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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CORPUS CHRISTI

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

First Reading:	Dt 8:2-3.14-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 147:12-15.19-20
Second Reading:	1 Cor 10:16-17
Gospel:	Jn 6:51-58



CORPUS CHRISTI: “This evening we are the crowd of the Gospel, we too seek to follow Jesus in order to listen to him, to enter into communion with him in the Eucharist, to accompany him and in order that he accompany us. Let us ask ourselves: how do I follow Jesus? Jesus speaks in silence in the Mystery of the Eucharist. He reminds us every time that following him means going out of ourselves and not making our life a possession of our own, but rather a gift to him and to others. This evening we too are gathered round the table of the Lord, the table of the Eucharistic sacrifice, in which he once again gives us his Body and makes present the one sacrifice of the Cross. It is in listening to his word, in nourishing ourselves with his Body and his Blood that he moves us on from being a multitude to being a community, from anonymity to communion. The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that brings us out of individualism so that we may follow him together, living out our faith in him. Therefore we should all ask ourselves before the Lord: how do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a moment of true communion with the Lord, and also with all the brothers and sisters who share this same banquet? What are our Eucharistic celebrations like? This evening, once again, the Lord distributes for us the bread that is his Body, he makes himself a gift; and we too experience “God’s solidarity” with man, a solidarity that is never depleted, a solidarity that never ceases to amaze us: God makes himself close to us, in the sacrifice of the Cross he humbles himself, entering the darkness of death to give us his life which overcomes evil, selfishness and death. Jesus, this evening too, gives himself to us in the Eucharist, shares in our journey, indeed he makes himself food, the true food that sustains our life also in moments when the road becomes hard-going and obstacles slow our steps. And in the Eucharist the Lord makes us walk on his road, that of service, of sharing, of giving; and if it is shared, that little we have, that little we are, becomes riches, for the power of God — which is the power of love — comes down into our poverty to transform it. So let us ask ourselves this evening, in adoring Christ who is really present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by him? Do I let the Lord who gives himself to me, guide me to going out ever more from my little enclosure, in order to give, to share, to love him and others?” Pope Francis on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2013.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Gladys Campling, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Hani Kyan, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *James Mullen, Margaret Flaherty, Ted Farley, Fr Edward Thomas, Pamela Coverley, Frank Joyce* and *Joan Hare* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS’ MID-SUMMER LUNCH: Saturday 5th July, 1.00 p.m. for 1.30 p.m. in **St Dominic’s Room**. Please complete and return the **blue slip** to Fr Gordon by next **Sunday, 29th June**. There are spare copies of the form are at the back of the church.

FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Devotion to the Sacred Heart developed out of the devotion to the [Holy Wounds](#), in particular to the Sacred Wound in the side of Jesus. It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that the first indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart are found. [Saint Bernard](#) (d.1153) explained that the piercing of Christ's side reveals his goodness and the charity of his heart for us. The earliest known hymn to the Sacred Heart, "*Summi Regis Cor Aveto*" is believed to have been written by the Norbertine, Blessed Herman Joseph (d.1241) of Cologne, Germany. This hymn begins: "I hail Thee kingly Heart most high." The most significant source for the devotion to the Sacred Heart in the form it is known today was [Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque](#) (1647–1690), a nun from the [Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary](#), who claimed to have received [apparitions of Jesus Christ](#), the first on 27 December 1673, and the final one 18 months later. The apparitions revealed to her the form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a "Holy hour" on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This was paralleled by a growth in devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, reflecting her closeness to her Son's work of salvation, and is shown on the Miraculous Medal revealed to St Catherine Laboure. On the [Miraculous Medal](#), the Sacred Heart is crowned with thorns. The [Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) also appears on the medal, next to the Sacred Heart, but is pierced by a sword, rather than being crowned with thorns. The M on the medal signifies the [Blessed Virgin](#) at the foot of the Cross when Jesus was being crucified.



FIRST COMMUNIONS: Please pray for the following children who will make their First Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday: **Sarah Maxted; Freddie Christopher; Frankie Christopher; Oliver Jennings; Eamon Lyons; Rachel Nelson; Reanne O'Brien; Emily De Silva.**

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: The usual sign-up list is available at the back of the Church. Please note that on this occasion (28th June) the Prayer Breakfast will take place at **St Peter's Church** and not at Christchurch.

MASS VARIATIONS: Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday this week. On Saturday Mass will be at the usual time but in the Presbytery front room due to preparations for the Fete. For this reason there will be no Confessions or Exposition this Saturday.

ORGAN RECITAL: At the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay **on Saturday 5th July at 7:45pm** - given by **Emma Gibbins**, a renowned organist who accompanied The Most Holy Redeemer Choir on its Tour to Rome. Emma has chosen a fascinating programme which will include Bach, Kuhnau, Walton's Henry V & Sibelius' Finlandia. Tickets, only £5 each, are now available via the Parish Office on 01277 624891.

