ, so as to enter with him into the dynamic of love for the Father and for every brother and sister that we encounter in our lives. For this intention, I raise my prayer to God, and I invoke the Lord's blessing upon each individual and upon every community!" *From the Vatican, 15 October 2012* **BENEDICTUS PP. XVI**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Sr Rose Aqinas, Margaret Weir, Anna Murphy, Ron Everitt, John Bell, Isabel Chittock, Anrzej Matrejek, Kathleen Boyton, David Fox, Doris Samuels and Margaret Sawyer** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** The sign-up list for Saturday 23rd February is available at the back of the Church.

**MASS VARIATIONS:** Due to a meeting in Leeds Mass on Wednesday will be at 8.00 a.m. and there will be **no** Mass on Thursday morning.

**THE RESIGNATION OF POPE BENEDICT XV1:** I heard with great surprise the news of Pope Benedict's resignation on Monday. I am obviously saddened to hear of the Pope's state of health. He is very much in our thoughts and prayers. It is characteristic of his integrity and clarity of mind that he has made this courageous decision. It shows clearly his great concern for the pastoral well-being of the Church. Pope Benedict is remembered very fondly in our country as a result of his visit to the UK in 2010. He brought inspiration and encouragement to Christians of all denominations and indeed members of all faith communities. He will also be greatly appreciated for his accessible yet profound teaching of the Christian Faith. Indeed, the Year of Faith which Roman Catholics are currently celebrating is very much the Pope's own initiative. I would ask all people of goodwill to keep Pope Benedict in their prayers at this important time.  
**+Thomas McMahon Bishop of Brentwood.**

**ON A LIGHTER NOTE! A cartoon by Joe Heller**

**ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY COURSES:** This year these are taking place as follows: **Coggeshall:** choose a day and time to join a house-group from the sign up list in the Church. **Kelvedon:** Mondays 10.30-11.30 a.m. and 7.30-8.30 p.m. at URC – subject matter to be announced. **Tiptree:** Tuesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. at URC and 10.30-11.30 a.m. St. Luke's. This will be a series of Bible studies on the Priestly Prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper (John 14-17).



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN:** We will continue singing and praying this beautiful devotion with the children this Lent. However, as Friday's was proving to be a difficult day for most families, this year we changed the meetings days to **Saturdays at 3.20 p.m.** in St Dominic's room. Walking with Jesus while singing is a great way for children to understand what Jesus did for his love of us, and it is also an opportunity for the children - and us - to love him back.

**PARISH EASTER CHOIR:** The next practice will be on **Saturday 23rd February, 3.30 p.m.** for the ladies who could not make it on the 9th or 16th and **4.30 p.m.** for Tenors and Basses. If you are interested in joining the choir or would like more information about what is involved then please contact either **Gosia [malgosia 74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malgosia74@yahoo.co.uk)** or **Celia [celiacrossley@gmail.com](mailto:celiacrossley@gmail.com)**, or telephone 01621 815493 or see [www.angelicus.org.uk](http://www.angelicus.org.uk).

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - COGGESHALL:** This year **St. Peter's** will host our annual service on **Friday 1st March** from **10.45 a.m.**

**ECUMENICAL STUDY DAY:** The third Study Day to mark the Year of Faith will consider 'Vatican II and the Bible'. It will be given by **Fr Adrian Graffy** at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on **Saturday 9th March** from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Please book your place by email to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by phoning 01277 265 289.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 10th February - £656.06.**

**CAFOD:** God created a world of abundance with enough food for everyone, but we have turned it into a world of want: each night, one in eight people go to bed hungry due to lack of food. Let's share the abundance of God's creation with our global family by supporting Fast Day and donating what we save. **CAFOD Fast Day** is **Friday 22nd February** and envelopes are available in church 16th/17th February and 23rd/24th February. Please give as much as you can. **Thank you.**

**BCYS RETREAT MANAGER:** £20,500 per annum (45 hour week). The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a full time resident BCYS Retreat Manager based at Walsingham House (our 40 bed Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre) in Canvey Island. Application is by CV and covering letter (which makes direct reference to our person specification). For a full job description and person specification email [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Closing date for applications is: 10.00 a.m. on Monday 25th February and first round interviews are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5th March. *CVs will be acknowledged on receipt and only those selected for interview will be contacted by Wednesday 27th February.* This post is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records check. There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) that the post holder is a committed Catholic. BCYS is the operating name of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

**AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC:** The Colchester Catholic Heritage Group is holding a concert at **Colchester Castle** on **Saturday 9th March** entitled '*An Evening of Sacred Music*', it will feature the Writtle Singers, directed by Christine Gwynn, and The Cavendish Consort. Philip Wise, Collections and Curatorial Manager for the Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service, will give a short talk during the evening. The concert is a fundraiser for the parish of St James the Less and St Helen in Colchester. One of the organisers, Jennie Guthrie-Stevens, said: "*We are hoping that the evening will be a great success. Do come along and support us at this unique venue – the concert is being held in the very castle where both St John Payne and Abbot Beche were imprisoned before trial and execution.*" Doors open at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start. Tickets for the concert are £15.00 from The Presbytery, St James the Less and St Helen, Priory Street, Colchester or call Colchester Tourist Information on 01206 282920.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:** Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are looking for any young people aged 11+ to be involved in re-enacting ***The Way of the Cross***. It will be held on **24th March** at **Chelmsford Cathedral**. We need people to be involved with acting, music, singing, drumming as well as people to come along as part of the crowd. The more people we have the better this will be. So if you are interested in being involved in any way please come to a meeting on **Tuesday 26th February** at **7.30 pm** in **Brentwood Cathedral Conference Room**. If you can't make this meeting please contact [roisin@bcys.net](mailto:roisin@bcys.net). For more information see our Facebook page.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** St John Payne PTA invite you to a Quiz Night on **Saturday 2nd March** in the main school hall at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 per head/£15 family ticket. Bring own drinks and nibbles.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 17th February <i>1st 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 Maureen Savage <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 18th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 19th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 20th February	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 21st February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	NO MASS 7.00 p.m. 7.30p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>Chair of St Peter</i> 22nd February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23rd February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24th February <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon  Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.  5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Maggie Clark All Parishioners <i>Baptism: Scarlet Ann, Montana Chloe Marie and Richard Anthony Delancy</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 24th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross	Desmond Crone	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Pike	Elizabeth Maxted	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey	Sue Petchey