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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

First Reading: Gen 15:5-12.17-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1.7-9.13-14

Second Reading: Ph 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Lk 9:28-36



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: “Another detail proper to St Luke’s narrative deserves emphasis: the mention of the topic of Jesus’ conversation with Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside him when he was transfigured. As the Evangelist tells us, ‘they talked with him...and spoke of his departure’ (in Greek, exodus) ‘which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem’. Therefore Jesus listens to the Law and the Prophets who spoke to him about his death and Resurrection. In his intimate dialogue with the Father, he did not depart from history, he did not flee the mission for which he came into the world, although he knew that to attain glory he would have to pass through the Cross. On the contrary, Christ enters more deeply into this mission, adhering with all his being to the Father’s will; he shows us that true prayer consists precisely in uniting our will with that of God. For a Christian, therefore, to pray is not to evade reality and the responsibility it brings, but rather, fully to assume them, trusting in the faithful and inexhaustible love of the Lord.”
Pope Benedict XVI.

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

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

RESIGNATION OF THE HOLY FATHER: As you will know this takes effect at 7.00 p.m. (GMT) this Thursday. After this date the See of Rome will be vacant until the election of a new Pope. Nationally produced prayer cards in thanksgiving for Pope Benedict’s ministry will be distributed and there will also be cards to pray for the guidance of the Cardinals. It is anticipated that the Conclave will begin on about 15th March and no later than 20th, since this is the timetable set out in existing legislation.

MASS VARIATIONS: Due to various meetings Mass on Wednesday and Thursday will be at 9.00 a.m. On Saturday there will be **no** morning Mass or Confessions as I have to celebrate the Mass to open the Diocesan Finance AGM in Brentwood at 9.15 a.m. This also means that the usual bi-monthly Tridentine mass is postponed to 9th March.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY COURSES: This year these are taking place as follows: **Coggeshall:** choose a day and time to join a house-group from the sign up list in the Church. **Kelvedon:** Mondays 10.30-11.30 a.m. & 7.30-8.30 p.m. at URC – subject matter to be announced. **Tiptree:** Tuesdays 8.00-9.00 p.m. at URC and 10.30-11.30 a.m. St. Luke’s. This will be a series of Bible studies on the Priestly Prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper (John 14-17).

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 17th February - £848.18.**

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST – KELVEDON & FEERING: This will take place at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon on Saturday 2nd March 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome. Do come and pray for the needs of our local community. We pray in particular for the Church of England community at this time as Fr David and Jenny Reynish move to their new parish in Bexhill on Tuesday. The future is uncertain in that they have been assured that there will be a priest appointed but that Kelvedon and Feering are likely to be linked with other parishes as part of a team ministry.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER KELVEDON: This year the women of France have been responsible for the service which will be held at the **Kelvedon URC on Friday 1st March at 2.00 p.m.** All are welcome.

BELL RINGING AT COGGESHALL: Any young parishioners who would like to ring the bell before the 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sundays at Coggeshall please give your name to **Derek Hand** after Mass or telephone 01376 572747 in the evening after 7.30 p.m.

FREE DOWNLOAD CTS GUIDE TO PAPAL ELECTION: Following Pope Benedict XVI's announcement of his resignation many are now speculating on what is going to happen next. This new and completely up-to-date publication takes you step by step through what happens until the election of the new Pope. Written by expert Monsignor Charles Burns, Ecclesiastical Adviser at the British Embassy to the Holy See, this free downloadable book from the Catholic Truth Society, is an easily accessible and authoritative explanation of what happens, when and why. *To get your copy see: www.ctsbooks.org/FileDepository/products/imports-2013/Conclave_Mgr_Charles_Burns_EX48.pdf*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN: We will continue singing and praying this beautiful devotion with the children this Lent. However, as Friday's was proving to be a difficult day for most families, this year we changed the meetings days to **Saturdays at 3.20 p.m.** in St Dominic's room. Walking with Jesus while singing is a great way for children to understand what Jesus did for his love of us, and it is also an opportunity for the children - and us - to love him back.

FACTS ABOUT CRUCIFIXION: Part One – the beginning: Crucifixion first started in Persia (modern Iran) where the victim was suspended to avoid his feet touching holy ground. The Phoenicians, who were traveller traders, acquired the practice and probably took it to other lands, including to Greece where the Romans picked it up. It was the Romans who perfected the technique as a punishment designed to maximise pain. Crucifixion was reserved for slaves, foreigners, revolutionaries and vile criminals. Romans were only crucified when they deserted from the army. **The Flogging:** Flogging or scourging was done always before crucifixion with the intention to bring the victim to a stage short of death. Because the leather leashes sometimes had iron balls or pieces of bone near the ends, the skin first and then the muscle would be cut with significant loss of blood while the pain would have probably bring the victim to a state of shock. **Acknowledgement Robert Gidley. "The facts of crucifixion." The Cross Reading (Lent 2000).**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 24th February <i>2nd 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.	Intention Maggie Clark All Parishioners <i>Baptism: Scarlet Ann, Montana Chloe Marie and Richard Anthony Delancy</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
MONDAY 25th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 26th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 27th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 28th February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30p.m.	Private Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
FRIDAY 1st March <i>St David</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Fr Donald Mills RIP <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>
SATURDAY 2nd March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	NO MASS 3.20 p.m.	<i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 3rd March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Bert Winch anniversary <i>Stations of the Cross</i> For the election of a Pope

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday NO Confessions
or Exposition due to Cathedral Finance AGM Mass at 9.15 a.m.**

Liturgical Rotas 3rd March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Teresa Hall	Neville Bridgman	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Patricia Short	Valerie Bartlett	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt