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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Easter

*So you see how it is written that the
Christ would suffer and on the third
day rise from the dead.*

First Reading: Acts 3,13-15.17-19

Responsorial Psalm PS 4,2.4.7.9.v.7

Second Reading: St John 2,1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: This year we have just a reference to the encounter between the two disciples and the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus – the account is read in year ‘A’. Afterwards the disciples race back to Jerusalem and join the others in the upper room. St John tells us of how Jesus allowed the disciples to touch his wounds to reassure themselves that it was truly he. St Luke provides an additional reassurance – Jesus eats a piece of grilled fish. He is no apparition! St John tells a similar story when Jesus appears to them at the waterside and shares breakfast with them. The concreteness of the Resurrection is central to the witness of the apostles. Touch can be deceived, but not as easily as sight. This was the element of their preaching that the pagan Greeks found hardest to accept. For them if eternal life existed then it meant abandoning the body, yet in what sense are we human without a body? For continuity both body and soul are needed. Only the soul can survive the death of the body yet without a bodily form it is no longer fully human. For those on earth living in a world of space and time this is a challenge to belief and understanding, but outside the world of change time has no meaning. The gap between death and the second coming of Christ is one that we perceive. How this transformation is experienced as we enter the eternal present of God remains a mystery to us.

THE SAINTS: Our course on six prominent saints continues this week in St Dominic’s, Kelvedon on **Thursday at 8.00 p.m.** There will be no evening Mass at Coggeshall until the course is concluded.

OUR GOOD WISHES: To **Stephen Bownes** and **Carine Vergnes** who will be married on **Tuesday at 3.00 p.m.** They run the Clock Tower Cafe in Coggeshall.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: COGGESHALL: The next prayer breakfast for Coggeshall will be hosted by Christchurch on **Saturday 28th April 8.00-9.00 a.m.** If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list at the back of the Church today.

SURVIVE-MIVA: As mentioned last week, today we welcome a speaker from ‘Survive-MIVA’. This charity provides transport to assist the work of the Church in Third World countries.

Gala Concert: Sadler’s Wells Theatre, featuring the Freshfields, Royal Bank of Canada, Allen & Overy and The Financial Times choirs, accompanied by The National Symphony Orchestra and joined by the Anchor House choir and children from Stepney Greencoats Junior School, Christchurch C of E Junior School, Sir John Cass Junior School and Haggerston School in the East End. **Sunday 29 April, 2012, 6.30pm,** Tickets ranging from £10-£39 For more information and tickets visit: <http://www.sadlerswells.com/show/Gala-Concert-for-Anchor-House>, Booking Office: **0844 412 4300.**

CATHOLIC SINGLES: is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Brittain, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Denis Preston, Thomas McCann, Taffy Rees** and **Charles Campling** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SR GEMMA SIMMONDS ON VATICAN II: In preparation for the Year of Faith commemorating 50 years since the opening of the Council the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation is putting on a Study Day on the subject of 'The Achievement of Vatican II'. The speaker is the well-known writer and broadcaster Sister Gemma Simmons. The study day takes place at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on **Saturday 9th June** from 10.30 until 3 p.m. Please book your place by phone to 01277 265 289 or by email to CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org Admission is free and lunch is provided.

BCCS – LADIES JUBILEE SUPPER: BCCS are delighted to be hosting a ladies only Supper in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The event is being held on **Thursday 31st May**, at the prestigious **Crondon Park Golf & Country Club in Stock**. Tickets are priced at £39.50 which includes a Drinks Reception, Dinner, tea/coffee. As the evening will be in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee, it will include a host of entertaining activities.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham invites single young adults aged 18-38 to their forthcoming discernment weekend 28th - 29th April. Join other young men and women who have also been thinking about religious life and are interested in this new community. There is the option of arriving on the Friday evening. For more information and to download a booking form please call Theresa Weight on 01277 373848 or visit <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/media/events/ever-ancient-ever-new/>.