UGANDA: I am delighted to have taken over the parish's relationship with Father Gerald and our support for his parish. I would like to record our collective thanks to **Tom McNally** for all that he has done over the last 11 years. He has shown absolute and passionate dedication to the cause and will be a very tough act to follow. I am not sure that you will know that during his tenure we have donated over **£80,000 pounds**, over 2700 children have been confirmed, new classrooms and buildings have been built, the schools have grown enormously, and we have seen the children go on to university, seminaries and employment. It is a tremendous achievement for our parish and we have a great opportunity to continue to contribute to the continued development of the youth of Uganda. We hope very much that Fr Gerald might find time for a fleeting visit this summer and give us a first-hand account of the recent progress that has been made. Thank you for all your support. **Simon Hall.**

TWO VILLAGES VOUNTARY ASSOCIATION AGM: Will take place on **Saturday 26th July at 11.00 am** in the **Kelvedon URC Rooms**. As previously, the AGM will take the form of a coffee morning with minutes and reports being given during the morning. **All are welcome.**

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGES: Days of faith and fun for all the family. **1) Aylesford, Saturday 12th July, 11.00 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.** Day includes: **Gathering Service 11.00 a.m.** Bring a picnic, children's entertainment, **Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary** and opportunity for **Reconciliation. Mass 3.00 p.m.** **2) Walsingham, Saturday 26th July, 11.00 a.m. till 4.30 p.m.** Day includes: **Reconciliation - 11.00 a.m. Mass at 12.00 noon.** Picnic lunch, children's entertainment and games. **The Walsingham Story 3.00 p.m.** (Children's costume Pageant). **Exposition 4.00 p.m. Benediction 4.30 p.m.**

WALK OF PEACE: The Dioceses of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood, together with Pax Christi invite you to walk for peace and commemorate peace making: 1914-2014, on **Saturday, 28th June, 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.** The walk will begin in Tavistock Square, at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and end at the Tibetan Peace Garden, Lambeth. There will be a mid-way starting point too. For more information and details of the route please contact Davina Bolt, Social Justice Office, Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265234. Email davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org Everyone is welcome, especially children and families.

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school orchestra. Could you donate your instrument? Please contact **Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732**, or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up, and your instrument will be put to very good use – it could truly transform the life of one of our children, as they discover new talents.

FOODBANKS: The Joint Public Issues Team have launched 'Faith in Foodbanks?' A resource for churches to explore issues raised by foodbanks and to make connections between the work of these foodbanks and the life, worship and witness of local churches and fellowships. The resource pack contains information on the rise in the use of foodbanks and practical actions as well as ideas to incorporate foodbanks in the worship of the Church and 'Signs of the Times?', a six part bible study exploring the biblical foundations for being involved in foodbank ministry. 'Faith in Foodbanks?' can be downloaded from www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks

EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY - 19TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER: If you are in the 18-35 age range, there will be a weekend retreat at Douai Abbey featuring John Pridmore (the reformed London gangster), Fr. Gregory Pearson and Fr. Matthew Goddard. Prices range from £18 upwards. Please note that the Abbey have requested that you book in by the 29th August 2014. For more details, ring 07908 105787 or 07515 805015 or see www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm **Events Open to the Public** - Saturday 20th September at 11.00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey followed by a Marian Procession around the extensive grounds at 12.00 p.m. **All welcome. All events are organised by Young Catholic Adults.**

MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL: Join 50,000 young people in celebrating the 24th Medjugorje Youth Festival next month! Flying British Airways on the **31st July** from London Gatwick for 7 nights. Price: **£475** which includes flights, transfers, accommodation, breakfast, dinner and guide. Last few places available. Please call Jonathan on 01423 546175.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 29th June, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** Everyone welcome.

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.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 15th June - £589.38.**

**PARISH SUMMER FETE
REMINDER**

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

PRESBYTERY GARDEN KELVEDON

ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO

**We still need items for the stalls
BOOKS, BOTTLES, TOYS, GIFTS,
BRIC A BRAC (no electrical items)**

**WE WILL BE SORTING ITEMS
for the stalls on THURSDAY 26th June
from 10.30 a.m.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP
Then please come along
YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME**

**CAKES can be left in St Dominic's Room
on Friday 27th June from 10.00 a.m.**

**DON'T FORGET TO SELL AND RETURN
YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**

**If you have offered to run a stall please
come from 9.30 a.m. to help set up**

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

SUNDAY 22nd June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Nora Rackstraw RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 23rd June <i>St Etheldreda</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Edward Thomas (anniversary)
TUESDAY 24th June <i>Birthday of St John the Baptist</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Richard Markey RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th June	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr John Timmins RIP
THURSDAY 26th June	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Fr Ambrose O’Gorman RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 27th June <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
SATURDAY 28th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Fr Augustine Davidson RIP
SUNDAY 29th June <i>Sts Peter & Paul</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Florence Wood (anniversary) <i>First Communions</i> All Parishioners.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: None this Saturday because of Fete

Liturgical Rotas 29th June	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Sean O’Leary	Benedict Crone	Maria O’Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	Mary Branney