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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

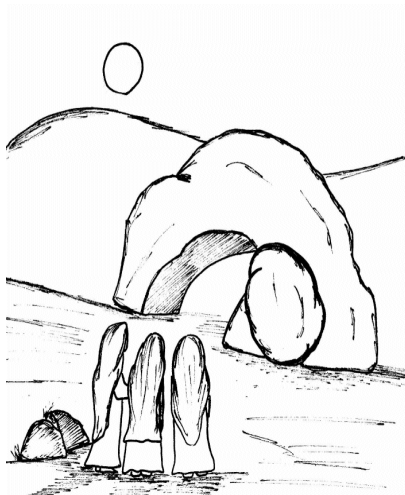
**20th April 2014**

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### ***EASTER SUNDAY***

*He must rise from the dead.*

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Ac 10:34.37-43</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Col 3:1-4</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Jn 20:1-9</b>



**EASTER SUNDAY:** “Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won’t be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up: there are no situations which God cannot change, there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him. But let us return to the Gospel, to the women, and take one step further. They find the tomb empty, the body of Jesus is not there, something new has happened, but all this still doesn’t tell them anything certain: it raises questions; it leaves them confused, without offering an answer. And suddenly there are two men in dazzling clothes who say: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; but has risen” (Lk 24:5-6). What was a simple act, done surely out of love – going to the tomb – has now turned into an event, a truly life-changing event. Nothing remains as it was before, not only in the lives of those women, but also in our own lives and in the history of mankind. Jesus is not dead, he has risen, he is *alive*! He does not simply return to life; rather, he is life itself, because he is the Son of God, the living God (cf. *Num* 14:21-28; *Deut* 5:26; *Josh* 3:10). Jesus no longer belongs to the past, but lives in the present and is projected towards the future; Jesus is the everlasting “today” of God. This is how the newness of God appears to the women, the disciples and all of us: as victory over sin, evil and death, over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. And this is a message meant for me and for you dear sister, for you dear brother. How often does Love have to tell us: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Our daily problems and worries can wrap us up in ourselves, in sadness and bitterness... and that is where death is. That is not the place to look for the One who is alive! Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won’t be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don’t be afraid, trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.” *Pope Francis’ Easter Homily for last year.*

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

**A NEW BISHOP AT LONG LAST!** Pope Francis has appointed **Father Alan Williams SM**, currently the Director of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, as the seventh Bishop of Brentwood. His episcopal ordination will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on 1st July 2014 at 12 noon. Please pray for him and for our outgoing Bishop Thomas McMahon who will serve as Apostolic Administrator until the new Bishop is consecrated.



**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** Our monthly Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast takes place this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome but please put your name on the list at the back of the Church for catering purposes.

**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.

**PARISH SOCIAL GROUP:** There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 23rd April** at **10.00 a.m.** in **St Dominic's room** to plan the **Quiz Night, Senior Parishioners' lunch** and the **Summer Fete**. If you would like to be involved in any of these events then please come and offer your support and share ideas. Further details from **Agness O'Brien 01376 573694**.

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** Will take place on **Friday 9th May**, 7.30 p.m. at St John Houghton Tiptree. Tickets: **£7 pp** or a family ticket **£20** (2 adults + 2 children) are now available and include a ploughman's supper. Please sign the list at the back of the church.

**SCIENCE AND ETHICS AT THE START AND END OF LIFE:** An Ecumenical Study Day organised by the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation will take as its topic 'Science and Ethics at the Start and End of Life'. The day, which will take place on Saturday 7th June at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, beginning at 10.30 a.m. and ending at 3.00 p.m., will be given by **Dr Gavin Jarvis**, lecturer in Pharmacology and Veterinary Anatomy at Cambridge University. There is no admission fee and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please book your place by contacting [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by phone to 01277 265289.

**JOIN OUR NEW BISHOP ON HIS FIRST DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** As Director of a Marian Shrine, we could ask for no better spiritual guide than Bishop-elect Alan Williams in this 25th Anniversary Year of the Brentwood Diocesan Pilgrimage. We leave on Saturday 26th July, returning Thursday 31st. The programme includes a wide range of spiritual and social opportunities, plus a trip out into the Pyrenees for the afternoon. The pilgrimage is well supported by an excellent medical team, and many young helpers who can assist those who are in wheelchairs. Our hotels are very central, and a high standard, and the price includes all meals. From £618 by air (from Stansted), and £418 by coach. See [www.brentwoodlourdes.org](http://www.brentwoodlourdes.org) or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

**NEW BISHOP:** There is a chance to hear an interview with your new Bishop, Fr Alan Williams. It will be broadcast on BBC Essex Sunday Breakfast at 0710 and 0850 (103.5 and 95.3 FM), together with an interview with Bishop Thomas McMahon. They will also be available subsequently on the Brentwood Diocesan website ([www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)) with the news story entitled '**A listening Bishop**'.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 13th April - £839.49**.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING:** At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 27th April - 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** Everyone welcome.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 20th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Howell Jones RIP <i>Baptism: Ryan James Whittick</i> Private Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 21st April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular New Common Fund
<b>TUESDAY</b> 22nd April	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 23rd April	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 24th April	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Alan De La Salle RIP Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 25th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 26th April	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 27th April <i>Low Sunday - Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kitty O'Connor RIP Patrick & Mary Collins RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 27th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Clare Gallant Derek Hand	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Patricia Short Jadwiga Smith	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	June Cody