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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR

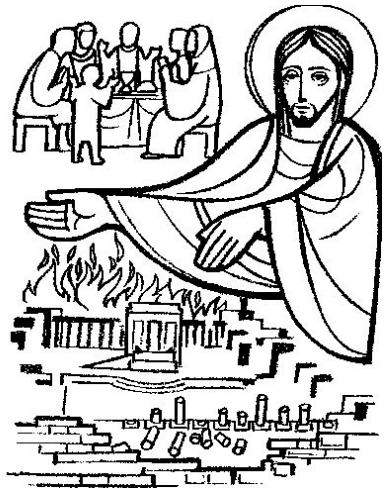
Your endurance will win you lives.

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9

Second Reading: 2 Th 3:7-12

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY: Until about thirty years ago when environmental concerns led to a change in farming practice each Autumn a familiar sight would have been a line of fire gradually crossing a field burning off the stubble prior to ploughing and planting the seed for the next crop. It was seen as a way of purifying the soil and allowing the nutrients in the form of ash to be reabsorbed more quickly – today the stubble is ploughed in and so releases its nutrients more slowly as it decays. Our first reading recalls this image and uses it to depict the Day of the Lord when the world will be cleansed and renewed. Fire is not easily controlled and we have seen recent pictures of bush fires out of control in Australia or America. It is not to be toyed with. Jesus foresees a similar fate awaiting Jerusalem. A generation after his Passion the Romans will besiege Jerusalem and raise it to the ground. All that will be left of Herod's great new Temple will be the retaining walls of the platform – the part that Jews revere today as the Western or 'Wailing Wall'. In St John's Gospel he tells us that the day will come when true worship will not be in Jerusalem or the Samaritan holy place of Mount Gerizim, but rather 'in spirit and truth'. The Old Covenant, with its ties to the Jerusalem Temple will have given place to the New Covenant. However, this does not mean that the final Day of Judgement is imminent – we cannot predict that. Rather we must always be at the ready for when it does come and the Kingship of Christ is finally revealed.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Evie Buckland, Philip McCallion, Catherine Hood, Tony Wilding, George Willett, Helena Dawson, John Dodd, Gerald Pinder, Canon Martin Hancock** and **Margaret Banyard** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

XAVERIAN MISSION APPEAL: Fr Eugenio Montesi left a note asking me to thank you for your warm welcome and support. He will be delighted to learn that your generosity amounted to **£602.97** in his retiring collection.

A 'BLAST FROM THE PAST': Two former parishioners, Mr & Mrs Philip Russell, were part of the Rome pilgrimage group and send their greetings to anyone who remembers them. They lived at 1 Knights templar Cottages until the mid 1970's. They moved to Italy for twelve years and now live in Cheshire.

MASS VARIATIONS THIS WEEK: I have a meeting in Leeds on Wednesday so Mass on **Wednesday morning** will be at **8.00 a.m.** and on **Thursday evening** in **Kelvedon** at **7.00 p.m.** immediately prior to the First Communion Parents' Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: As you may know we have a group for young people in the Parish where we meet to have fun, make friends and to share ideas about how we can help out in the community. It is aimed at children aged 8 upwards. The next meeting is **Friday 22nd November at 6.00 p.m.** in **St Dominic's Room** when we will be preparing for the **Christmas Bazaar**. Food will be available. Come along and see if you like it. Please email: agnessobrien@hotmail.com if you are intending to come so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

EASYFUNDRAISING: An easy way to raise funds this Christmas. Turn your online shopping this Christmas into donations for **St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church**. We now have **40 registered supporters** and over **£100** has been raised since **2nd September 2013**. easyfundraising.org.uk is the easiest way to raise money for St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) this Christmas. Buy your Christmas gifts from over 2,700 retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to St Mary Immaculate & Holy Archangels Church at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco and many more. Please register to support us today by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryimmaculatetheholyarchangels

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: **Saturday 30th November at St John Houghton Tiptree, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.** If you would like to help or contribute in any way please contact **Pat (01376 570806) Agness (01376 573694) Jadwiga (01376 570624) or Miriam (01376 570919)**. Please continue to send in **bottles, gifts, books and toys**. All items can be left at the back of the church. This year we would like to have a **Christmas Hamper** as part of the **Grand Draw** so any donations of **Fair Trade** food items would be appreciated. On **Friday 29th November** we will be sorting and setting up stalls from **10.00 a.m.** All are welcome to come and help.

FAMILY SYNOD 2014: The Synod of Bishops will meet next year to focus on the needs of the Family. In order to fully understand the views and opinions of Catholics on a range of issues, all are invited to complete a questionnaire either on line (via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014>) or on paper. This work is being coordinated by the Marriage and Family Life Office. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this survey, please contact Phil Butcher via familylife@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265252. **All responses must be in by the 1st December 2013.**

FOODBANKS: Since June 2013, Coggeshall Churches Together have been making collections for the Foodbanks in Braintree on the first Sunday in the month. The next collection will be on Sunday 1st December. As this is the last before Christmas, in addition to the list of essentials, there is one requesting small items of Christmas fayre (see notice board for list).

THE LIGHT OF FAITH: Tuesday 19th November at 7.30 p.m. in the **Cathedral Conference Centre** which will be given by **Fr James Hanvey, SJ**. Fr James will begin by giving an overview of *Lumen Fidei*, followed by focusing on Chapter 3, particularly ***The Sacraments and the Transmission of Faith***. This is offered as a follow-up to the sessions with Fr Michael Paul Gallagher, SJ and should be of particular interest to catechists. Cost: Suggested donation of £5 per person. Booking essential. Contact the Adult RE and Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

ESSEX SAVERS/CREDIT UNIONS: Is an ecumenical organisation designed to help those who are struggling with debt. Essex Savers provides a local ethical banking service enabling individuals to secure loans from £50 - £7,500 at affordable rates of interest and avoiding loan sharks and doorstep lenders. To hear more about Essex Savers/ Credit Unions, there will be an information session on **Tuesday 19th November, 9.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.** in the Board Room at the Diocesan Office, Chelmsford Cathedral, for clergy, ministers and church members and others inspired by Archbishop Justin Welby's denouncement of PayDay loans and support for credit unions.

ADVENT RETREAT MORNING FOR SCHOOLS: Saturday 30th November, 9.15 a.m. - 12 noon at **Brentwood Conference Centre**. You are invited to attend our Advent Retreat Morning for Schools which will be led by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. Contact: BRES TEL. 01277265285 or email: bres@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE BIG QUESTION: How do you feel about love, sex and marriage? Thursday 21st November, 7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m., Anglia Ruskin University. Please join us to explore: Does no sex before marriage still matter in 2013, Faith perspectives on online dating, New laws on same sex marriage and different faith perspectives, Is love important in marriage or is faith the foundation for a successful relationship? You'll have the chance to ask questions and explore different faith perspectives from our Inter Faith panel. Drinks reception and light buffet will be provided. For further information or to book a place contact : 0845 196 4723, e:rachel.moss@anglia.ac.uk, or visit our community engagement pages on the website (www.anglia.ac.uk/community). The website also includes information about our facilities that are open to the public.

FINAL TALK FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH: The final talk in the series on the Legacy of Vatican II will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, CM15 8AT, Thursday 21st November at 7.30 p.m. Sister Margaret Shepherd, a Sister of Sion with immense experience of fostering good relations with the Jewish people, and who is the secretary of the Bishops' Conference Committee for relations between Jews and Catholics, will speak on 'Vatican II and the Jews'. The teaching of the Declaration *Nostra Aetate* represents a profound change in the official attitude of Catholics to Jews and has borne much fruit. It is a powerful example of the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church. You are warmly invited to attend what promises to be an excellent final talk. There is no entrance fee and refreshments will be available.

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

SUNDAY 17th November 33rd Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Joanna Hayes RIP Pat Knight (anniversary)
MONDAY 18th November <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Fr Irenaeus Vincent
TUESDAY 19th November	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Fr Thomas Varley RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 20th November	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 21st November <i>Presentation of BVM</i>	Kelvedon	7.00 p.m.	1st Communion children for 2014
FRIDAY 22nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Laurence William Saunders RIP
SATURDAY 23rd November <i>St Clement</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
SUNDAY 24th November Christ the King	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Peter Hall Peter Doran RIP All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 24th November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Derek Hand	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Helena McInally Steve Smith	Vivien Talbot	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody