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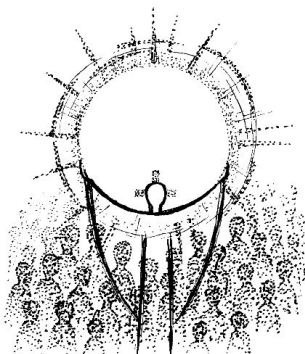
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**27th March 2016**

### ***EASTER SUNDAY***

*He must rise from the dead.*

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34. 37-43  
**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23  
**Second Reading:** Col 3:1-4  
**Gospel:** John 20: 1-9



**EASTER SUNDAY:** “Tonight is a night of vigil. The Lord is not sleeping; the Watchman is watching over his people (cf. *Ps* 121:4), to bring them out of slavery and to open before them the way to freedom. The Lord is keeping watch and, by the power of his love, he is bringing his people through the Red Sea. He is also bringing Jesus through the abyss of death and the netherworld. This was a night of vigil for the disciples of Jesus, a night of sadness and fear. The men remained locked in the Upper Room. Yet, the women went to the tomb at dawn on Sunday to anoint Jesus’ body. Their hearts were overwhelmed and they were asking themselves: “How will we enter? Who will roll back the stone of the tomb?” But here was the first sign of the great event: the large stone was *already* rolled back and the tomb was open! “Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe...” (*Mk* 16:5). The women were the first to see this great sign, the empty tomb; and they were the first to enter...“*Entering the tomb*”. It is good for us, on this Vigil night, to reflect on the experience of the women, which also speaks to us. For that is why we are here: *to enter, to enter into the Mystery* which God has accomplished with his *vigil of love*. We cannot live Easter without entering into the mystery. It is not something intellectual, something we only know or read about... It is more, much more! “To enter into the mystery” means the ability to wonder, to contemplate; the ability to listen to the silence and to hear the tiny whisper amid great silence by which God speaks to us (cf 1 *Kings* 19:12). To enter into the mystery demands that we not be afraid of reality: that we not be locked into ourselves, that we not flee from what we fail to understand, that we not close our eyes to problems or deny them, that we not dismiss our questions... To enter into the mystery means going beyond our own comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back, and going out in search of truth, beauty and love. It is seeking a deeper meaning, an answer, and not an easy one, to the questions which challenge our faith, our fidelity and our very existence. To enter into the mystery, we need humility, the lowliness to abase ourselves, to come down from the pedestal of our “I” which is so proud, of our presumption; the humility not to take ourselves so seriously, recognizing who we really are: creatures with strengths and weaknesses, sinners in need of forgiveness. To enter into the mystery we need the lowliness that is powerlessness, the renunciation of our idols... in a word, we need to adore. Without adoration, we cannot enter into the mystery. The women who were Jesus’ disciples teach us all of this. They kept watch that night, together with Mary. And she, the Virgin Mother, helped them not to lose faith and hope. As a result, they did not remain prisoners of fear and sadness, but at the first light of dawn they went out carrying their ointments, their hearts anointed with love. They went forth and found the tomb open. And they went in. They had kept watch, they went forth and they entered into the Mystery. May we learn from them to keep watch with God and with Mary our Mother, so that we too may enter into the Mystery which leads from death to life.” Pope Francis – Easter 2015.

**TRIDENTINE MASS:** Our monthly Mass according to the 1962 Missal takes place as usual this Saturday at 12.15 p.m. but there will also be an additional Mass next Sunday at 3.00 p.m. as Mgr Kevin Hale is unable to celebrate the regular 1st Sunday Mass at Leigh-on-Sea.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, 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, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Sr Mary Celestine, Eileen Murphy, Timmy Browne, Sr Catherine, Evelyn Shaw, Louise Braun, Audrey Holder* and *Patrick Shaw* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THANK YOU:** To all who have helped in so many ways to prepare our Holy Week Liturgies, servers, musicians, readers and all who helped behind the scenes cleaning and adorning our churches.

**YEAR OF MERCY MASS:** Brentwood Cathedral Year of Mercy Mass on Sunday 10th April at 6.30 p.m. Are you a doctor, nurse or involved in the care of those with physical or mental health issues? Are you a carer for someone with ill health? Are you a minister of God's mercy to those who are sick? You and all people are warmly invited to join the community at Brentwood Cathedral and come into the presence of the living, merciful God. Preacher: Fr Stephen Wang.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** With Pope Francis, Krakow, 22nd July - 2nd August 2016. If you are in school year 12 through to your early twenties, and want a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity then join Pope Francis and 3 million young people from across the world in Krakow this summer. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) trip includes the full WYD programme plus visits to the salt mines at Wieliscka, a day in the mountains at Zakopane, and time visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau, as a sombre reminder of recent history. There are 90 young adults travelling and we have just 7 places remaining. The cost of £890 includes all travel, hotel accommodation and virtually all meals, as well as all excursions, and will be reduced to £640 by bursary funding if needed. For lots more information email Clare Sullivan on [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net) before 14th April.

**BESTERS:** Collection of Besters Blue Boxes are now due. Please leave your name or Mass Centre on boxes. For those who would like to support our Twin Parish with their loose change, please contact **Jadwiga Smith** on **01376 570624**.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 20th March - £799.57**.

**HEALING MASS:** At Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13th April 2016. Please call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org/) for more information. All are welcome!

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

<b>SATURDAY</b>	Kelvedon	8.00 p.m.	<i>Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of new fire &amp; Easter Candle, the Prophecies &amp; blessing of baptismal water</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 27th March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Violet Gillen (anniversary) Int. Mam, Julie & Pat
<b>MONDAY</b> 28th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Canon Tony McKentey (40th Anniversary Ordination)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 29th March	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30th March	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 31st March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1st April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eugene William Read (anniversary)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2nd April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Deasy Family <i>Tridentine</i> : Int. George & Angela Franklin-Ryan
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3rd April <i>Low Sunday</i> <i>Feast of Divine Mercy</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon  Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd members Moran, Kilbane, Bradley Tierney & Mullen Families <i>Tridentine</i> : Private Intention Intention Bridie & Ken Stanton

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

Liturgical Rotas 3rd April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Tom McInally Patricia Pike	Helena McInally	Gloria Streat
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody