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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

First Reading:	Ac 6:1-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 32:1-2.4-5.18-19
Second Reading:	1 Pt 2:4-9
Gospel:	Jn 14:1-12



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how they chose seven men to serve in the order of deacon. There is one sacrament of Holy Order – the power given directly by Christ to continue his work in the Church for all time and to pass this on to others by the laying on of hands and invocation of the Holy Spirit. As the Church expanded this sacramental power was shared in different ways, giving us the threefold order of Bishop, Priest and Deacon that had become firmly established by the beginning of the second century. Those entrusted with 'oversight' (the literal meaning of 'episcopus' in Greek) received the fullness of this sacred power and are today's Bishops. Other members of the community who were regarded as 'elders' (the meaning of 'presbyteros' – origin of our word priest) – in spiritual terms if not necessarily in years – were granted those powers needed to share the burdens and ministry of the Bishop but without the power to pass these on through ordination. Others, like the seven deacons ('diakonos' means 'servant'), had primarily a pastoral role, meeting the needs of the poor, administering the temporal goods of the Church, etc., but in a liturgical context assist the priest or Bishop at the altar by distributing Holy Communion, proclaiming the Gospel or preaching. They can also baptise, conduct weddings and funerals, but not hear confessions or anoint the sick. In later centuries there was still greater diversification with 'minor orders' or ministries, roles that participated in some way in the ministry of the Church but without participating in the Sacrament of Holy Order. Today let us pray for those ordained to the diaconate in our diocese, and in particular Rev. Roger Crow of Brightlingsea parish in our deanery.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *James Bond, Janina Tempalski, Patrick Duffy, Violet Waters, Edith Lovejoy, John Dunion, Joseph Done and Jim Samuel* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Bruce Radcliff, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, 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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Today we welcome **Mr David Black** who will speak at all Masses on behalf of the International Charity 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

MASS VARIATION: Mass this Friday will be at 8.00 a.m.

CHILL & BE FILLED WITH THE LORD: You are welcome to join us for a day of discovery in prayer on 7th June from 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. This guided retreat led by **Sr Ann O'Sullivan** (Sisters of St Gilda's), will focus on the essential and walking with the Lord. A suggested donation £18 per person includes a light lunch and all refreshments. Please call Abbotswick on 01277 373959 or Sr Ann on 07752563520 for further information. Booking is essential and all are welcome!

PRAYER VISITING - TIPTREE

This is a new venture planned by the four Churches in Tiptree. Prayer visiting is an extension of prayer boards or boxes in church. Instead of people writing a prayer request when on our church premises, we go out to them seeking prayer requests. It is also a means of raising the church profile in the local community and showing people that both we and God are concerned for them. Prayer visiting can be done at any time but experience has shown that Saturday mornings in the spring and autumn are most productive. If visiting is to take place on a Saturday, then at the beginning of that week the street(s) to be visited are prayer walked. This can be done by the visitors but can involve others also. Between Tuesday and Thursday each house gets a note delivered advising them of what we are doing and that they can expect a visit in the next few days. These notes can be delivered by anybody as it does not involve knocking on doors. Visitors go out in pairs so the number of houses visited is determined by the number of teams on any given day. As a general rule, each pair would visit between 20 and 30 houses. On the visiting day, the teams meet together for prayer. They must wear badges clearly showing who they are and that they are representing the churches in Tiptree. A sheet is carried listing all the houses to be visited. Prayer visiting starts with us praying! We need to pray about every aspect of what we plan to do. We need to recruit volunteers. Not everyone is willing to knock on doors but we can still use them in other ways. A training session would be required before we start going out. We will follow this up after the Summer holidays – details below.

On the doorstep one person speaks. Some people will hand over a prayer request they have written out while others will give their response verbally and it is the task of the person not speaking to record that request or concern. Those who make a request are given a card thanking them and confirming how their request will be actioned. Prayer visitors will also carry a churches' information/welcome leaflet to be given out where appropriate (remembering that the objective is not to invite people to anything unless they ask). A booklet about prayer can also be made available. A list of prayers should be circulated to churches and house groups and the prayer requests included in the following Sunday's worship. Some prayer requests will be very general (local, national or world issues) while others will be much more personal. No details of house numbers should be circulated but Christian names can be mentioned.

TIMETABLE

Training and information sessions for visitors and other volunteers. Thursday 11th September 8pm St John Houghton RC Church or Tuesday 16th September 11am Tiptree United Reformed Church. (Both sessions will be the same). Proposed Saturday visiting dates (with follow up visits the following Sunday afternoon). September 25; October 4, 11, 18; November 15 Saturday visiting would commence at 10am with everyone gathering for prayer. Visits would commence by 10.30am and be completed by 12 noon. Sunday visiting would commence at 3pm and be completed by 4.30pm.

YOUTH CLUB

For 12-16 years old



Following the success of our present Youth Group, we are proposing the creation of a new and exciting **YOUTH CLUB** for older teenagers who would like to discover more about life and their faith.

If you would like to be part of this exciting project, please come to our meeting on **FRIDAY 6th June** in St Dominic's Room to help us set it up just as you would like it!

To book your place, please contact Angie Hart on mahart66@outlook.com or text her on 07719 577923

Come along, have fun and give us your opinion!

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: A Music Day has been arranged again this year to follow on from last year's very successful one at St Monica's. Andrew Wright has again secured the services of Frances Novillo to lead us all. This year the day is being hosted by **St Teresa's Parish in Lexden on Saturday 28th June**. Time to be confirmed but likely to be 10.30 a.m. Thanks to Michael Vernon and Cathy Scott for booking this and to Father Tom for offering to host. The deanery clergy have again agreed to pay the costs from parish funds so it will be a free event for those who attend; tea and coffee will be provided but participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. The Music Office will issue publicity materials shortly. Hopefully we can match or even exceed last year's turnout. Please spread the word especially to people in the parish who are not directly involved in providing music at services at the moment and children learning instruments. If you have any questions at this stage please contact Sean Hayes [<mailto:seanlizhayes@hotmail.com>] If you would like to attend the Music Day then please give your name to **Fr. Gordon** or **Gosia**.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 11th May - £640.39**.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: The next Praise & Worship Evening at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place on **Sunday 25th May, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** Everyone welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 24th May. 12.00 noon Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. 1.15 p.m. Lunch in the grounds of the Chapel. 2.15 p.m. Gathering for the Procession to Elmham House Gardens. 3.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction at the Church of the Annunciation (adjacent to Elmham House Gardens).

FIFTH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Saturday 7th June, from 10:30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Celebrating Divine Mercy In The Life Of St John Paul II. Day includes Holy Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Holy Mile and Prayers to Divine Mercy. Information for coaches and cars contact 02089980925 or see website www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP: Offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of the camp: For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August. For girls: 9th to 16th August. For more details and application forms see www.svpboscocamp.org.uk

SCIENCE & ETHICS AT THE START AND END OF LIFE: An Ecumenical Study Day organised by the Commission for Evangelisation & Formation on Saturday 7th June at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, 10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 18th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners J.. Mullen & family deceased Sidney Doyle (anniversary)
MONDAY 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</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 21st May <i>St Christopher Magallanes & Comps</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 22nd May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Steven Bradley RIP & Family Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 23rd May	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24th May	Kelvedon	10 .00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 25th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Evelyn Barraud RIP All Parishioners Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 25th May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Benedict Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Helena McInally	Valerie Bartlett	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody