

**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Love your enemies

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2.17-18
Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4.8.10.12-13
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel: Mt 5:38-48



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Chapter 19 of Leviticus, from which our first reading is taken, is called the 'Holiness Code' – we are called to be holy as God is holy. Our Lord's words in the Gospel seem even more demanding. We are to be perfect – not just holy. He goes beyond not hating or bearing a grudge to loving our enemy. How can we fulfil this command? "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect". The word 'perfect' ('teleios' in Greek) means made in such a way as to fulfil its purpose ('telos'). A chisel and screwdriver look alike in some ways but have different purposes. One is strong and designed to cut away material with heavy blows. The other is designed with a finer blade and to withstand being twisted. They are not interchangeable. Each of us has a unique part to play in God's plan with our own gifts and talents. Being perfect does not mean being like someone else although we can draw inspiration from others. It requires us to discover God's purpose for us – he has already given us the natural potential and supernatural graces we need to fulfil that purpose. If we are not perfect it is because we are applying our energies in the wrong direction. Holiness for us comes from the harmony with God that seeking his will brings and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us. Seeking his will through prayer is all the more important when we feel hatred or vengefulness in our hearts.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Frances Taylor, Martha Fairweather, Jean O'Neill, Anne Stokes, Olive Rivers, Maureen O'Keefe** and **Vincent Rooney** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, 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.

INDUCTION OF REV. SIMON GARWOOD: We welcome Rev. Simon Garwood with his wife Liz and sons Tommy and Ben to Kelvedon and Feering. Simon will be inducted as priest in charge on Monday at 7.30 p.m. at St Mary's.

LENT: Lent begins on Wednesday week so it is not too soon to turn our thoughts to how this Season can enable us to grow in holiness and to be more perfect instruments in God's hands. The usual booklets will be available to help us with daily reflection and prayer. Those for adults cost £1.00 and for children £0.55. There will also be some form of ecumenical study group or talk in Kelvedon as well as Coggeshall and Tiptree – details available next week.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 7TH MARCH: This year we shall be hosting all three services: **Tiptree 10.00 a.m., Coggeshall 10.30 a.m.** and **Kelvedon at 2.00 p.m.** While the focus is on a woman's perspective the services are, of course, open to men too! If you are free please do join with the ladies of our different communities. The service this year has been devised by women in Egypt.

PRAYER BREAKFAST - KELVEDON: The next 'Bigger Breakfast' takes place at St Mary the Virgin this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m.

MASS VARIATIONS: Due to a meeting in Leeds Mass on Wednesday will be at 8.00 a.m. and **no** morning Mass on Thursday. On Saturday there will be the usual monthly Extraordinary Form Mass at 12.15 p.m.

LEGACY: The parish has received a generous bequest under the will of Mary Wood who died last Summer. Please remember her in your prayers.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 16th February - £754.42.**

PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CHAPLAIN & PARISH KS2 CATECHETICS COORDINATOR: Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon, £16,000 p.a., September start. This full time job is a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to help younger children deepen their faith, in a role which links vibrant and supportive primary schools and parish. It is mainly school based, with occasional evening and weekend work in the parish. To talk about the role, and for a full job description, please contact Fr Dominic on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. Closing date 18th March.

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: Fr Martin Boland interviews priests of the Diocese about their favourite spiritual reading and how it has influenced them as men and priests. 1 Desert Island. 6 priests. 6 books. 6 remarkable stories to tell. **Thursday 6th March, Fr Kevin Hale**, Leigh on Sea: *Journal of a Soul, John XXIII*. **Thursday 13th March, Fr Brian O'Shea**, *Elected Silence, Thomas Merton*. **Thursday 20th March, Fr Paul Keane**, Essex University Chaplain and parish priest, Brightlingsea & Wivenhoe: *Transformation in Christ, Dietrich van Hildebrand*. **Thursday 27th March, Fr David Clemens**, Saffron Walden: *Diary of a Mystic, Edward Thurston*. **Thursday 3rd April, Fr Martin O'Connor**, Chadwell Heath: *The Mystery of the Cross, Basil Hume*. **Thursday 10th April, Fr Andrew**, Ilford: *Seven Storey Mountain, Thomas Merton and Basil in Blunderland, Basil Hume*.

WORLD WAR ONE EXHIBITION - FEERING & KELVEDON HISTORY MUSEUM: Maldon Road, Kelvedon (next door to the library). Our latest exhibition starts on Saturday 1st March to commemorate the centenary of World War One. We have information on over 300 servicemen from the two villages, along with photographs, medals and other objects for visitors to look at. There will also be a new booklet available for sale. The museum is open Saturdays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. all year round and Mondays 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Wednesday February 26th, please join us in a day of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country, and to safeguard the pro-life movement from all attacks – both worldly and spiritual. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. See www.goodcounselnetwork.com for more information.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 23rd February <i>7th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Colleen Furse RIP <i>Burial of Ashes: Colleen Furse</i> Manuel & May Issa (ann.) All Parishioners
MONDAY 24th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Alice Welding RIP
TUESDAY 25th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 26th February	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
THURSDAY 27th February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	NO MASS 7.30p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 28th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Maura La Roche RIP
SATURDAY 1st March <i>St David</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Clark Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 2nd March <i>8th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Bert Winch (anniversary) Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 2nd March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Jane Crone	Gabrielle Ruiz	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Giulia Horrocks	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Marisa Orchard	Sue Petchey