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*I am  
the Good Shepherd*

*John 10:11*



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th April 2015

### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

*A good shepherd is one who lays down his life  
for his sheep.*

First Reading:	Acts 4:8-12
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:1. 8-9.21-23.26.28-29
Second Reading:	1 Jn 3:1-2
Gospel:	Jn 10:11-18



#### **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that “the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). Jesus’ command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission (cf. Lk 10:1-6). Since the Church “is by her very nature missionary” (*Ad Gentes*, 2), the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by him, in consecration to him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God...

This exodus towards God and others fills our lives with joy and meaning. I wish to state this clearly to the young, whose youth and openness to the future makes them open-hearted and generous. At times uncertainty, worries about the future and the problems they daily encounter can risk paralyzing their youthful enthusiasm and shattering their dreams, to the point where they can think that it is not worth the effort to get involved, that the God of the Christian faith is somehow a limit on their freedom. Dear young friends, never be afraid to go out from yourselves and begin the journey! The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God’s call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day!

The Virgin Mary, model of every vocation, did not fear to utter her “*fiat*” in response to the Lord’s call. She is at our side and she guides us. With the generous courage born of faith, Mary sang of the joy of leaving herself behind and entrusting to God the plans she had for her life. Let us turn to her, so that we may be completely open to what God has planned for each one of us, so that we can grow in the desire to go out with tender concern towards others (cf. Lk 1:39). May the Virgin Mary protect and intercede for us all.

***From the Vatican, 29 March 2015***

***Palm Sunday***

**FRANCIS**

***BIGGER BREAKFAST:*** Our ecumenical prayer breakfast for Kelvedon & Feering takes place on Saturday at URC 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

***MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS:*** This Saturday 12.15 p.m.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Davis, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, 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, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Charles Campling and Nicholas Hoenich* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** Please pray for the four students currently studying for our diocese: Gary Dench (VEC, Rome); Rick Fernandez (Beda, Rome); Paschal Uche (Oscott) and Michael Barwick (beginning at Oscott in September). There is a second collection this weekend (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> April), on Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The collection is for Vocations Promotion within the Diocese, especially vocations to priesthood and the religious life, and is the only source of income for this work. On the website [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org) you will find Pope Francis' Message for today, and video of a conversation with Bishop Alan about his call to priesthood, along with much more information for anyone considering a vocation to priesthood or the religious life. You are also very welcome to contact the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic Howarth, on 01268 281732 or [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org)

**UGANDA LOTTERY:** The winners for the past Quarter are **Ann Allwork (£50)** and **Ann Ross (£23)**. If you would like to subscribe for the next Quarter £13 is now due.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY:** The statue of Our Lady at Kelvedon will be crowned at the end of 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Hopefully you will be making use of your Rosary, but it may be that you have an unused one in a drawer somewhere. The Catenian association is collecting Rosaries and sending them to 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries. If you would like to help with this recycling exercise there will be a basket at the back of each church during May.

**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY:** During May, after Sunday Mass in Tiptree there will be a procession to the garden with the statue of Our Lady, followed by a short prayer, traditionally including the Litany of Loreto and one decade of the Holy Rosary. We will be praying for the intentions of the whole parish.

**PRAYER VISITING TIPTREE:** This week the teams are hoping to visit Carolina Way, Eleanor Close, Eleanor Walk, Bijou Close, Muscade Close & Downton Walk. Please remember them in your prayers. Any requests will be shared with the Rosary Group as last Autumn and mentioned in the Bidding Prayers the following Sunday.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 19th April - £605.52**.

**PARISH GAMES EVENING: SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 2015 IN KELVEDON.** Please note the change of venue for this event due the recent seeding of the lawn in Tiptree. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to this fun packed **PARISH FUNDED** event where parishioners of all ages can enjoy Old Family Favourites (Indoor & Outdoor games) such as Scrabble, Snakes & Ladders, Jenga, Noughts & Crosses, BINGO, Penalty shoot-outs and many more will be played. **Registration is essential for catering purposes** so please sign up on forms now available at the back of all 3 churches.

