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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Love your enemies.

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2.17-18

Responsorial Psalm PS 102:1-4.8.10.12-13

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect”. These words conclude the Sermon on the Mount but how can we fulfil them? The word ‘perfect’ (‘teleios’ in Greek) means made in such a way as to fulfil its purpose (‘telos’). A chisel and screwdriver look alike in some ways but have different purposes. One is strong and designed to cut away material with heavy blows. The other is designed with a finer blade and to withstand being twisted. They are not interchangeable. Each of us has a unique part to play in God’s plan with our own gifts and talents. Being perfect does not mean being like someone else although we can draw inspiration from others. It requires us to discover God’s purpose for us – he has already given us the natural potential and supernatural graces we need to fulfil that purpose. If we are not perfect it is because we are applying our energies in the wrong direction. Holiness for us comes from the harmony with God that seeking his will brings and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 27th February, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**. All welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Isabel Chittock, Anrzej Matrejek, Kathleen Boyton, David Fox, Doris Samuels, Frances Taylor, Martha Fairweather, Jean O’Neill, Olive Rivers** and **Maureen O’Keefe** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JOINT SERVICE OF PRAYER & PRAISE Kelvedon & Feering: This month’s service takes place this afternoon (20th February) at 4.00 p.m. we join our friends at the URC around tea and cakes to hear Andy Paine of ‘Damascus Trust’ – a local charity – to speak about some of the projects at home and abroad.

EVANGELIUM – FAITH EXPLORATION: This course will now start on **Friday 4th March** and run weekly (with breaks) through until Autumn and will take us through the Catechism of the Catholic Church with a DVD presentation. The sessions will start at **8.00 p.m.** and finish by **9.30 p.m.** These will take place in **St Dominic’s** room, Kelvedon. While the primary aim is to help those who have enquired about becoming Catholics the sessions are open to anyone who would like to explore their Faith and would be particularly helpful for parents who want to be able to answer their children’s questions. They will cover the Creed, Sacraments, moral teaching and prayer. You are welcome even if you cannot commit to the whole programme and I intend to publish the topics week by week in the Newsletter.

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday **4th March**. This year there will be a service in **St Bernard’s, Coggeshall** at **10.45 a.m.** and the speaker will be Sean O’Leary. There will also be a service at **St Mary Immaculate, Kelvedon** at **2.00 p.m.** and the speaker will be Rosemary Elden. Refreshments will be available after both services.

MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST Coggeshall:

The next Prayer Breakfast takes place in St Peter's Church meeting room this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome but please sign the list at the back of the Church for catering purposes.

TWAM: 'Tools with a Mission' is a charity breathing new life into old equipment and tools. They are refurbished and sent to self-help and employment projects in the Third World. All sorts of tools can be recycled, garden, woodwork, metalwork, car repair, but also typewriters and sewing machines, both hand and electric. Sewing and craft items are also welcomed – buttons, thread, needles, fasteners etc. You can leave these unwanted items at the URC Saturday 26th February 10.00 a.m-3.30 p.m. If you would like more information or have a heavy item that needs collecting ring 01376 570200.

SUNG LATIN MASS: (Extraordinary Form) will be celebrated at St Margaret's Convent Chapel, Bethell Ave, Canning Town, London E16 4JU every Sunday at 6pm, beginning on the 1st Sunday of Lent, 13th March. This replaces the 6.30pm Mass at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate. For details contact Father Stewart Foster (0207 476 2084).

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: Saturday 19th March - outing to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair, London. The day begins with Mass at 11 am, followed by a tour of the church and a talk on its history by the parish priest, Fr. William Pearsall, S.J. Afterwards we will visit the Jesuit Archives at Mount Street. Contact Miss Isobel Parks 01268 289678.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for Sunday 13th February - £876.79.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Sunday 24th July until Friday 30th July. There will be the option of flying from Stansted or travelling by train. Full programme of activities and a choice of hotels. For further information contact Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501146.

ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL LOURDES

GROUP: HCPT GROUP 718 consisting of pupils from St John Payne School, present 'Up Late with 718' an evening of entertainment in aid of the group's travel to help care for disabled children in Lourdes at Easter. This is on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults, £3.50 under 16s available from David Silver 01376 513580 or email dsilver24@hotmail.com

PADRE PIO: The Hainault Padre Pio Prayer Group invites you to a special evening in honour of Padre Pio on Thursday 24th February at Our Lady of Assumption, Manford Way, Hainault. The programme is as follows: 7.00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (confessions will be heard during Adoration). 8.00 p.m. Mass and Veneration of a Relic of Padre Pio.

CYMFed CONGRESS - Saturday 12th March

Euston, London: Do you work with young people in a Catholic context, either voluntary or paid, in school or parish, part time or full time? If so, there is a national congress just for you. It is being organised by CYMFed, and is fully endorsed by the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. The day involves inspiring speakers (Fr J-Glenn Murray SJ, Michelle Moran and Dave Wells), engaging liturgy, and access to lots of new resources and information for working with young people. Tickets are £14 and are available from www.cymfed.org

PARISH VISITING

You may remember what Fr Gordon said about this topic in the Christmas “Good News” Flyer. “Many of you will have had a visit from the Sion Visiting Team during the Mission. The intention was to give you an opportunity to reflect on your faith and perhaps raise any issues you might have. Although the team managed to call on virtually all Catholic households on our records, inevitably many people were not at home; we hope to follow up these calls in the spring and summer of 2011.”

In a recent homily, he returned to the subject when reflecting on our individual calling as Christian witnesses to the faith. “What does this mean for us as a Parish? We are hoping after Easter to undertake a programme of parish visiting as happened at our Mission last summer. The intention is to visit in pairs to give mutual support as the Sion Team did during the Mission. If anyone would like to be part of this team then please let me know. You will not be expected to do anything without training and support.”

Tom McNally and Angie Hart who are both experienced visitors will each take the lead on all the visits. The volunteer goes to support the visit with quiet prayer. The length of time for each visit is short, depending on any matters raised and when volunteers gain confidence they may be invited to close the discussion with a short prayer; this will be covered in the training session. We have just received the great news that Sion Team Leaders – Cathy and Grace will be here for training on **Saturday 5th March**. So if you feel you have something to offer in this vital and bold new Initiative for the Parish, please get in touch with Fr Gordon, Angie or Tom to book your place - without commitment! A few more on the small team would help maximise the undoubted benefits for the Parish.

And finally, please keep this matter in your prayers



MY EXPERIENCE OF VISITING

To aid the blessed visiting initiative in our Parish, I thought it was important to write down my experience of accompanying Sion's visiting team during our Mission in July last year.

I volunteered, as much out of duty as anything else as I felt that as co-ordinator of the Mission Team that I should be involved in what most people might consider the most daunting task. Of course, I have heard the stories from the old days of 'door-knocking' and wasn't really looking forward to it but I prayed hard and joined in with the team. Having said that, my Dad (Tom McNally) has spent over 10 years working with Sion on various Missions all over the country and has only ever had wonderful things to say about his experiences - I was still very sceptical.

For those who know me, it won't surprise you to learn that I was very emotional when Grace (Sion's amazing visiting coordinator) briefed me on my role and what to expect and introduced me to Chris, from Sion, whom I would accompany as our team of two. My primary role was to pray for Chris and the household we were visiting. I didn't need to say anything but be a smiling face and pray hard!

Well, what an experience! We visited about eight homes during my time with Chris (about an hour and a half) - we spoke to three residents on their door-steps and were invited into two homes. These two invitations inside were amongst the most profound and moving experiences of my life. To sit in someone's home and pray with them, even for only 10 minutes, and to feel the presence of the Lord so strongly was truly a God-given gift.

Of course, not all experiences will be like mine, but I just wanted to write this down to encourage anyone who may have an inkling about wanting to be involved to just come along to the training on 5th March (absolutely no obligation to actually do any visiting) or speak to me, Tom or Angie.

It really was a wonderful experience and I really can't thank the Sion Team, Grace & Chris and those we visited enough - and of course, the Lord, for calling me! **Helena McNally**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3

SUNDAY 20th February <i>Seventh Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd Relatives Talbot Family Int. Heloise & Michael Flynn
MONDAY 21st February <i>St Peter Damian</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 22nd February <i>Chair of St Peter</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 23rd February <i>St Polycarp</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 24th February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. NO MASS 8.00 p.m.	Old Brotherhood of English Secular Clergy <i>Church open for prayer</i> <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 25th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Evelyn Wright RIP
SATURDAY 26th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention (Deasey Family)
SUNDAY 27th February <i>Eighth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Phyllis Chine (anniversary) Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 27th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Sean O'Leary	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Pat Short Doris Eary	Jadwiga Smith	Edna Morgan
TIPTREE	Marie Barrett Isobel Kersey	Danny Mullane	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Tom McNally		