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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

First Reading:	Ex 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 94:1-2.6-9
Second Reading:	Rm 5:1-2.5-8
Gospel:	Jn 4:5-42



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Today's readings focus on the life-giving nature of water. First God gives the Israelites in the desert a spring to drink from. Then Jesus offers the Samaritan woman by the well a spring of living water – the gift of the Holy Spirit. In a hot climate water is always welcome but often involves hard work to raise it from a well or to transport in jars. How much more welcome is the clear cold water from a spring! "This is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who transforms Christians into 'true worshippers,' capable of praying to the Father 'in spirit and truth' (John 4:23). Only this water can extinguish our thirst for goodness, truth and beauty! Only this water, given to us by the Son, can irrigate the deserts of our restless and unsatisfied soul, until it 'finds rest in God,' as per the famous words of St. Augustine", Pope Benedict XVI.

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

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, 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.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Halina Pieckieton**, Jadzia Smith's mother. Her body will be brought into church at Kelvedon on Thursday 27th at 4.30 p.m. The Requiem Mass will be on **Friday 28th at 12.00 noon** followed by burial at Kelvedon cemetery.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: **Stations of the Cross:** unless otherwise stated – **Kelvedon Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., Coggeshall Thursdays 6.30 p.m., Tiptree Sundays 5.15 p.m.;** especially for children at **Kelvedon Saturdays 4.00 p.m.** **Lenten Course:** Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday evenings 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. The theme this year is 'Marking the Centenary of World War I' **Bible Study on Jonah:** Tiptree URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m. **Lenten Course:** Kelvedon & Feering: URC Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. and **St Mary Immaculate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m.** The theme is 'Encountered: Meeting God in ordinary places'. **Our Prayer Group** meets **Thursdays at 8.00 p.m.** and will be following up the DVD used at the recent Day of Prayer. **Times of prayer** before the **Blessed Sacrament: Tiptree Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; Kelvedon Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.; Kelvedon Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.** Individual aids to daily prayer and reflection: 'My Day by Day' (adults £1.00; children's £0.55); 'Walk with me' (£1.00).

INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION: Inviting all Catechists to an evening when we will explore creative ways of communicating the Gospel message through rituals, symbols and methods of prayer. **Wednesday 26th March 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.** Cathedral Conference Centre. Facilitator: **Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM.** Cost: A Donation.

HELPING THE POOR IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY: Essex Savers Net Credit Union. This was set up some years ago by the Bishops of Brentwood and Chelmsford. It currently has 3000+ members and has lent £3M+ to over 4000 people but needs more deposits. Under the umbrella of the diocesan Commission for Justice and Social Responsibility they are seeking to get 250 Catholics in the County of Essex to deposit £1000 each – ‘Project 250’. You will find more information on the enclosed flier.

ALTAR LINEN AT TIPTREE: As a result of one of the helpers moving away from the Parish, there is only one person left on the rota. If you feel that you can help, please give your name to Fr Gordon.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Grateful thanks! More than half of total were collected at masses last Sunday. There are still 50 boxes to be collected and hopefully most will be picked up this Sunday, so as to save on postage/delivery costs. The envelopes come into use next Sunday.

LENTEN LECTURE: Fr Mark Langham, the Catholic Chaplain at Cambridge University, will give the third *Brentwood Cathedral Lenten lecture* this coming **Wednesday 26th March** at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. The title of his talk is "*Walking outside the Temple: discipleship and imagination*". On **Thursday 27th March** at 7.30 pm, Fr David Clemens will be interviewed in the *Desert Island Priests* series. Come and hear what makes your priests tick spiritually? All welcome to these events. For more details go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org

LIVING WITHOUT FEAR: Actors from Blue Apple’s touring company, who themselves have learning disabilities, bring an authentic voice to this fearless and empowering examination of disability, hate and harassment. A profoundly moving and challenging production. Wednesday **26th March** at 8.00 p.m. Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1GH. Tickets: omv.org.uk | Standard £16 | Concessions £10. For more information see: [Facebook.com/orderofmaltavolunteers](https://www.facebook.com/orderofmaltavolunteers)

ABBOTSWICK : *Quiz Night* with supper on **Saturday 5th April at 7.30 p.m. £10** per person. *Stations of the Cross* in the grounds every **Friday at 3.00 p.m.** All are welcome! For further details, please visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE: This annual outreach at the Ealing Abortion clinic continues until 13th April. Details are available on fliers at the back of the church. **‘40 Days for Life’ Half-Way Event!** Please join us at Ealing Abbey Hall on **Tuesday the 25th March at 7.00 p.m.** for an evening of prayer, brilliant pro-life speakers and refreshments. Hear about the nine women who have chosen life for their children during this prayer campaign so far. For more information about ‘40 Days for Life’ please see <http://40daysforlife.com/london-ealing.html>. All are welcome.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 16th March - £800.53.**

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

SUNDAY 23rd March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)
MONDAY 24th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Geoffrey Webb RIP
TUESDAY 25th March <i>Annunciation</i>	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 March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
THURSDAY 27th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.00p.m.	Private Intention <i>Reception of body: Halina Pieckielon</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
FRIDAY 28th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 12.00 noon	Private Intention <i>Requiem: Halina Pieckielon</i>
SATURDAY 29th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Bethan Maisey RIP <i>Stations of the Cross for children</i>
SUNDAY 30th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>'Laetare'</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Elizabeth & Terry Rohan <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 30th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Jane Crone	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Tom McNally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey