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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*If there is one of you who has not sinned, let
him be the first to throw a stone at her.*

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Passiontide – the last two weeks of Lent – begins today. Crosses and statues are veiled to remind us of the centrality of the Cross of Christ without which there would be no Redemption or saints in heaven. This is why crosses are unveiled during or after the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday but images of the saints only for the Easter Vigil and the celebration of the Resurrection. The readings today continue the theme of last Sunday focussing on the role of God's grace in our salvation. St Paul writes to the people of Philippi, "I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death." Isaiah speaks of God bringing new life to the desert and that there is no need to recall the past. In the Gospel Jesus tells the woman brought before him accused of adultery, "Go away, and don't sin any more." This is not to say that our sins don't matter. Rather Jesus has taken them upon himself, borne them on the altar of the cross and washed us free by his Precious Blood. The water and blood flowing from his side makes all things new and brings us life eternal. One of the ways in which we receive this precious gift is through the sacrament of penance or reconciliation. We whisper our sins to Christ in the person of the priest, and Jesus says to us through his lips, "*Go and sin no more.*"

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Clare Wilding Henry Jezierski, Francesca Ciarvella, Patricia Fredericks, Teresa Taylor, Larry Kelly & Martin Dann** 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.

MASS FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING: Today we welcome to our 11.00 a.m. Mass **Sister Margaret** and visitors who work with her to make the Mass more accessible particularly to those who rely on sign language. **Fr Frank Jackson** will be signing the Mass along with a 'choir' using sign language. Please sit or kneel when you would normally stand so as not to obstruct those who need to see the 'signing'. The texts used are simplified ones approved by the Bishops for this purpose because Sign language can cope much better with concrete expressions than abstract idea so it will probably be confusing if you try to follow them in the Mass books. Do join our guests for refreshments after Mass.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: This takes place at Kelvedon this **Wednesday** at **7.30 p.m.** Do take the opportunity of a visiting priest to prepare for Easter by confession.

COGGESHALL PRAYER BREAKFAST: Next Saturday at Christchurch 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. The usual list is on the clipboard in the porch.

POPE FRANCIS I: We rejoice in the election of Pope Francis and pray for him (in Europe it is customary for monarchs who are the first of that name to be styled e.g. Francis I whereas in England that only happens if there is a second of that name). Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936. He studied chemistry before becoming a Jesuit. He became a priest at the age of 33. He studied philosophy, literature, psychology, and theology in various universities in Argentina, Chile, Spain, and Germany. In 1973, he was made the provincial superior of the Society of Jesus in Argentina. But in 1980 he returned to his studies and disappeared from public view. In 1992 he was named auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. In 1998, he became the city's archbishop. Pope John Paul II made Bergoglio a cardinal in February of 2001. "On that occasion, Bergoglio distinguished himself by his reserve among his many more festive colleagues," Magister notes in an article from 2002. "Hundreds of Argentinians had begun fundraising efforts to fly to Rome to pay homage to the new man with the red hat. But Bergoglio stopped them. He ordered them to remain in Argentina and distribute the money they had raised to the poor. In Rome, he celebrated his new honour nearly alone -- and with Lenten austerity." In short, Bergoglio is a man whose words are matched by his actions. A man who does what he calls upon others to do. It is likely that his formal inauguration will take place on Tuesday 19th March, Feast of St Joseph – Patron of the Universal Church. These ceremonies usually start at 10.00 a.m. local time (9.00 a.m. GMT) and I expect it will be covered live on the BBC News Channel.

SEDER SUPPER: As usual we join with our friends from the other Churches in Coggeshall for a 'Seder Supper' this Thursday, 7.00 p.m. at St Peter's. We hear a simplified version of the narrative and questions that accompany the Passover meal in a Jewish family so as to help us celebrate our own Holy Thursday celebration of the Last Supper with greater understanding. It would be helpful if you could let me know if you will be attending for catering purposes.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS AT TIPTREE: This year, in place of a walk of witness there will be a static display at the Centre. Passers by will be given a daffodil in bud to place in a cross covered with wire and to say a prayer. The idea being that these will have opened out into a blaze of gold on Easter Sunday. This will take place between 9.45 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. A small number of people are needed to cover this period and hand out leaflets with service times as well as daffodils. Those helping are asked to bring with them a bunch of daffodils in bud to hand out. If anyone would like to represent the Catholic community during this time please let me know – we need to ensure that there is cover for the whole period.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The boxes of envelopes for the new tax year are ready for collection today at all Masses. Please take your own box. If you do not use envelopes, you are invited to do so. For more information please contact Tom McInally on 01376 570919.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 10th March - £695.18.**

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

SUNDAY 17th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>St Patrick</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short anniversary <i>Signed Mass for Deaf</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kelwell anniversary
MONDAY 18th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Richard Rann and deceased parishioners
TUESDAY 19th March <i>St Joseph</i>	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 March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Lenten Service of Reconciliation</i>
THURSDAY 21st March	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	Private Intention NO MASS <i>Ecumenical Seder</i> <i>Supper at St Peter's</i>
FRIDAY 22nd March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 23rd March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 3.20 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 24th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Deceased members Bradley, Moran & Kilbane Families <i>Stations of the Cross</i> 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 March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Pike		Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Derek Hand		Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann		Sue Petchey