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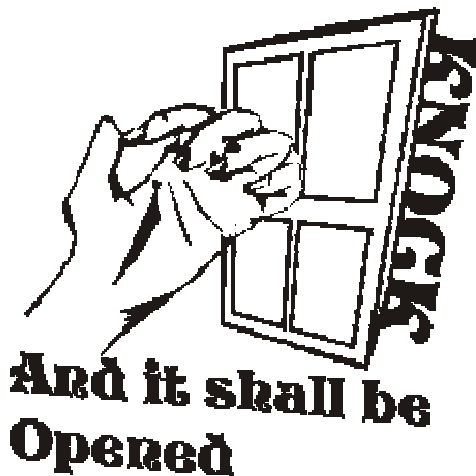
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Parish Newsletter

25th July 2010



Seventeenth Sunday of Year

Ask, and it will be given to you.

First Reading	Gen 18:20-32
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 137:1-3.6-8
Second Reading	Col 2:12-14
Gospel	Lk 11:1-13

17TH SUNDAY OF YEAR: The first reading and Gospel today have a common theme – persistence in prayer. The story of Abraham driving a hard bargain with God in order to save any innocent people living in Sodom seems like a scene from an oriental market. We should not think of a cruel God being persuaded to change his mind. God is not unjust. Unlike Abraham he knows that in fact not a single innocent person will be found in the town. It is more a question of Abraham adjusting his expectations. When one of the disciples asks Jesus to teach them how to pray, the Lord does two things. First he sets out a model of prayer – the kind of things we should pray for – and then he insists on the importance of persevering when we don't receive an instant answer. He also points out in a subtle way that prayer is in fact always answered but not necessarily by giving us what we ask for. Sometimes we ask for something that we believe is for the best, but God sees things differently. We will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit who will help us, over time, to understand God's purpose.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Sophie, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Bob Hastie, Margaret Parker, Pat Rand, Pauline French** and **William Lewsey** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Today we congratulate **Madeleine Johnson** and **Kate Sheppard** as they receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. We wish them every blessing and pray that they will come closer to him day by day.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Edward Ashton Flynn Haddon** baptised at Coggeshall last Sunday.

WELCOME TO FR GERALD: Fr Gerald Byaruhanga should be arriving this Saturday and will spend three weeks with us. He will be going up to Scotland to cover for Fr Patrick McInally on 21st August, and then will be going to Ireland for a sabbatical course of studies in September. I shall be away for the period Fr Gerald is with us, although I shall be here for the two weddings on 14th August and baptism on 15th.

MASS TIMES: Mass this Monday will be at 8.00 a.m. as I have a meeting in London at 10.30 a.m. There will be no Thursday Evening Mass this week. Thursday evening Masses will resume in September.

PAPAL VISIT: If you were not here last Sunday you will find application forms at the back of the Church for the Hyde Park Vigil on Saturday 18th September (for which we have 28 places) and the Beatification Ceremony on Sunday 19th (for which we have 6 places). Forms must be returned to me by Sunday 1st August. Coaches will be provided for Birmingham (an early start at around 4.00 a.m.). You will need to make your own way to Hyde Park and take suitable seating with you. We have now been told that the places allocated for Birmingham do **NOT** include a seat, and so you will need to take a folding chair or blanket with you as for the Hyde Park Vigil. If we are oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER BREAKFAST – Coggeshall: The next Prayer breakfast will be at the usual venue, Manna House, 5A St Peter's Road, on Saturday 21st July 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome but please sign the list for catering purposes. There will be no Prayer Breakfast on the last Saturday in August.

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOEBURYNESSE: Will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on Wednesday 8th September. They would like to invite all ex-teachers, Head Teachers and governors to join them for Mass at 1.30pm on the day. Please contact the school on 01702 293522 if you are able to attend.

THANKSGIVING MASS: For **Fr Dominic Howarth's** 7 years as Director and Chaplain of the Diocesan Youth Service. As Fr Dominic is leaving the BCYS this Summer, we would like to welcome everyone, particularly the young people of the Diocese and those who work with them, to a Mass of Thanksgiving. The Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 1st September. If you would like to send a message for Fr Dominic's leaving card, please email sarah@bcys.net.

UGANDA LOTTERY: The Lottery was drawn last weekend - **1st prize - £80 – Marie Barrett** **2nd prize - £50 – Sheila Perkins.** The quarterly subscription (£13.00) is now due. Cheques should be made payable to Kelvedon Catholic Church. If you would like to join in or would like more details contact **Viv Talbot** (01206 819317).

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 18th July - £1,120.04.**

SION FINANCE: Only 50% of their funding comes from their charges to Parishes for running a Mission and the remainder comes from donations. Following last week's appeal there will be another opportunity today to respond and there are also some spare standing order forms at the back of each church to help Sion in their ongoing planning. Any member of the Finance Team or Fr Gordon will help with any queries

PARISH MISSION

The Sion teams have now moved on and it is now time for us all to enjoy a well-earned rest after such a busy experience! Highlights of the past two weeks:



The Visiting Team managed to get round almost 400 of our 420 homes and they had personal contact in 61% of their calls – they told us that this is a very high figure. One of the many compliments they paid was that in their experience they found the wider parish “powerhouses of prayer.”

Celebration Week attendances grew and grew as the week continued. By the end of the week, more than 20 came to the early morning Mass, even more at the 10.00 a.m. and the evening (and other) services were better attended than expectations. Sion’s view was that our averages were higher than those of much larger parishes. Well done all!

What happens now? Please pray hard that the Holy Spirit will continue to make our hearts burn.

Post Mission Meeting: On **Wednesday 6th October** Allegra and Fr. Nino will be coming back to see us. This is another part of the Sion Mission process, to continue to support and encourage us in all we do. This meeting is open to all who took part and supported the Mission and will be our opportunity to decide how we would like to see the parish develop in future.

You are encouraged in the meantime to reflect on your impressions (good and not so good) of the whole enterprise and to jot down thoughts that you would like to be part of those October discussions.

You may know that there were many visitors who attended our services – including a number of other Sion colleagues who marvelled at the rich and vibrant atmosphere. The Social in the marquee provided a fitting conclusion to a wonderful two weeks. Please thank God for what he has achieved so far and ask that He may allow our faith to grow even more in the future.

A regular Mission update in the newsletter will include comments you may wish to make.

If anybody has any particular thoughts or views they wish to share in advance of the meeting on 6th October they can contact either **Helena** on (01206 562469) email helena.mcinnally@cashfac.com or **Pat** (01376 570806) email pat-dave@lineone.net

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 25th July 17th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners First Communion: Madeleine Johnson & Kate Sheppard <i>Baptism: Joseph Alexander Schofield</i> Joan Hare RIP
MONDAY 26th July <i>Sts Joachim & Anne</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Fr Benjamin Choyce RIP
TUESDAY 27th July	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Terence Wardle RIP <i>Rosary</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 28th July	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Violet Read RIP
THURSDAY 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Talbot Hainault RIP
FRIDAY 30th July <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 31st July <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving (ordination anniversary)
SUNDAY 1st August 18th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Winch Family In thanksgiving Sheila Barralet

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

Liturgical Rotas 1st August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	John Dann	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McNally	Tom McNally	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Eileen Roberts	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		