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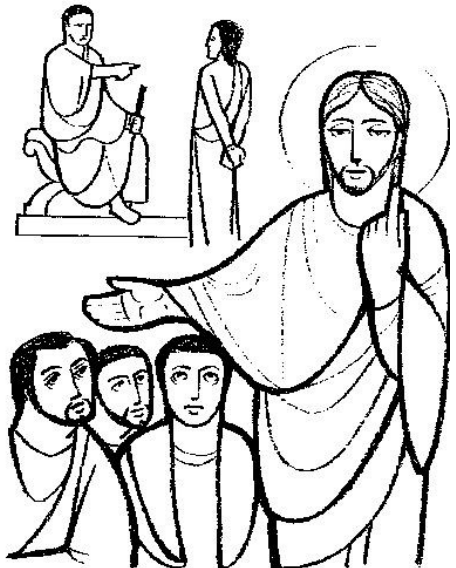
## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**25th June 2017**

### ***TWELTH SUNDAY OF YEAR***

***Do not be afraid of those who  
kill the body.***

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Jr 20:10-13</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 68:8-10.14.17.33-35</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rm 5:12-15</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mt 10:26-33</b>



**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** St Paul confronts us with a difficult teaching but also great hope. A baby seems innocent. How can it be that sooner or later we all go off the rails by committing sin – choosing to do something we know to be wrong? St Paul explains this in terms of ‘original sin’. Our first ancestors chose to disobey God. That was their own choice and responsibility – what we call ‘actual’ or ‘personal’ sin. However, it had unintended consequences – a weakening, to use today’s terminology, in the human genome. This is what we call ‘original sin’. It means that however innocent we may seem as babies, our resistance to temptation is weakened so that once we reach an age to know the difference between right and wrong all of us eventually make the wrong choice – only Our Lord and his Blessed Mother excepted. The hope St Paul offers us is that just as sin came into the world through one man, so salvation comes through one person – Jesus Christ. By uniting us with himself through the gift of grace in baptism Our Lord frees us from original sin (and actual sin if we are old enough) and renews this gift through the sacrament of penance as often as we ask him.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Pamela Covereley, Frank Joyce, Joan Hare, Frederick Cox, Cecil Hillyard, Leslie Wade* and *Mary Donovan* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Martin Eley** and **Natasha Lam** married at Kelvedon on Friday.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS’ LUNCH:** Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make last week’s event such an enjoyable occasion.

**MASS VARIATION:** Due to the funeral of Fr Gerry Butcher RIP at Ilford at 11.00 a.m. Mass on Monday will be at 8.00 a.m.

**DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES (4/4):** Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT, Wednesday 28th June, 7.30 p.m. Dr Paul Doherty, Headteacher of Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green, will speak on ‘The Patron Saints of the Diocese.’

**STAFF VACANCY:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster. Class Teacher required for September. This post would be suitable for a newly qualified teacher. Please contact the school office on 01708 220277 or see [www.jobsgopublic.com](http://www.jobsgopublic.com) for more information.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** Is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicssingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicssingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.