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PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th October 2014

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.*

First Reading:	Is 45:1.4-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10
Second Reading:	1 Th 1:1-5
Gospel:	Mt 22:15-21



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY: What is the relationship between Church and State – or more precisely between the individual Christian and the state? The Old Testament has an ambivalent view. David is the Lord's anointed king despite his human failings. Respect is shown for the King even when the Bible categorises him as evil and unfaithful to his calling especially in the area of faith but that does not such failings are ignored or blind obedience owed. In our first reading Isaiah recognises that even the pagan King of Persia can be God's instrument. Cyrus promises to restore Jerusalem and Isaiah goes so far as to declare him the Lord's anointed. In the Gospel Jesus tells the Pharisees, indirectly, that they should pay the tribute demanded by Caesar. Civil society has legitimate claims on us but must not overstep the mark into territory that belongs to God.



PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Sidney Bamford, Basil Kentish, Anthony Conerney, Esther Dunion, Mary Birch, Emma Allen, Tony McGoldrick, and Adele Strong* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION: Gift Aid parishioners should use the special envelopes in their packs. Others are available at the back of the Church.

FR GERALD: Fr Gerald leaves at 6.00 a.m. on Tuesday to return to Uganda and we wish him a safe journey home and thank him for his time with us. This means that there will be no Mass Tuesday to Friday.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: The usual Prayer Breakfast will take place at Christchurch this Saturday. If you plan to attend please sign the list for catering purposes.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2016: Parents with children due to transfer to secondary school next year are reminded that we fall within the catchment area for St Benedict's College, Colchester, although you may also qualify for a place in a lower category at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Parents need to obtain a priest's reference form from the Presbytery or directly from the College in addition to that submitted to the local authority. The College will need to receive these before the end of November.

CURRY NIGHT: Will take place in **Kelvedon** on **Friday 7th November**. Arrive 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. Please register early to avoid disappointment for this popular event. Tickets cost £9 pp.

MICHAEL BRADLEY RIP: We heard this week that Michael, our former MC and for many years our Chairman of the Parish Council, had sadly died at home on Tuesday. We offer our condolences, love and prayers to his wife Carol and will advise details of the funeral when it is arranged at their home in Lancashire. For many years Michael trained our altar servers, both boys and girls, including Gareth Talbot our current MC to a high standard.

FR GERALD'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014: Copies of Fr Gerald's report are available at the back of each of the churches this Sunday. **Please do take a copy.** It shows the extraordinary progress that has been made with our help and the help of the other parishes Fr Gerald visits in the construction of new schools and educational facilities, supporting children that would not otherwise have had access to education, and the results of those who have come through the system. Also look out for a display board at the back of the churches with more photos and details.

FIRST COMMUNION 2015: If you would like your child to make his or her First Communion next year, please take a form from the back of the Church and return it by half-term. A preliminary meeting for parents will be held after half-term and sessions start in the New Year.

CONFIRMATION: In the past few days I have had several enquiries about Confirmation. That scheduled for 2nd July was postponed as it was the day after Bishop Alan's ordination. I have not yet been given a new date, but if the Bishop's visit is not scheduled for 2015 then there will be Confirmation on Whit Sunday. Timing of preparation will depend a bit on the date and recruiting catechists but it would seem a good idea to schedule a preliminary meeting for after Half Term. I will make available application forms at the back of the Church. Candidates should be 14 by the time of the Confirmation. Some young people may be uncertain about whether they want to be confirmed. I would encourage them to complete a form and take part in the process even if at the end they do not feel ready to make such a commitment.

FINANCE: Offertory Collection for **Sunday 12th October - £653.32.**

WAR DIARY 1914-1918

War Casualties: "Our sailors lost in the Hawke"

On 15th October 1914 Hawke was torpedoed by German submarine U-9. The submarine's first torpedo missed Theseus but hit Hawke, igniting a magazine and causing a tremendous explosion which ripped much of the ship apart. Hawke sank in a few minutes with the loss of her commander Captain Hugh R.E.T. Williams, 26 officers and 497 men; only four officers and 70 of her 594 crew were saved.

Notices 18th October 1914

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: At St John Houghton Church, Tiptree, Saturday 29th November from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. **Raffle Tickets** are available at the back of the church, please take some to sell to your friends and family.. There is also a **Stall Holders list** at the back of the church so if you would like to help in any way then we would invite you to fill in your details accordingly.

PARISH WASSAIL EVENING: At St Bernard's Church, Coggeshall on Sunday, 14th December from 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Offers of help with transport will be gratefully received. **If you would like to help with organising any of the above, kindly contact Aggie O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Pat Richardson at 01376 570806.**

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MALDON: We are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, start date negotiable, but not later than September 2015. Visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please telephone the school office on 01621 856698 to arrange a suitable time. Application form available online at: www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk **Closing date 24th October 2014 - midday.**

STUDY DAY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN CATHOLICS AND JEWS: The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation invites you to an Ecumenical Study Day on the subject of 'Milestones in Modern Jewish Catholic Relations' on **Saturday 25th October** from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. The day will be led by **Sr Margaret Shepherd** of the Sisters of our Lady of Sion, who is an expert in the field. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265 289. There is no charge and a light buffet lunch is provided.

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting Harvest Fast Day, for your compassion and solidarity. The amount you gave will help to ensure countless more people are able to eat healthy, nutritious food today and can grow their own food to support themselves tomorrow. For more information about our work go to www.cafod.org.uk

VOCATIONS EVENING: Friday 7th November. The Vocations Evenings are for you if you are aged 17-35, and considering where and how God is calling you. There is a particular focus on vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life and the group is open to all, women and men. The format of our November evening will focus around a new DVD about Holy Orders with some insights from Fr Stephen Wang, Chaplain to London University. We'll watch that together and chat about it afterwards, then have a fish and chip supper and a time of prayer. The evening takes place in Brentwood and runs from about 7.30pm – 9.15pm and you can get more details from the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic, on 01268 281732 or frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

ABBOTSWICK QUIZ NIGHT: Please join us on Saturday 25th October at 7.30 p.m. for our Quiz Night. Tickets cost £10pp with a light supper and refreshments provided. Advanced booking is essential and all are welcome! For more details, please contact Abbotswick on 01277 373959.

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

SUNDAY 19th October <i>29th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Mary McIntock RIP Gladys Campling RIP
MONDAY 20th October	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 21st October	NO MASS Tiptree Kelvedon	11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 22nd October	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 23rd October <i>St John Capistrano</i>	Coggeshall	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
FRIDAY 24th October <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 25th October	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 26th October <i>30th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP All Parishioners <i>Baptism: Louis James Wheeler</i> Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 26th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Derek Hand	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Tracey O'Donnell	Jude Cody