MAY 2012 LECTURES: BRES/CSJR Lecture **3rd May**, 7.30 p.m. in the Conference Centre, Brentwood **TOPIC: *Trafficking Women***. **SPEAKER: Sr Lynda Dearlove RSM, MBE** [Director of Women @ The Well] BRES Spirituality Evening **10th May** 7.30 p.m. **TOPIC: *The Eucharist at the Heart of Home and School and Parish***. **SPEAKER: Fr Martin Boland MA, STL** (Dean of Brentwood Cathedral). Both lectures take place at the Conference Centre, Brentwood – cost £5. Contact BRES 01277 265285 Email marycronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org

VACANCIES: for the posts of **Headteacher** and **Deputy Headteacher** at **St Bede's Catholic Primary School** in **Chadwell Heath**, for **Sept. 2012**. For Job details and an application pack please contact Loren Feeley on 0208 523 6502. Completed application forms should be returned to Loren Feeley at 500 Larkshall Road, Highams Park, London E4 9HH. Loren.feeley@strictlyeducation.co.uk

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 15th April- £717.17**.

HEALING MASS: Fr Eamon Power will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer on **Wednesday 25th April** at **2.30pm**. All welcome. For further details visit the events page of www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

EAST LONDON THREE FAITHS FORUM: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel & Palestine), **Wed 17 October – Wed 24 October 2012**, Visiting sites sacred to Christians, Jews & Muslims. Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nazareth, Capernaum & the Sea of Galilee. Cost £1,300 per person, sharing twin room. Includes: return coach from Woodford to Luton Airport, return flights, half-board in top-quality, modern hotels, air-conditioned tour coach, qualified tour guide for the whole week. All entrance fees. Please contact david.hulbert@whsmithnet.co.uk for full details & booking form.

PARISH VISITING TEAM: There was a meeting on Wednesday to consider the arrangements for the coming year. By the end of 2011, all the visits to all appropriate homes in villages south of the A12 had been completed, and this week's meeting focussed on the 2012 programme which will concentrate on homes in Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon. After the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council this coming Wednesday, more detailed plans will be drawn up and - as last year - a start should be made before the end of May.

PETITION FOR MARRIAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT: Petition forms and information slips are available at each Church inviting folks to support keeping the current legal definition of Marriage. You are invited to take a couple of minutes to add your signature. For those with email, there is a web site - C4M.ORG.UK which serves the same purpose. (Don't do both!).

ORGAN CONCERT AT KELVEDON: Please note the date - **Thursday evening 24th May** - when there will be an exciting opportunity to hear just what the new organ (acquired last year) at Kelvedon can do. The programme and full details should be available for next week's Newsletter but please alert your friends to note their diaries

VOCATIONS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: is celebrated on **29th April** we are especially encouraged to pray for vocations – to married life, single life, religious life and the Priesthood. Anyone considering Priesthood is warmly invited to contact Fr Dominic Howarth, Diocesan Vocations Director. This year three students will begin in seminary at Valladolid in September. For young men and women aged 18 – 30 and wanting a place to reflect, pray and chat about vocation, you are very welcome to the new **Brentwood Vocations Discernment Group**. Meeting monthly, an evening together includes a meal, a talk by a Priest or Religious sharing their vocational journey, a time of quiet prayer and a chance to ask questions both in a group and one to one. For more details contact Fr Dominic.

THE INVOCATION FESTIVAL: takes place on **6th-8th July**, in Birmingham, and is an amazing weekend of speakers, prayer, reflection and celebration for those who want to have time and space to discern God's call in their life. It is open to men and women aged 18 – 35 and it is a superb weekend. For more information look at www.invocation.org.uk or contact Fr Dominic. The website www.brentwoodvocations.org is also full of useful information. To contact Fr Dominic please email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or call 01268 553425 at any time.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3

SUNDAY 22nd April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd members Kilbane, Moran & Bradley families <i>Private Intention</i>
MONDAY 23rd April <i>St George</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
TUESDAY 24th April <i>St Mellitus</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 7.30-8.30p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> Nuptial Mass: Stephen Bownes & Carine Vergnes <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 26th April	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
FRIDAY 27th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 28th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon 2.00 p.m.	Private Intention Baptism: Charles William Anthony Pitt Baptism: Isla Elizabeth Davis
SUNDAY 29th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Danny Mullane (RIP)

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

Liturgical Rotas 29th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	John Dann	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Tom McInally	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Sheila Baralett Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Eileen Roberts		