

**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS  
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## **Holy Week**

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**20th March 2016**

## ***PALM SUNDAY***

*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ*

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Is 50:4-7</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Phil 2:8-9</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Lk 22:14 - 23:56</b>



**PALM SUNDAY:** When does Lent end? That depends on how you measure it. Forty days of fasting (excluding Sundays) takes us to Holy Saturday (NOT 'Easter Saturday'!!!) and the Easter Vigil. However, the last two weeks of Lent (Passiontide) can be considered as a separate season. Holy Week or 'the Great Week' and the *Triduum Sacrum* (the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) can also be considered separately so you may read that Lent finishes before Thursday! In his pastoral letter last Sunday the Bishop reflected on the significance of each day of Holy Week and several times made the comment 'He [Jesus] will be there, will you?' Many people come only to the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion but miss out on the Maundy (from *Mandatum novum* – 'a new commandment') or washing of feet as a reminder that for all of the mutual service of love must be central to our discipleship, and the opportunity to reflect on the institution of the Eucharist and spend some time with the Lord in prayer as we remember his time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Although we always have good crowds on Easter Day it would be wonderful to have more – and especially older children – at the Easter Vigil. It is long – two hours – but for those who have not experienced it and opportunity to celebrate the meaning of Easter at greater depth. Liturgy can be exciting without the need for gimmicks even with the limited resources of a small parish!

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Teresa Taylor, Dennis Smith, Catherine Upson, Michael Matrejek, Larry Kelly, Martin Dann, John Oliver* and *Edith Waite* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS AT TIPTREE:** This year we shall meet at The Centre at 11.00 a.m. for some readings and songs – information leaflets will be given out to those interested. People are invited to wear something red as a sign of witness to the Blood of Christ shed for us.

**ALL DAY CONFESSION ON MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** At **St James the Less, Priory Street, Colchester**. There will be priests available for Confession all day (from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.) tomorrow, Monday of Holy week (21 March). Please tell people for whom this would be helpful.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Fleur Elizabeth Chevalier** baptised at Kelvedon yesterday.

**YOUTH GROUP'S EASTER EGG HUNT:** Come and join in the Youth Group's Easter Egg Hunt. They will take place after the 9.00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday in the church gardens at Coggeshall and after the 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon. Please remember to bring something along to collect your eggs. Everyone welcome.

**BESTERS:** Collection of Besters Blue Boxes are now due. Please leave your name or Mass Centre on boxes. For those who would like to support our Twin Parish with their loose change, please contact **Jadwiga Smith** on **01376 570624**.

**UGANDA APPEAL 2016:** The opportunity to donate to the **Uganda Appeal 2016** remains open for another couple of weeks. Do please bring your envelopes back (don't forget to add your Gift Aid number if you have one). If you do not have an envelope then please pick one up from the back of the church. Cheques should be made payable to **Kelvedon Catholic Church**. Another way to participate is through the **Parish Lottery** which has been a big contributor to our funds for Fr Gerald over the years. For more information about the Lottery please contact **Viv Talbot** on **01621 819317** or for any other questions contact **Simon Hall** on **01206 213399**.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for the coming year are available at the back of the church. Please make sure you collect yours. Anyone who does not currently use envelopes are encouraged to contact Tom McNally on 01376 570919.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 13th March - £678.69**.

**DAY OF DIVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY:** The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer Group invite you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood on Sunday 3rd April 2016. Please arrive from 10.30 a.m. for 11.00 a.m. start. Confession will be available and Mass will be celebrated at 3.30 p.m. For further information, please call Claire Wallis on 01277 658783. All welcome.

**ANNUAL PARISH QUIZ NIGHT 2016:** Will be held at **St John Houghton Church, Tiptree** on **Friday 22nd April** from **7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.** **Admission prices** are **£7.00** (Adults) and **£3.50** (Child) with 50% non-refundable deposit. Booking forms are available at all three Mass Centres. Teams of 6-8 or if you come alone, we will match you to a table. **Note:** We seek your understanding on the need for deposits to be taken as this is a fundraising event and as such, we are catering according to committed number of attendees.

**TABLE TOP SALE:** Are you planning to 'spring clean' over the next few weeks and do not fancy doing a Car Boot Sale? Our Parish Social Committee is organising a Table Top Sale which will be held at Feering Community Centre on 14th May 2016 from 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. Set-up from 11:30 a.m. There will also be a Café run by the Social Group at this event. **Cost: £10.00 per table.** To book a table, please contact Aggie O'Brien at 01376 573694 or Gloria Streat at 07870 281212.

**KELVEDON CATHOLIC PARISH SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2016:** Is now available to help you plan for the rest of this year. A copy will be given out to each family after Mass at all three Mass centres in the coming weeks.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 20th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Teresa Hall RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b> 21st March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Edward Walker RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 22nd March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Adrian Chatterton RIP <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 23rd March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 24th March <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper and procession to Altar of Repose; watching until midnight.</i> Intention Derek Pike RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 25th March <i>Good Friday</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	3.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 26th March <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree Kelvedon	9.30-10.00 a.m. 10.30-11.00 a.m. 11.30-12.00 noon 8.00 p.m.	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Confessions</i> <i>Easter Vigil Mass &amp; blessing of new fire &amp; Easter Candle, Prophecies &amp; blessing of baptismal water</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 27th March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Violet Gillen (anniversary) Int. Mam, Julie & Pat

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: SEE ABOVE*

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 27th March	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Clare Gallant Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Maria O'Leary
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Sue Petchey	Tracey O'Donnell	Mary Branney