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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

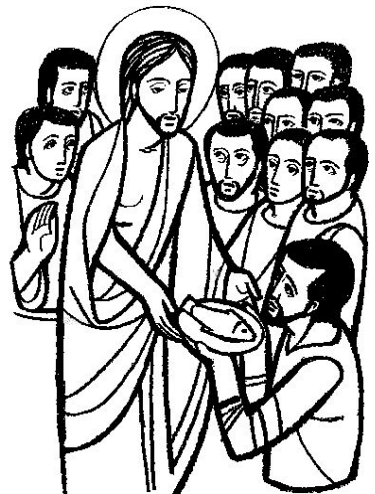
So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: This year we have just a reference to the encounter between the two disciples and the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus – the account is read in year 'A'. Afterwards the disciples race back to Jerusalem and join the others in the upper room. St John tells us of how Jesus allowed the disciples to touch his wounds to reassure themselves that it was truly he. St Luke provides an additional reassurance – Jesus eats a piece of grilled fish. He is no apparition! St John tells a similar story when Jesus appears to them at the waterside and shares breakfast with them. The concreteness of the Resurrection is central to the witness of the apostles. Touch can be deceived, but not as easily as sight. This was the element of their preaching that the pagan Greeks found hardest to accept. For them if eternal life existed then it meant abandoning the body, yet in what sense are we human without a body? For continuity both body and soul are needed. Only the soul can survive the death of the body yet without a bodily form it is no longer fully human. For those on earth living in a world of space and time this is a challenge to belief and understanding, but outside the world of change time has no meaning. The gap between death and the second coming of Christ is one that we perceive. How this transformation is experienced as we enter the eternal present of God remains a mystery to us.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Mary Cody, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Seamus Brady, Denis Preston, Thomas McCann, Esther Evans, Elizabeth Hatchman and Taffy Rees* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Edna Emeney** of Sherwood Way. Funeral arrangements will not be available until the Coroner makes the necessary arrangements.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the following children baptised at Kelvedon last Saturday: **Ruby Jane, Eden Jude and Ewan Albert Gillies.**

PRAYER VISITING – TIPTREE: The ecumenical programme of visiting homes in Tiptree to offer the support of prayer from our communities resumes this week. The teams are hoping to visit Heycroft Way, Talisman Close and Globe Walk. Please remember them in your prayers. Any requests will be shared with the Rosary Group as last Autumn and mentioned in the Bidding Prayers the following Sunday.

COME & CELEBRATE: The Tiptree Choral Society invite you to join them for a musical evening at St Luke's on Saturday 25th April at 7.30 p.m. The programme is a mix of popular religious items such as Handel's Hallelujah chorus and other favourites such as the duet from the Pearl Fishers. Proceeds will go to the Bible Society to assist in their work of making the Scriptures available all over the world. Tickets cost £5 and can be obtained from Celia Butt or at the door.

MASS VARIATION: Due to the installation of a new photocopier and to school governors' meetings at St Benedict's College Mass on Wednesday will be at 8.00 a.m.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 12th April - £651.25.**

GIFT AID FOR EASYFUNDRAISING: If you are currently supporting our parish through Easyfundraising, please note that we can now claim Gift Aid **on donations raised. Kindly update your Account Setting to activate Gift Aid and enable claims moving forward.** Gift Aid is operated by the Government and allows charities to claim the basic rate of tax on every pound donated. This means that if you're a UK tax payer, every £1 you raise with easyfundraising is actually worth £1.25 for your cause. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can help St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) claim 25% extra on each donation via Gift Aid - at no extra cost. If you are a Higher rate taxpayer, you can reclaim relieve for Higher rate tax for your tax return.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS: PARISH QUIZ NIGHT (FRIDAY 24th APRIL, 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. in TIPTREE). Final call to register for this popular annual parish event to raise funds for **BESTERS.** Registration forms available at the back of all 3 churches. **Participants are reminded to bring own drinks.** If needed, limited supply of soft drinks available on the night. **Ticket price** : £7:00 for Adults (£3.50 non-refundable deposit) & £3.50 for Children (£1.50 non-refundable deposit).

PARISH GAMES EVENING: SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 2015 IN KELVEDON. Please note the change of venue for this event due the recent seeding of the lawn in Tiptree. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to this fun packed **PARISH FUNDED** event where parishioners of all ages can enjoy Old Family Favourites (Indoor & Outdoor games) such as Scrabble, Snakes & Ladders, Jenga, Noughts & Crosses, BINGO, Penalty shoot-outs and many more will be played. **Registration is essential for catering purposes** so please sign up on forms now available at the back of all 3 churches.

SACK CLOTH & ASHES: "On Monday 27th April, the 47th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force in England and Wales, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. **Pray especially that 'bubble zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'.** With over 190,000 abortions each year, your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. www.goodcounselnetwork.com" Come and join us in prayer outside an abortion centre, in London see; <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Abortion--Clinic--Vigils.html> or for outside London see; <http://www.hgpi.co.uk/>

PARISH SECRETARY: Required at St Margaret's, Canning Town Parish, 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday starting late May. Closing Date: Monday, 4th May. Full details at www.stmargaretsct.com or email the Parish Office on stmargaretsct@gmail.com

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 19th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Teresa Hall Violet Gillen (anniversary) All Parishioners
MONDAY 20th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 21st April <i>St Anselm</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 22nd April	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 23rd April <i>St George</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 24th April <i>St Mellitus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Baptism: Aurora Wardle</i>
SUNDAY 26th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Denis Barrett J.J. Mullen & Family deceased All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 26th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Tom McNally	Jadwiga Smith	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Tracey O'Donnell	Jude Cody