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PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th January 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR

*This was the first of the signs given by Jesus:
it was at Cana in Galilee*

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3.7-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

*There
Was A
Wedding
At Cana*



SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR: Although this is the year when we hear from St Luke's Gospel, we begin with St John's account of the Wedding at Cana – the first of St John's 'great signs'. Traditionally this has been linked with the Epiphany as one of the first occasions when Jesus let his glory be known. While early Christians had no special rite of marriage and continued to marry in accordance with local custom marriage was not simply a secular reality. Christ had blessed marriage by his presence at Cana. St Paul draws on the prophetic tradition reflected in our first reading when he speaks about Christian marriage as a great mystery ('mysterion' in Greek; 'sacramentum' in Latin), symbolising the relationship between Christ and the Church. For the baptised marriage is a sacrament. The love of Christ is enfleshed in the love of husband and wife, something that begins on the day of their wedding but is expressed daily as they seek to live out their vows in the presence of God and by his grace. It was this sense that led the Christian community to develop its own rite of marriage as the centuries passed but it is not the ceremony that makes marriage the sacrament. It is the very act of consent made by the spouses exchanging their mutual promises of love by word or gesture. Let us pray today for all married couples and those planning marriage in the months ahead. **This evening Fr Andrew Forys will be celebrating the Tiptree Mass as I have been asked to preach at the Holy Year Mass at the Cathedral.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *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, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Kathleen Wade, Kerry Anderson, Ethel Evans, Ronald Wilton, Philip Sopher, Ada Trim, Patricia Field, James Powell, Margaret Nicholas, Paul Reilly, Sr Mary Paul Chard and Bishop Doubleday* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASS VARIATION: No Mass this Tuesday as I have Trustees' meeting connected with St Benedict's College at 8.00 a.m.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of a former parishioner, **Tom Hefferman**. His funeral has provisionally been arranged for Kelvedon at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 28th January. Please remember his widow Jacqueline and two daughters Nuala and Erin in your prayers.

STUDY DAY WITH FR NICHOLAS KING SJ: Fr Nicholas King, well-known biblical scholar, will lead a study day at the **Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest**, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on **Saturday 12th March** from **10.30 a.m.** until **3.00 p.m.** The topic of the day will be 'The Helplessness of God'. Biblical texts will be explored to help us reflect on leadership and authority in the Church. The day is free, and tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com



NEW YOUTH GROUP: Just a reminder that our new youth group for Yr 10 and up starts on the **24th January** from **7.00 p.m.** to **9.00 p.m.** in **St Dominic's Room, Kelvedon Church**. There will be food, fun and a chance to discover more about your faith. Please join the Facebook group as I will post on there upcoming activities and events. The group is called **Kelvedon Catholic Youth Group** - just request membership of it and I will give you access. If you have any further questions about it please text Pat Ezra on 07837 329295. Looking forward to seeing you there! **Pat Ezra**.

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OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs every year from 18th (Formerly the Feast of the Chair of St Peter at Rome) to 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul). There will be the usual services or times of prayer but in addition this year a social occasion in the form of a 'bring and share' meal on Saturday 23rd at St Luke's:

- **Monday 18th January 8.00 p.m. Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights: Night Prayer**
- **Tuesday 19th January 11.00 a.m. St John Houghton, Tiptree: Exposition & Rosary**
- **Thursday 21st January 10.00 a.m. St Luke's, Tiptree: Service**
- **Saturday 23rd January 6.00 p.m. St Luke's, Tiptree: Bring & Share meal**

COGGESHALL SERVICE OF UNITY: This year's **Service for Unity** will be on **Sunday January 24th** at **5.15 p.m.** in **St Peter's** - part of Evensong with a visiting preacher called Neil Richardson.

YEAR OF MERCY - SPRING EVENTS: Saturday 23rd January, 10.30 a.m.-12.00 noon, Bishop Alan Williams, SM *Catholic Schools as Centres of Mercy*. Thursday 28th January, 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon, Fr Martin Boland *Year of Mercy Reflection Morning for Schools*. Thursday 11th February, 10.00 a.m. Bishop Alan Williams, SM *Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments*. Saturday 13th February, 10.30 a.m.- Fr Martin Boland *The Lord never tires of forgiving*. Saturday 27th February, 10.30 a.m. Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon. All events take place at Cathedral House Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

SUNDAY 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Marion O'Donnell RIP
MONDAY 18th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Hannah Wall RIP
TUESDAY 19th January <i>St Wulstan</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 20th January <i>Sts Fabian & Sebastian</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Maura La Roche RIP
FRIDAY 22nd January <i>St Vincent</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 23rd January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 24th January <i>3rd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Denis Wood Dec'd members Moran, Kilbane, Bradley, Tierney & Mullen Families All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 24th January	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