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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th July 2015

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

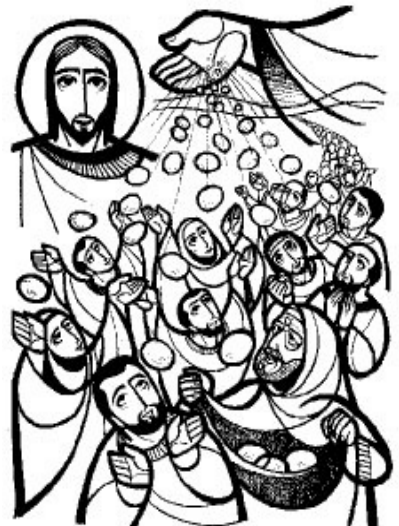
*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted  
to all who were sitting ready.*

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:10-11. 15-18

Second Reading: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY:** “How great a lie ...to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!” *Pope Francis*. Kathleen, a much-loved grandmother, collapsed at home one Saturday morning and was rushed to hospital. Early signs pointed towards a stroke. The doctors talked about the next twenty-four hours being critical; it seemed like Kathleen might not even survive. The priest was called and Kathleen received the anointing of the sick. Doctors were talking about brain damage and whether interventions might be possible. Suddenly the family was faced with big questions. What would Kathleen want and how could the Church help guide any decisions? How do we accept death when it comes and cherish life while we can? There have been remarkable medical and technological advances so that the chronically ill can receive life-saving treatments. We can be truly thankful for such advances. And yet at some time or other we will all die. These same advances have led to more complex decision making about appropriate treatment. At the end of life, there are two thoughts which can help guide us all: *The first is that we love life. Every person is loved by God and every life is a precious gift never to be destroyed or neglected. It is wrong to hasten or bring about death. God will call us in his good time. The second is that we accept death. This means there is no obligation to pursue medical treatment when it no longer has any effect or, indeed, harms the patient, or where the risks or burdens of the treatment outweigh the likely benefits.* We need to prepare to face life-threatening crises. Ideally these difficult and important decisions need to be faced with others – our spouse, our siblings, our extended family members. The family, after all, should be the privileged place where mutual support and understanding occurs. Sometimes difficult decisions need to be made and the views of family and experts are needed. But in such situations these two questions can guide us: “*is this decision loving life?*” and “*is this decision accepting the inevitability of death?*” Depending on the situation we should seek ways to answer yes to both, as life itself is a gift from God, and death but the gateway to new life with Him.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Murray, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Alphonso Ciaravella, 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, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

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

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** On **Friday 11th September** the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops’ Conference website ([www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide)) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church. You will find a leaflet with information and a draft letter and also some booklets.

**COGGESHALL FOOD BANK:** You may recall that there a meeting some months ago to discuss the possibility of setting up a satellite of the Braintree Food Bank in Coggeshall. These plans are now firming up and the hope is that this would operate in the upper room at Christchurch on Thursday mornings 10.00-12.00 noon. To establish a monthly rota that would make this a reality twenty volunteers are needed across the Churches and community – five for each session. Two need to be trained in the procedures and to be available to speak to applicants, one to fetch the appropriate package and two to welcome, prepare tea/coffee and be available for general conversation and support. Training will be provided for those who volunteer. You will find a mauve folder in the Church porch with volunteer application forms. Please return these to Conrad Weller at Christchurch – there is a letterbox in the back door if the building isn't open – by the end of July.

**'RIDE AND STRIDE':** Each year people walk or cycle – or ride on horse-back – round Essex and East London Churches to raise funds for their local Church and for the Friends of Essex Churches Trust. Sponsorship money is shared equally between the two and grants made to Churches of any denomination that are in need. Would you be interested in taking part on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September? If so, please take a buff form from the back of the church. Where it says 'local organiser' please put my details.

**MASS VARIATION:** Mass on Thursday 9.00 a.m. due to funeral in Clacton.

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

**TIPTREE GARDEN:** "A plea from Father Gordon! Now that the parish had paid for a new lawn at Tiptree, we now need volunteers to form a lawn mowing rota. We also need a group of volunteers for a one off session to cut the hedge and carry out basic garden maintenance and clearing up (no previous experience required!). If you are able to help by either joining the lawn mowing rota or the half day garden/hedge group (or even both!) please can you contact **James Crossley** on 01206 330794/07769 977524 or email [celiacrossley@gmail.com](mailto:celiacrossley@gmail.com)"

**HELP FOR TYPO:** For the last year our youth worker Stuart has been working at maximum capacity and is in need of support to continue and develop the work into next year. TYPO is hoping to engage a student from the Oasis College in London, to complement the work he is doing and to assist in the development of new projects. There is no guarantee that we will be assigned a student, but we are praying that God will provide. In order to host a student, we are required to provide accommodation; most of the college students are offered a room in somebody's home in the local area. We are therefore asking all four of our churches if anyone has a spare room that they would be prepared to offer a student over the course of an academic year. Basic expenses can be paid. This would be no small undertaking and needs to be thought through very carefully, but if you think you could help us and would like more information, please contact Tessa Perrin (Secretary at the URC) at [tessaperrin@sxdc.myzen.co.uk](mailto:tessaperrin@sxdc.myzen.co.uk) or on 01621 817701.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th July <i>17th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners J.J. Mullen & family deceased Heloise Flynn RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 27th July	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Canon Denis McSweeney RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28th July	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29th July <i>St Martha</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Intention Clark Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30th July <i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31st July <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> <i>[1962 - Our Lady]</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Deasy Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2nd August <i>18th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon  Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  2.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Kilbane, Bradley, Moan & Tierney Family Deceased <i>Baptism: Erin Rose Clench</i> All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 2nd August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Gabrielle Ruiz	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Tom McInally	Vivienne Talbot	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney