

**WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th August 2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Woman, you have great faith.

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| First Reading | Is 56:1-7 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 66:2-3.5-6.8 |
| Second Reading | Rm 11:13-15.29-32 |
| Gospel | Mt 15:21-28 |

Oh Woman
Great is your faith

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR: In the Old Testament one can find two strains of thought about the relationship between God and the Chosen People on the one hand, and the rest of humanity (Gentiles) on the other. Some passages take an exclusivist view. The nations are the enemies of God and his people. The one true God is concerned primarily with his Chosen People. Equally the Chosen People are not concerned about making converts from the nations, although they do not refuse them. A second strain, given voice by Isaiah in our first reading is 'inclusive' or 'universalist'. Since there is only one God he is concerned with every human being and every creature. All are called to worship him. The Judaism of the First Century sought out converts – proselytes. Even the disciples felt in a dilemma – were they to reach out their fellow Jews only or also the pagans? Did pagans have to become Jews before they could receive the Good News? If not, did this mean that the Jews had lost their status? These tensions run through history and have led both to anti-Semitism and to a pro-Israeli position on the part of some Evangelical Christians. We can be side-tracked by misleading questions. God sees us as individuals and wants us to turn to him. For those before the time of Christ this implied becoming a member of his Chosen People. For those born under the new Covenant coming into a relationship with Christ makes us a member of his family the Church – whatever our background.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Rosemary Tuite, Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Edith Hutley, Manuel Issa, Tony Hinds, Hilda Evans, Sally Heath, Helmut Hoeft, Ellen Barron, Agnes Hinchliffe, Nellie McMahon* and *Dan Hare* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULT WEEKEND: At Douai Abbey, 20th - 22nd October 2017. Are you 18 - 40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? Young Catholic Adults are organizing a weekend at Douai Abbey in Berkshire) with Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. You'll be able to hear catechetical talks, learn how to sing Gregorian Chant, say the Rosary, socialize and have fun. Book soon as places are limited! To book see v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017 Prices start from £18.50. For more details www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm.

PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE: Saturday 23rd September, at St. John Houghton, Tiptree from 10.00 a.m.. - 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help then please see Gloria Streat, Viv Talbot or any member of the Social Group.

‘WORKING TOGETHER TO EVANGELISE OUR DIOCESE’: One of the challenges facing Bishop Alan is to prepare a long term strategic plan for the diocese, bearing in mind many changes that may occur over the years. This document on the Diocesan website is a first draft on which the comments of parishioners are sought. It starts by reflecting on the threefold purpose of the Church – to proclaim the Gospel, to minister to the pastoral and sacramental needs of the faithful and to bear witness to the love of God by works of charity. These are the drivers for whatever plans may be put in place. The document sets out twelve strands of renewal (formation, vocations promotion, use of material and human resources etc.) and also proposes criteria for priorities in restructuring pastoral provision. Currently there are 88 parishes served by 66 diocesan or Ordinariate priests and 33 members of religious communities. In addition there are 18 priests from other dioceses or religious orders here on an individual and often temporary basis. The projections suggest that by 2035 – just 18 years from now – there will be 52 priests altogether spread across 33 locations (not parishes – a priest might have responsibility for several). Please look at the document to study the proposals and their rationale in greater detail. Broadly the document gives priority to those areas/locations where there are Catholic secondary schools and large hospitals – which would also be the places with the biggest populations. It suggests that these 14 places should be ring-fenced. As most of these are in the South West of the Diocese a second proposal looks to the North and East and identifies four areas to be served by 8 priests (2025) reducing to 6 (2035). The remaining priests would be allocated to those locations with the highest Mass attendance, again reducing over time. No schedule is proposed but rather that when vacancies occur these priorities will shape future appointments. You will have an opportunity to ask questions or raise points at an open meeting for Kelvedon, Maldon and Witham parishes at Witham on 19th September 7.30 p.m. You can read or download the document on the diocesan website (see front cover) and some printed copies are available at the back of each church. You will also see a sketch map of the diocese with the ring-fenced locations marked in green and the second tier in blue.

STAFF VACANCY: New Hall Senior School require a Teacher of English (1 year, fixed term maternity cover). **Closing Date: Midday, Tuesday 29th August 2017. Interview Date: Monday 11th September 2017.** For further details and an application form contact the HR Department on 01245 467588 or visit: www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

We thank you Lord for all you give us in our daily lives.
For our family, friends, colleagues,
those we love and those we find it difficult to love.
Show us your light, grace, love and compassion.
Open our eyes and enable us to see what is happening in our
community and to the opportunities given to us.
Help us recognise the work of your Spirit in each other
here today and in other people, as we discuss and determine how
our skills can best be used.

Amen.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

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| SUNDAY 20th August <i>20th Sunday</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. | Tony Hinds (anniversary) All Parishioners Canon Peter Gilbert RIP |
| MONDAY 21st August <i>St Pius X</i> | Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| TUESDAY 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i> | NO MASS Tiptree | 11.00 a.m. | <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| WEDNESDAY 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima</i> | NO MASS | | |
| THURSDAY 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i> | NO MASS | | |
| FRIDAY 25th August <i>St Louis</i> | Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| SATURDAY 26th August <i>Bl. Dominic Barberi</i> | Kelvedon Kelvedon | 10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. | Private Intention <i>Baptism: Alesha-Imani Obebe Badiali Jonathan</i> |
| SUNDAY 27th August <i>21st Sunday</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. | All Parishioners Intention Trasha Bradley-Jones Private Intention |

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction will resume 2nd September*

| Liturgical Rotas 27th August | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ministers of Welcome |
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| COGGESHALL | Pat Ezra Neville Bridgman | Jill Hinds | Clare Gallant |
| KELVEDON | Tom McInally Jadwiga Smith | Vivienne Talbot | Elizabeth Maxted |
| TIPTREE | Isobel Kersey | Eileen Roberts | Celia Butt |