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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground
and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

First Reading:	Jr 31:31-34
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 50:3-4. 12-15
Second Reading:	Heb 5:7-9
Gospel:	Jn 12:20-30



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: “Now the hour has come”. In the first part of St John’s Gospel Our Lord says a number of times, “My hour has not yet come”. It is the hour for him to be glorified by the Father. This will not be the human glory and honour given to him next Sunday with the crowds waving palms, but the glory that will come through suffering and the cross leading to the Resurrection on Easter day. Jesus uses the image of the seed falling to the ground to prepare the disciples minds for the challenge to come. The customary Passiontide veiling reminds us of the darkness before the dawn. The veiling is removed from the cross on Good Friday, but from the images of the saints only in anticipation of the Easter Vigil. The saints have no independent glory but only the light that comes from Christ. St Peter tells us that during the period between the crucifixion and resurrection the Lord went down to the land of shadows to lead out into their place in heaven the saints and patriarchs of Old Testament times – depicted in art as ‘the harrowing of hell’.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Teresa Hall, Mary Cody, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, 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, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

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

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Logan Lawrence Rhodes** baptised at Tiptree last Sunday.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL: This Saturday at Christchurch 8.00 – 9.00 a.m. – all welcome but please sign list in porch for catering purposes.

COGGESHALL ‘SEDER SUPPER’: This annual event organised by Coggeshall Churches Together is based on the Passover meal celebrated by Jewish families and is intended to help us understand better the nature of the meal shared by Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper: 7.30 p.m. Thursday, 26th March at St Peter’s. If coming, please add name to sign-up sheet at the back of church.

INTERNET PRECAUTION: We have received the following advice from the diocesan IT manager: “*We are now blocking along with Zip files, Word, Excel and Access attachment files, as they are being sent to anything@dioceseofbrentwood.org containing a potentially harmful virus.*” It may be that those for parishes will be allowed through but you might want to send items for the Newsletter direct to Pat Richardson (email pat-dave@lineone.net) if they are in the form of an attachment rather than via the parish or cut and paste into the email text. In the light of the above, at the moment Pat would prefer, where possible, for items for inclusion in the newsletter to be detailed in the text of the email, rather than as an attachment.

GALLIPOLI: 25th March is the centenary of the beginning of the Gallipoli campaign. By order of the Bishops Mass is to be celebrated for all those who died.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 15th March - £618.13.**

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: On **Friday 13th March (Red Nose Day)** the **Youth Group** played games and decorated cakes for **Comic Relief**. They managed to raise **£93** in total. Well done to all those who came along!

ST PETER'S RC PRIMARY DAGENHAM: Vocational, happy and energetic teachers needed for September start. Please call the school office and speak to HT Mr Dan Craft 02082706524 if interested. (Experienced or NQT).

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: Practical Insights for Catholic Evangelisation Today. Join us on **Saturday 28 March** at **Brentwood Cathedral Hall**, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT from 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. to hear and discuss what Catholic evangelisation is, explore possible practical responses in our personal and parish life, and look at what resources are available. Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* says, "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation." Come and find out more. Clare Ward is an experienced and insightful speaker who works in the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis with the Catholic Bishops' Conference. Admission is free and a light buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place, contact CEF on cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or on 01277 265289.

PRUDENTIAL RIDE LONDON - SURREY 100 SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2015: The **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** has a limited number of charity places in the 'Ride London 100' taking place on Sunday 2nd August 2015. The deadline is fast approaching for applications, so please don't delay if you are interested in taking up a place. We ask that cyclists pay a registration fee of £50 to secure their place and pledge to raise a minimum of £600 (excluding Gift Aid). Please contact Libby on 01268 784544 if you would like any further information, or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: A new aspect this year is that we hope to combine with the local Anglican musicians for what they term an Area Music Day. This has had a bearing on the possible dates and venues and so we have agreed on **Saturday 20th June** at **St Monica's Wivenhoe**. Exact timings will follow nearer the date but are likely to again be roughly 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

War Diary 1914-1918

Please pray for Lieutenant Cyril Frank Burnard killed in action.

Parish Notices 21st March 1915

THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE: Have asked the National Board of Catholic Women to prepare a response to a request from the Pontifical Commission for the Laity to help them better understand the place and mission of women in the Church. Our Bishops want us to help them understand the situation of women, in the Church and society, in our country (England, and Wales). They've asked us to respond to six specific questions, and in addition to raise other issues that we think relevant. If you would like to respond to the questions then please send your responses to **Lucy Studham, Co-ordinator of the Brentwood Diocesan Pastoral Council & Pastoral Support Team Commission for Evangelisation and Formation, Direct Line 01277 265231 or LucyStudham@dioceseofbrentwood.org**; so that we can prepare a report for the Bishops' Conference. The questions are:

1. What changes or developments have taken place in the lives of women in your country in recent years?
2. What are the major challenges being faced by women - cultural, political, at home, at work etc.,?
3. In what way does the Church support women in the challenges they meet in life?
4. How is women's role in the family considered?
5. What value is given to women's presence and participation in the life of the Church at all levels [Bishops' Conference, dioceses, parishes, religious institutes, Associations and movements]?
6. In what way could the presence and contribution of women in the Church receive greater acknowledgement?
7. What other issues or comments would you like to add?

This is an important request and all your responses will be gratefully received and will help the Board prepare a useful and comprehensive report.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY LONDON MARATHON RUNNER: The BCCS helps and supports families from all faiths from all over Essex and East London and is entirely supported by donations and grants. Mark Butcher is running for them this year and if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause - follow the link below to Mark's site. By the end of this attempt - Mark hopes to have raised over £10,000!
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/markbutchermarathon2015>

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT 2015: Will be held at **St John Houghton RC Church, Tiptree** on Friday 24th April 2015 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Admission prices** are £7.00 (Adults) with £3.50 non-refundable deposit and £3.50 (Child) with £1.50 non-refundable deposit. Booking forms are available at each church from this Sunday, 15th March.
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.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 22nd March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Halina Pieckielon (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Dominic Mark Reed</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)
MONDAY 23rd March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Evelyn Wright RIP
TUESDAY 24th March <i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 p.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th March <i>Annunciation</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	World War I War Dead (Gallipoli)
THURSDAY 26th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Sheila Van de Vyvers
FRIDAY 27th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 28th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Intention Clark Family <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 29th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Marie Dolke <i>Baptism: Leo James Howard</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Patrick & Mary Collins (ann.)

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

Liturgical Rotas 29th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Sean O'Leary	Benedict Crone	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Tracey O'Donnell	Mary Branney