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PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th July 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

They were like sheep without a shepherd

First Reading: Jr 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

Second Reading: Eph 2:13-18

Gospel: Mk 6:30-34



16TH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Jeremiah is often seen as the archetypal prophet of doom. He lived in troubled times and could see that the desperate efforts made by the last Kings of Judah to break free from foreign control by means of political alliances were doomed to failure, not least because it involved them side-lining God. His warnings were not heeded and the political and social elite were carried off into exile. Now he brings the people a message of reassurance. God has not abandoned his people. In the fullness of time there will come a king of the line of David who will rule with integrity – a prophecy to be fulfilled in Jesus. He will bring back the exiles and break down the barrier between Jews and gentiles so as to rule over every human being. Christ's Kingship is not of this world. He is not concerned to use the levers of power in society. Instead he guides us as a shepherd – his voice calling us from within. Still, if we ignore that voice things can go wrong for us as they did for the people of Jeremiah's day. God cannot be kept in a cupboard labelled 'private' and away from the 'public square'.

HOLIDAYS: Most schools break up this week. Even the disciples needed a break, as we hear in today's Gospel. The needs of others can and should intrude. When people chase after him, Jesus responds to their needs. But this does not alter the need for rest and recreation. There is a danger that mobile phones and other devices can keep us in touch so that we get no rest. Perhaps we need a remote place where there is no signal or wi-fi! Perhaps we need self-discipline to restrict our availability. The Lord certainly thought so! Have a good and restful holiday!

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' LUNCH: Many thanks to our social committee and all who prepared the meal and entertained our senior parishioners last Saturday. Over thirty attended.

PRAYER BREAKFAST COGGESHALL: This Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. Christchurch. All welcome but please sign list for catering purposes.

TUESDAY EVENING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be a break until beginning of September. Exposition on Saturday morning will continue until 1st August.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Archie David Jeffreys** and **Thomas Patrick Moyles**, baptised at Kelvedon last Saturday and Sunday respectively.

UGANDA LOTTERY: Congratulations to the winners for the past Quarter: 1st Prize Molly Blackwell (£45); 2nd Prize Diana Batten (£25).

FOUND: Small silver charm from bracelet – possible a child's. This was on the ground in the area in front of the church at Kelvedon and may have been there some time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Alphonso Ciaravella, 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, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *George Opper, Angela Mather, Patrick Stynes, Anne Phillips and Margaret O'Leary* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Friday 24th July, the Vigil of St James please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed so that the women helped, by The Good Counsel Network, will receive the Grace from God to continue their pregnancies. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or see www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 12th July - £944.30**.

DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS OF GOD WITHIN US: This very successful course, which has been running here for the past eleven years, offers experiences of different ways of praying, reflecting and listening, so as to foster the connection between life and prayer. It is an opportunity to discover and develop our understanding of the spirituality taught by St Ignatius of Loyola, that of 'Finding God in all Things' and it is experiential – you can only experience Ignatian Spirituality, you cannot be taught it. The 2015-16 course runs **Wednesday daytime, 23rd September 2015 - 6th July 2016, 11 am – 1 pm** or **Thursday evening, 24th September 2015 - 7th July 2016, 6:30-8:30 pm. Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH** You can download an application form from <http://www.msjc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ApplicationForm2015-16v4.doc> or telephone **020-7495-1673** and we shall post you one.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 26th July 2015, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.

PRAYER REQUEST: message from Rev Andrew White the Vicar of Baghdad: The Islamist group (ISIS) just took over Quaragosh, the biggest Christian city in Iraq. There are hundreds of men, women and children that are being beheaded. The people are asking for prayers to be made on their behalf concerning the ongoing atrocity in their country. Please take one minute to pray for them. They asked for this special prayer. Please, ensure you pass across the prayer request to the body of Christ for fervent prayers offered on behalf of the brothers, sisters and children in Iraq. This is an urgent SOS. May God bless you. From Andrew White the Vicar of Baghdad.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4

SUNDAY 19th July <i>16th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP All Parishioners Lloyd & Irene Gilbert (ann.)
MONDAY 20th July <i>St Apollinaris</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr. Gerry Hughes RIP
TUESDAY 21st July <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Int.
WEDNESDAY 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Int.
THURSDAY 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving (Angie Hart)
FRIDAY 24th July <i>St Sharbel Makhluף</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Int. Clark Family
SATURDAY 25th July <i>St James</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Int. Deasy Family
SUNDAY 26th July <i>17th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners J.J. Mullen & family dec'd Heloise Flynn RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 26th July	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Tom McInally	Jadwiga Smith	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Celia Butt