
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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Ask
and it shall be given.
Seek
and ye shall find.
Knock
and it shall be opened.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

27th October 2013

30TH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*The publican went home at rights with
God; the Pharisee did not*

First Reading: Ecc: 35:12-14.16-19
Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3.17-19.23.R.v.7
Second Reading: Timothy 4:6-8.16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



30TH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Today's readings pick up from last week's on the subject of prayer. Following on from the Gospel parable of the unjust judge Ecclesiasticus tells us that God is not influenced by human power or prestige but judges each person on their merits. Humility and sincerity of heart means that our prayers will pierce the heavens. In today's Gospel the Lord contrasts two people at prayer – a Pharisee who is virtuous and proud of it and a tax-collector who is only too aware of his failings. Jesus does not deny the virtues of the Pharisee or the sins of the tax collector but tells us that the prayers of the tax collector are more pleasing to God because of his self-awareness and humility. The Pharisee's prayers are ineffective because of his self-righteousness.

WELCOME TO FR BRIAN MCGILLWAY: We welcome once again Fr Brian McGilloway who will be celebrating Mass today and Friday - All Saints Day. Mass will be at the usual Holy Day times: 10.00 a.m. Kelvedon; 6.00 p.m. Coggeshall; 7.30 p.m. Tiptree. I shall be at the Canon Law Conference in Sudbury, Ontario until Friday.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to the each year has been a Christian tradition since the Fourth century, but it was only in 609 A.D. that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember all martyrs. Originally 13th May was the date chosen but in 837 A.D. Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember All Saints and changed the date to 1st November. From the earliest times Christians have prayed for those who have died. When St Monica was dying she told St Augustine not to worry about where she was buried but to remember her at the altar of God. Although our ultimate destiny is decided at the moment of death, the prayers of others can help the process whereby the fire of God's love purifies us and makes us ready to enter his presence. Today's Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed was established by Odilo Abbot of Cluny in 998 A.D. and rapidly spread throughout the Church. It is customary for priests to celebrate three Masses on this day. You can also gain plenary indulgences for the Holy Souls by various exercises of devotion such as visiting a church or cemetery and praying the Our Father and Creed for the intentions of the Holy Father, or reciting Psalm 129 ('Out of the depths'), or some other part of the Office for the Dead. You are invited to place the names of those you wish to be remembered in prayer in the containers before the altar. This year because of the combination of hosting the Prayer Breakfast and the monthly Mass according to the 1962 Missal all three Masses for All Souls Day will be at Kelvedon: 9.30 a.m.; 10.00 a.m.; 12.15 p.m.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS: Parents are reminded that the final date for submitting application forms for admission to a Catholic Secondary School for September 2014 is **31st October**. If you have not already done so you need to obtain a 'priest's reference' form from the school or its website to be signed by me.

UGANDA LOTTERY: The prize winners for the last Quarter were Pat Richardson (£60) and Elizabeth Maxted (£31) – Congratulations! Contributions for the next Quarter are now due (£13). We have also received a report from Fr Gerald on how he has used our contribution for 2012 of £9500 and there will be a display at the back of each Church.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION THANKS: Many thanks for the surprise party for my 65th Birthday last Sunday and for the kind gifts of wine, and theatre and South Bank tokens for future use. I look forward to taking advantage of the in due course.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: We are hosting this Saturday's monthly prayer breakfast for Coggeshall and Feering: Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. Do join us in prayer for the needs of the local community. At this time we pray in particular for our friends at St Mary the Virgin and All Saints who are in the process of interviewing for a new incumbent.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2014: Application forms now available at the back of the Church – please return as soon as possible. There will be a preliminary meeting for parents on **Thursday 21st November** in the Presbytery at **7.30 p.m.**

APPEAL TO PARENTS OF PREVIOUS FIRST COMMUNICANTS: There are twenty six unreturned copies of the blue 'Parents' book sitting in cupboards or on shelves out there. They cost the parish nearly £14 each to replace so I would be grateful if you could look around in likely and unlikely places and return them for use this year. There is no need to own up – you can just leave them at the back of the Church!

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The **Social Group** will be holding a **PLANNING MEETING** on **WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER** in **St Dominic's Room** at **10.00 a.m.** and would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to be involved. We need ideas for stalls, offers of help with running the stalls, making cakes, craft, setting up and clearing away. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the meeting then please contact **Pat (01376 570806) Agness (01276 573694) Jadwiga (01376 570624) or Miriam (01376 570919).** The date of the Bazaar is **Saturday 30th November** at **St John Houghton Tiptree.**

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 20th October - £921.00.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, 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: **Peter Ponley, Elzbieta Morecka, John Shah, Peter Norton and Canon Richard Gay** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

UGANDA APPEAL 2013: Please see the annual display of photographs etc which arrived from Fr Gerald this week. There are special envelopes at each church for these who want to help with the continuing Appeal (and grateful thanks again accorded to all those who already help so generously through the Lottery and by donation). Pope Francis often mentions the scandal of poverty and the lack of education opportunities. Through the genius of our special Uganda link, we are still able to reach and provide help to some of the poorest of the poor. Praise the Lord!

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ART EXHIBITION IN BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL PARISH HALL, SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER: The SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC ARTISTS will be exhibiting a wide range of pieces, many of which have a liturgical theme and all will be available for sale. Opening times: Sunday, 1pm to 5pm; Monday to Thursday, 10am to 5pm; Friday 10am to 6.30pm. For further information please visit <http://www.catholicartists.co.uk/> or phone 07722 829954.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3

SUNDAY 27th October 30th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Int. Dec'd rels. Ellinor Ingram All Parishioners
MONDAY 28th October <i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>	NO MASS		
TUESDAY 29th October	NO MASS Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Adoration
WEDNESDAY 30th October	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 31st October	NO MASS Kelvedon	8.00 p.m.	Prayer Group
FRIDAY 1st November <i>ALL SAINTS</i> Holy Day of Obligation	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kelleher All Parishioners Private Int.
SATURDAY 2nd November <i>All Souls</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Int. Holy Father Holy Souls Tridentine: Don Locke RIP
SUNDAY 3rd November 31st Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary Wood All Parishioners Holy Souls

Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday 12.00 noon
With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Liturgical Rotas 3rd November	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Derek Hand	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Valerie Bartlett	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Jean Mullane	Mary Branney