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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house.

Mary has chosen the better part.

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42



16TH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Today's readings set before us two stories of hospitality. Abraham welcomes three strangers and insists on providing them with a meal. In reality he is welcoming God himself in the form of three angels and God will bless him and Sarah with the child they long for. Rublev's famous icon of the Holy Trinity depicts this truth. The three angels represent the Trinity gathered round a table on which is the bread and chalice for the Eucharist – in the background the oak of Mamre. In the Gospel Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home. Martha busies herself providing for their needs while Mary sits at the Lord's feet listening to him. Martha's hard work is well intentioned but her focus is on practical details rather than her guest. Hospitality must be centred on the guest (*hospes* in Latin) rather than the practical arrangements. The same thing can happen with wedding receptions or any human celebration when we become more focussed on the setting or catering than the reason for the celebration. What matters most is the person at the centre and listening to him or her, giving them our time and attention. Almighty God is our guest. Looking at it in a different way, Almighty God is the attentive host and we are the guests at his feast. Our Lord not only listens to us but makes his home in us through Holy Communion.



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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: I was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Patrick Casey on 31st July 1976 – a long hot summer – in my home parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. Because of the impact of holidays not only on parishioners but also others who would like to attend we are celebrating our thanksgiving this weekend – especially 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon followed by a 'bring and share' meal and a second Mass on Monday at 11.30 a.m. followed by a reception at The Angel for clergy and other invited guests – all are most welcome at the Mass. I would like to thank in advance all who have put so much effort in organising the Liturgy and receptions. It is greatly appreciated. Some of you may be intrigued by the references to St Philip Neri in the service booklets and cards. He is my favourite Saint. There is a large painting of him with a number of young people in Our Lady of Lourdes Church to the left of the sanctuary – formerly directly over the sacristy door and in direct line of vision from the side aisle. As a child I was always greatly attracted by this image although it was only later that I discovered whom it represented. I am sure that St Philip has watched over me and inspired me in a special way throughout my life.

TWIN VILLAGES VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION: The AGM for this group takes place at the URC this coming Saturday 11.15 a.m. One of the main activities during the year is to raise funds for and to coordinate the distribution of Christmas vouchers to resident of Kelvedon and Feering aged 70+. If you would like to find out more please do attend. Equally, if you know of someone in this category who does not receive a voucher – or perhaps you have recently 'qualified' please do let Miriam McInally or one of the clergy know.

THE AGM OF THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY (BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY): will be held at The Ursuline Convent, The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, on Saturday 23 July at 2.30p.m. Following the meeting there will be an talk on the history and current position of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. All are very welcome: non-members are asked to pay £3.00 to help defer the cost of hall hire and refreshments.

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, 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 **George Opper** and **Angela Mather** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 10th July - £637.95.**

NEW FEERING AND KELVEDON YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH PARTY: Thursday 21st July in United Reform Church, Kelvedon from 4.30-6.00pm. Come along meet Jules, the group leader, and see how the group is going to work. Games, food, music and good fun. For years 6-9. Free entry.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP: This camp has been run by the St Vincent de Paul Society for more than sixty years. It takes place nearby at Aldham and involves an enormous range of activities all included in the price (suggested donation £145 for the week). The boys' camp runs for two weeks 23rd July - 6th August and the girls for one week 6th - 13th August. For boys the age range is 8-13 but for girls 9-12 years. For details contact the booking secretary: for boys – Paul Hayes 01992 914117 (6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.); for girls Yvonne Durkan 01634 311350 (6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.). You can also obtain booking forms at www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or by e-mailing bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk.

NEW HALL SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY: A Marketing Assistant is required to join our busy Marketing and Communications Department. No previous experience is required for this role. However, candidates with knowledge of website and social media management, an understanding of Adobe products (InDesign, Photoshop) and a marketing qualification are preferred. Excellent IT, English grammar, interpersonal and organisation skills are essential for this varied role. The salary range will be £16,487pa to £18,813pa, depending on skills and experience. **Closing Date for all roles: Midday, Friday 5 August 2016. Interview Dates: Thursday 11 August 2016.** For further details & an application form please visit our website: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities. Alternatively, please contact a member of the HR Department on 01245 467 588.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The date(Saturday 30th July) for our Year of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage is fast approaching. We need to have final numbers as soon as possible. Can we kindly remind those parishioners who are still in the process of checking family diaries and commitments that we have pilgrimage details and registration lists at the back of the 3 churches to help you decide. Please, write your names on the lists and tell us how many people will be accompanying you when appropriate. Thank you.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - GOLD TOKEN SCHEME AT ADVENTURE ISLAND: As part of it's 40th birthday celebrations, Adventure Island in Southend is giving away £8000 to good causes throughout July. We are delighted to have been chosen to participate in the Gold Token Scheme which means we will receive a share of this money. If you, or your friends or family are planning a visit to Adventure Island in July, could you please nominate us by placing your token in the 'bccs' box. Thank you for your support.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4

SUNDAY 17 th July <i>16th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP In Thanksgiving (40 th ann. ordination) All Parishioners
MONDAY 18 th July	Kelvedon	11.30 a.m.	In thanksgiving (40 th ann. ordination)
TUESDAY 19 th July	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Int.
WEDNESDAY 20 th July <i>St Apollinaris</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 a.m.	Private Int.
THURSDAY 21 st July <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Dr Michael Daly RIP
FRIDAY 22 nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr James Hawes RIP
SATURDAY 23 rd July <i>St Bridget</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Angie Hart)
SUNDAY 24 th July <i>17th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Int. David & Olive Evans Private Int.

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

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