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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3.7-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: Jn 2:1-11



SECOND SUNDAY: Although this is the year when we hear from St Luke's Gospel, we begin with St John's account of the Wedding at Cana – the first of St John's 'great signs'. Traditionally this has been linked with the Epiphany as one of the first occasions when Jesus let his glory be known. While early Christians had no special rite of marriage and continued to marry in accordance with local custom marriage was not simply a secular reality. Christ had blessed marriage by his presence at Cana. St Paul draws on the prophetic tradition reflected in our first reading when he speaks about Christian marriage as a great mystery ('mysterion' in Greek; 'sacramentum' in Latin), symbolising the relationship between Christ and the Church. For the baptised marriage is a sacrament. The love of Christ is enfleshed in the love of husband and wife, something that begins on the day of their wedding but is expressed daily as they seek to live out their vows in the presence of God and by his grace. It was this sense that led the Christian community to develop its own rite of marriage as the centuries passed but it is not the ceremony that makes marriage the sacrament. It is the very act of consent made by the spouses exchanging their mutual promises of love by word or gesture. Let us pray today for all married couples and those planning marriage in the months ahead.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Sr Mary Paul Chard, Bishop Doubleday and Charles Stanley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

BAPTISM AT MASS: During the 11.00 a.m. Mass today the welcome of the parents and baby takes the place of the Penitential Rite continuing with the Gloria; the remainder of the baptismal rite takes place after the homily with the set prayers replacing the standard Bidding Prayers.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs every year from 18th (Formerly the Feast of the Chair of St Peter at Rome) to 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul). There will be the usual services or times of prayer: **Sunday 20th January 6.30 p.m. Christchurch, Coggeshall: United Service. Sunday 20th January 7.00 p.m. Tiptree URC: United Service. Monday 21st January 8.00 p.m. Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights: Night Prayer. Tuesday 22nd January 11.00 a.m. St John Houghton, Tiptree: Morning Prayer. Wednesday 23rd January 7.30 p.m. Prayer led by Kingsland Church at Tiptree URC. Thursday 24th January 10.00 a.m. St Luke's Extension, Tiptree: Service.**

MASS VARIATION: On Tuesday I have a Trustees' meeting (postponed from December) at 8.00 a.m. so Mass will be at 7.00 p.m. before Exposition.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: This takes place at Christchurch but will be led by the Catholic community. The sign up list for catering purposes is at the back of the Church.

CHURCH MUSIC: We would like to magnify the Lord with music at Mass this Easter Sunday. With just ten weeks to go, there will be a meeting of the choir at **Kelvedon** at **7.00 p.m.** on **Monday 21st January** to discuss the musical contribution to Mass on Easter Sunday. We hope to set up a regular weekly choir practice from now until Easter. We would also welcome at the meeting anyone (adult or children) who would like to join us, even if it is just for Easter. No previous experience necessary and we promise lots of fun and uplifting music! At the meeting we will agree the best time/day for regular choir practice. If you cannot attend the meeting can you please let **Gosia** or **Celia** know which times/days you would prefer we avoid, on malgosia_74@yahoo.co.uk or celiacrossley@gmail.com

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

NEW HALL SCHOOL VACANCIES: School Nurse/Welfare Assistant (8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, term time only). Competitive salary on the New Hall Pay Scale. **Closing Date: Midday, Monday 21st January 2013.** A **Minibus Driver** is required to collect and return students from various locations before and after school. The working hours for this role will be approximately 6.00am to 8.15 a.m., Monday to Friday and 6.00 p.m. to 8.15 p.m., Monday to Thursday with the earlier hours of 4.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. on Fridays, during term time. Candidates must hold a current driving licence with a category D1. The rate of pay for this role is £7.46 per hour. **Closing Date: Midday, Monday 21st January 2013.** For further details of both these vacancies and an Application Form please contact the HR Department: Tel: 01245 467 588 Fax: 01245 467 188 Email: hr@newhallschool.co.uk

ST JOHN PAYNE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: September 2013 Leadership Spine L20 to L24 - £59,809 to £65,963. Closing Date: Monday 28th January 2013 Interviews 15th February 2013. The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic and forward thinking practising Catholic teacher to join the leadership team of this thriving and successful school. St. John Payne is a mixed Voluntary Aided Catholic Comprehensive school for 1136 students aged 11 to 18 including 200 in the Sixth Form. For an application pack please contact the school office or download from our website www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

THE ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: Will be meeting on Saturday February 2nd at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood. Jennifer Guthrie - Stevens will be speaking about 'Notable Colchester People and their roles in the Reformation.' All are welcome. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 13th January - £711.36.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 20th January <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Deceased relatives & friends of Talbot Family <i>Baptism Lily Anne Tasker</i> Elizabeth Hardy RIP
MONDAY <i>St Agnes</i> 21st January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Maria Melton (sick)
TUESDAY 22nd January <i>St Vincent</i>	Tiptree Kelvedon Kelvedon	11.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> Private Intention <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 23rd January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 24th January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Fr Trevor Clarke RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 25th January <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Kevin & Cathy Lyons
SATURDAY 26th January <i>Sts Timothy & Titus</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
SUNDAY 27th January <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention John & Ellen Quigley RIP All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 27th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Ann Ross	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Pike	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey