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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th April 2016

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.*

First Reading:

Acts 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13

Second Reading:

Apo 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas provided for the continuing needs of the local church as they moved from one place to another on their apostolic mission. "In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe" The word 'elder' in Greek is 'presbuteros' which gives rise to our word 'presbyter' or 'priest'. In the New Testament the word 'hiereus' (in Latin 'sacerdos') is applied only to the priests of the Old Covenant, or to Christ himself as the high priest of the New Covenant. Vatican II teaches us that all the baptised share to some degree in the priesthood of Christ by virtue of being united to him in baptism but that some are called to share in a special way, through the laying on of hands in ordination, in the 'ministerial priesthood'. This is what we see in today's reading from Acts of the Apostles. Under the leadership of the person left in charge ('episkopos' or 'bishop') they are to lead and nourish the flock on the Word of God and the Bread of Life. This authority and power is passed on from one generation to another through the laying on of hands in ordination, dating back to the Apostles. This is called 'The Apostolic Succession' and is shared by Eastern Orthodox Christians but was interrupted in the Churches that arose at the time of the Reformation. This is the reason why Catholics are not permitted to receive Communion in Anglican or Free Churches but can do so, under certain conditions, in Orthodox Churches.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, 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, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

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

**POST-EASTER BREAK:** I will be taking a short break this week so there will be no Mass Monday-Thursday. In an emergency please contact Fr David Prior at Witham: 01376 512219.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Simon Davis** and **Danica Smith** married at Kelvedon on Saturday and our good wishes to **James Parkin** and **Emma Littlewood** who will be married this Friday at 1.00 p.m.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** The monthly Prayer Breakfast will resume this Saturday 30th April at Christchurch 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

**YEAR OF MERCY:** Come in, the door is open boxes for prayers and contact slips are now in place in all the churches. Please post your prayer slips with the names of those you would like to be prayed for in the two forthcoming Masses.

**CAR BOOT SALE:** Great Tey Charity Car Boot Sale in aid of St Helena Hospice (Charity No 280919): A chance to make some money from all those unwanted treasures after your annual spring clean! **Saturday 7th May at Park Field, opposite Walcotts Hall, Coggeshall Road, Great Tey, Colchester CO6 1AH.** Stallholders £10 – please pre book by contacting **Simon Hall** on [simonhall026@gmail.com](mailto:simonhall026@gmail.com) or **07802835745**. Set up from 7.30 a.m. open to the public from 9.00 a.m. Cars £2.00, pedestrians £1, children free. Breakfast and refreshments available. Please do come and support.

**GOVERNOR TRAINING:** Saturday 7th May - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Cathedral House, Brentwood '*Preparing Governors for OFSTED*'. Facilitated by Mr. Chris Birtles, serving OFSTED Inspector and Headteacher. This training is open to all serving Governors. Please contact the BRES office 01277 265285 or [lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**SAVE THE DATE! FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS: Calling all Senior Parishioners of Kelvedon Catholic Parish.....** This year is extra special. Let us honour the nation's longest reigning monarch with our very own Tea Party to celebrate her 90th birthday. This event will take place in Kelvedon Catholic Church on Saturday, 4th June from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. So, **SAVE THE DATE!** Registration for this birthday bash will commence next week.

**MINISTERS NEEDED:** The Liturgy Ministry is looking for new **Ministers of Welcome** and **Readers** to join the Rota. Although the three churches would benefit from new volunteers, they are particularly needed in Coggeshall and Tiptree. We extend a special invitation to **YOUNG PEOPLE** (11 years or older) to come forward. Good reading skills and commitment necessary. Training will be given. Please contact Gaby Ruiz on [gabrielle.ruiz@cliffordchance.com](mailto:gabrielle.ruiz@cliffordchance.com)

**ARE YOU RETIRED OR SEMI-RETIRED:** Witham and Braintree University of the Third Age (U3A) is holding an open day on Thursday 19th May 2016 from 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in the United Reformed Church, Newland Street, Witham. It has 900 local clubs nationwide, over 250 social members who use their own skills and experience to enjoy a combination of leisure, learning and fun. There are 40 different activity and interest groups run by members in local halls, members homes and outside walking, visiting gardens, bird watching. We have frequent organised trips to the theatre, stately homes and places of interest. We hold a monthly meeting – with guest speakers. Come and see what we do or contact the Chairman Terry Slater at [terrycslater2569@btinternet.com](mailto:terrycslater2569@btinternet.com) or the Membership Secretary Anne Slater at [anne.slater4@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.slater4@btinternet.com) or telephone 01621 810374.

#### War Diary 1914-1918

Please pray for Lieutenant Maguire, wounded, and Captain Stewart John Aldous and John Harper, killed.

Parish Notices 16<sup>th</sup> April 1916

**SINGERS OF ALL AGES (6 TO 106) AND ABILITIES NEEDED:** Please help us celebrate Father's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday 17th July by singing in the Anniversary Choir. **Magnify the Lord** at this special time; our youngest member is 7 and the rest are.....above 7! Singing makes us all young at heart and in body. **Knowledge:** no previous experience necessary, and you don't need to read music. We make choral music accessible to everybody and we promise lots of fun and uplifting music! **Rehearsals:** can be flexible and if you can't make the general rehearsal we can hold them just for you on your preferred date, time and location. So whether you are at school, at home with young ones or clocking up the hours in the city, we can fit you in. Everyone is an individual and important. **PLEASE** come and join us and help the parish celebrate Father's wonderful milestone. Contact Celia at [celiacrossley@gmail.com](mailto:celiacrossley@gmail.com) or Gosia at: [malgosia\\_74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malgosia_74@yahoo.co.uk)

**FR GORDON'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:** Sunday 17th July. Come and join us in celebrating this milestone event. Please pick up your invitation which you will find at the back of each Mass centre. More information to follow in due .

**SSG SUMMER SCHOOL FREE PLACES:** Takes place at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre near Ditchingham, Suffolk, 3rd - 6th August. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people between the ages of 18 and 35 to meet others who are involved in music and liturgy and who would like to expand their knowledge and participate, free of charge. The scheme has been oversubscribed and very successful over the last few years, so these places will be taken up quickly. 8 places are available - the first 5 places will be given on a "first come, first served" basis to applicants who satisfy the age requirements and who have not previously had a free place. The remaining 3 places will be allocated at the discretion of the Society's trustees, based on the information provided in the applications. [www.ssg.org.uk/event-directory/summer-school-2/summer-school-2016/](http://www.ssg.org.uk/event-directory/summer-school-2/summer-school-2016/)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - SPRING CONCERT:** 14th May at 7.30 p.m., for a fundraising concert. Graduates from The Guildhall School of Music & Drama will be performing a concert of operatic, classical and light musical favourites! We will be entertained by two professional singers (a Soprano and Tenor) and a pianist; the singers will perform duets and solo items. This should be a wonderful concert in the beautiful and historical venue of Ingatestone Hall. Tickets are £22, including prosecco and nibbles. Contact Amy Pether [apether@bccs.org.uk](mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk) <<mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk>> 01268784544 for more details and to reserve your place.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 17th April - £610.28.**

**TABLE TOP SALE:** Why not book a table at our Table Top Sale Saturday, 14th May, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (Set-up from 11:00 a.m.) at the Feering Community Centre. Coggeshall Road, Feering, CO5 9QB. Cost is £10.00 per table. Café available for refreshments and home-made cakes. Please contact Agness O'Brien at 01376 573694/[agnessobrien@hotmail.com](mailto:agnessobrien@hotmail.com) or Gloria Streat 0787 028 1212/[glo146@aol.com](mailto:glo146@aol.com).



JUBILEE OF MERCY  
MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



The Jubilee Year of Mercy has been proclaimed by Pope Francis, with an invitation to all the faithful to pass through a Holy Door as a sign of our desire to experience God's mercy and take it to others. Pope Francis also recommends talking a pilgrimage to remind us that '*mercy is a goal to reach and requires dedication and sacrifice*'.

## YEAR OF MERCY PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM



In response to this wonderful call, the PPC has decided to organise a Parish Pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrine in Walsingham on **Saturday July 30th**. This is indeed a very special time to visit the Shrine since the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation has been raised to the status of Minor Basilica by Pope Francis (December 2015). This is a rare honour and recognition of the second most visited Catholic Shrine in Europe.

To ensure we provide suitable transport and cater for all needs, we need to know how many people would like to join the pilgrimage. If you are interested, please write your name in the list provided specifying how many people will be in your group. Children are very welcome but must be accompanied by parents, grandparents or a responsible adult.

**YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Shrine itself is compact in size with good paved paths and plenty of indoor and outdoor sitting. Comfortable shoes are recommended. For those who feel up to the challenge, there is the option of walking the 'Pilgrim Way' from the village to the Shrine. A comfortable 30 minutes walk (just over a mile). More information to follow.



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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 24th April <i>Fifth of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Intention Anne Cooney
<b>MONDAY</b> 25th April		NO MASS	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26th April	Tiptree Kelvedon	NO MASS 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27th April		NO MASS	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 28th April <i>St Louis Marie</i> <i>Grignon de Montfort</i>		NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Wedding: James Parkin &amp; Emma Littlewood</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 30th April <i>St Pius V</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 1st May <i>Sixth of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Mary McCourt RIP All Parishioners

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

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 1st May	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Ann Ross
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Helena McInally Pat Richardson	Jadwiga Smith	Gloria Streat
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Sue Petchey	Simon Hall	Celia Butt