**PRACTICAL HELP FOR THE ORDINARY ORGANIST:** With Rosemary Field (RSCM Deputy Director) **6th May, 7.15 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.** at **St. Andrew, The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PE.** For those who are not absolute beginners but who have yet to reach the dizzy heights of the organ scholar. Rosemary has 30 years experience as a sympathetic teacher with a real understanding of organists' problems. Cost £7.50 (£3.50 schoolchildren). For further information please contact John Rippen [jayarr@btinternet.com](mailto:jayarr@btinternet.com)

**QUESTION OF FAITH:** Do you have questions on living your Catholic faith? You are warmly invited to ask questions including those on Moral Issues, Catholic Social Teaching, Theology, Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any other question you may have always wanted answered. Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on **Thursday 30th April** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR** from **7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.** No charge and wine and nibbles are provided. Further details from Roderick Sime on 020 8530 8474 or The Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289 [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & RE-MARRIAGE:** Come and find out on **Tuesday 12th May 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m., Cathedral Conference Centre.** **Speaker: Dr Helen Costigane, SHCJ-** Moral Theologian, Canon Lawyer, a renowned lecturer and author of numerous articles. It is hoped that the evening will dispel some myths and preconceptions about the Church's approach to this question and look at ways of dealing with one of the most difficult pastoral situations we face today. **Cost:** £5.00 per person. For booking, please contact the Adult Rel. Education office on: 01277 265255 or email [are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** In honour of St Joseph the Worker, will be held on **Monday, 4th May** at **St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southward, SE1 6HR.** There will be a banner procession at 10.30 a.m. followed by Mass at 11.00 a.m. The Main Celebrant will be **Archbishop Peter Smith** who will be joined by other Bishops, including our own Bishop, Alan Williams, and clergy from the three Dioceses of Brentwood, Westminster and Southwark. Everyone is most welcome to attend this joyous occasion to celebrate the contribution made by migrants in our communities.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS: Spring Youth Gather 9th May** - a perfect introductory Event for those in year 7-9 at Stubbers outdoor activity centre, Upminster. **MARCH FOR LIFE UK 16th May** - we are taking a minibus to Birmingham to join this Pro-Life rally. There will also be a preparation evening in Brentwood with input from our Youth Chaplain, Fr James and a chance to make a BCYS Pro Life Banner! **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 23rd May** - Join Bishop Alan, the BCYS and parishes from across the diocese on a Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth, the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – patroness of our Youth Retreat Centre, Walsingham House. More information about all events on Facebook, at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or call 01277265286.

**GIFT AID FOR EASYFUNDRAISING:** If you are currently supporting our parish through Easyfundraising, please note that we can now claim Gift Aid **on donations raised. Kindly update your Account Setting to activate Gift Aid and enable claims moving forward.** Gift Aid is operated by the Government and allows charities to claim the basic rate of tax on every pound donated. This means that if you're a UK tax payer, every £1 you raise with easyfundraising is actually worth £1.25 for your cause. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can help St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) claim 25% extra on each donation via Gift Aid - at no extra cost. If you are a Higher rate taxpayer, you can reclaim relieve for Higher rate tax for your tax return.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** Is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on **Saturday 23rd May at 7.30 p.m.** Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians all with local ties. Tickets are £22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email [apether@bccs.org.uk](mailto:apether@bccs.org.uk)

**HANDMADE ROSARIES:** One of our parishioners in Coggeshall, **Aimée McQuillan** designs and handcrafts rosary beads using a variety of pearls, Swarovski crystals and gemstones. If you would like a unique custom made rosary as a First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism or gift for any other special occasion, please email Aimée on [gildedfeather@icloud.com](mailto:gildedfeather@icloud.com) or call 07515531111. To see examples of her work visit her page at [www.facebook.com/gildedfeather](http://www.facebook.com/gildedfeather) A percentage of all sales will be donated towards the work of the Parish. Repairs also undertaken to chain link rosaries for a small donation.

**War Diary 1914-1918**

**Please pray for Lieutenant Colm Britten RIP**

**Parish Notices 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Denis Barrett J.J. Mullen & Family deceased All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 27th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28th April <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30th April <i>St Pius V</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Deasy Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3rd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Teresa Hall (friends at St Bernard's) All Parishioners Winnie Lawes RIP

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 3rd May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Tom McNally	Elizabeth Maxted	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Celia Butt