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**LET US PRAY
TOGETHER**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th September 2014

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*He through better of it and went. Tax collectors
and prostitutes are making their way into the
kingdom of God before you.*

First Reading: Ezk 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

Second Reading: Ph: 2:1-11

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY: In a few days Pope Francis will be meeting representative Bishops and lay people from all over the world for the extraordinary Synod on marriage and family life. Today's readings offer us food for thought and prayer in this context. St Paul appeals to the Christians in Philippi on the basis of their common faith and life in Christ to be united in love, with a common purpose and mind, and to set aside their own interests. Love is about putting the other person first and Jesus gives us the supreme example by laying down his life for us. This same love and mutual respect must be at the heart of marriage and family life. The second theme, running through Ezekiel and the parable of the two sons asked to work in their father's vineyard, is mercy – a second chance – when we repent of our mistakes and wrong choices.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, John Bartleet, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, 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 *Eileen Alderton, Marion Simmons, Nestor Mulka, Clement Gottelier, Daniel McDermott, Jerzy Pieckielon, Bernard Bryan and Olive Bond* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Hilda Morgan** of Messing after a long illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced when known.

DANIEL McDERMOTT: Daniel's third anniversary of death falls about this time. His parents Ian and Anne and brother Adam will be with us for Mass this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.

FR GERALD BYARUHANGA: We welcome back Fr Gerald on Tuesday. He will be with us until 22nd October and cover the two Sundays I shall be away for the American and Canadian Canon Law conferences.

TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday there will be the usual First Saturday Mass according to the 1962 Missal and Confessions extended from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

PRAYER BREAKFAST – KELVEDON: All welcome to the prayer breakfast at St Mary the Virgin this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m..

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. On **Friday 3rd October – Harvest Fast Day – CAFOD** is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week. Please give as much as you can so that hunger isn't a fact of life for the world's poorest people.

FIRST COMMUNION 2015: If you would like your child to make his or her First Communion next year, please take a form from the back of the Church and return it by half-term. A preliminary meeting for parents will be held after half-term and sessions start in the New Year.

CONFIRMATION: In the past few days I have had several enquiries about Confirmation. That scheduled for 2nd July was postponed as it was the day after Bishop Alan's ordination. I have not yet been given a new date, but if the Bishop's visit is not scheduled for 2015 then there will be Confirmation on Whit Sunday. Timing of preparation will depend a bit on the date and recruiting catechists but it would seem a good idea to schedule a preliminary meeting for after Half Term. I will make available application forms at the back of the Church. Candidates should be 14 by the time of the Confirmation. Some young people may be uncertain about whether they want to be confirmed. I would encourage them to complete a form and take part in the process even if at the end they do not feel ready to make such a commitment.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Games Night on Friday 3rd October. Fun, make friends and to share ideas, do some fundraising and learn a bit more about the church of today. It is aimed at children aged 8 upwards. The next get together is Friday 3rd October when we will be having a Games Night from 6 to 7.30 p.m. in St Dominic's. Food will be available. Come along and see if you like it. Please email pauline@mcaloone.com if you are intending to come so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION 2015: Parents with children due to transfer to secondary school next year are reminded that we fall within the catchment area for St Benedict's College, Colchester, although you may also qualify for a place in a lower category at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Parents need to obtain a priest's reference form from the Presbytery or directly from the College in addition to that submitted to the local authority. The College will need to receive these before the end of November.

PARISH EVENTS: Curry Night, Friday 7th November (please note change of date) tickets £9 will be on sale from Sunday 5th October. Christmas Bazaar at St John Houghton, Tiptree, Saturday 29th November.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP: There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 8th October at 10.00 a.m.** in **St Dominic's Room** to plan the **Curry Night** and **Christmas Bazaar**. All are welcome. **Please come and offer your support and share ideas.** If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help in anyway then please contact **Aggie** on **01376 573694** or **Pat** on **01376 570806**.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will take place at **8.00 p.m.** in **St Dominic's Room** on **Wednesday 1st October**.

TIPTREE CHURCHES PRAYER VISITING: This initiative will get under way shortly with visiting scheduled for Saturdays 27th September - 18th October and 15th and 22nd November. Each week the visits will be prepared by an initial 'prayer walk' on the Monday, delivery of explanatory cards to the homes to be visited, then visits 10.15 a.m. - 12.00 noon on the Saturday. Follow up calls will be made on the Sunday afternoons to those who were out and then any requests for prayer channelled to each Church for prayer during that week and the following Sunday. For us these intentions will be prayed for by the Rosary Group and at the bidding prayers on Sundays. If you cannot join those meeting to pray while the Saturday visits take place, please do pray for the visitors and those being visited in your own time and way.

EASYFUNDING: Agness tells me that this has now raised £590 for parish funds over the past year. These are being assigned to cover the cost of the recent recovering of the kneelers at Kelvedon. If you are not yet part of the scheme and would like a percentage of your Christmas expenditure to help the parish please check out the posters or ask **Agness O'Brien (01376 573694)** for details.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 21st September - £655.70.**

HOW ALIVE IS YOUR FAITH?: A short course offering an opportunity to reflect on aspects of our faith and to deepen our relationship with God. Facilitator **Sister Nuala Gannon** from the Diocese of Brentwood at **St Teresa of Lisieux Parish, Lexden** on the following dates: **Thursday 2nd October, Prayer 'A surge of the heart'**. **Thursday 9th October, Church 'A pilgrim people'**. **Thursday 16th October, Sacraments 'The foundations of every Christian life'**. **Thursday 23rd October, Mission 'Called and sent'**. All evenings start at 7.30 p.m. and end at 8.45 p.m. Contact 01206 576899 or email lexden@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

FORTHCOMING EVENT: On the road to Emmaus - Discipleship. Saturday 4th October, 10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. finish 4.00 p.m. Speaker: Fr Denis McBride, CSsR Cost: £10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/ coffee provided. For further details please contact the Adult RE& Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

STUDENT MENTOR VACANCY: Required for January 2015. The Headteacher and Governors of All Saints Catholic School, Dagenham, seek to appoint a Student Mentor (SO1 point 29) to assist with supporting student achievement and well-being, and to have the responsibility for the co-ordination of student voice across the school. 35 hours per week, term time only. Further details of the post from Mrs Hartley (Tel: 020 8270 4242). Closing date for applications: **Wednesday, 8th October 2014.**

BCCS WALK: The Knights of St Columba with help from their supporters raised £2,222.00 for the BCCS. We wish to thank all Sponsors for their valued support, now looking forward to 2015 for the next walk and perhaps more partakers in this event.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 28th September <i>26th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Julie Rainbird & Ian Chaplin (ann.) Lena Cross (anniversary) All Parishioners
MONDAY 29th September St	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 30th September St Jerome	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30	Mary McIntock RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 1st October St Teresa of Lisieux	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 2nd October Holy Guardian Angels	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 8.00-9.00 pm	Church in Czech Republic <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 3rd October	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	In thanksgiving (Golden Wedding Tom & Miriam McNally)
SATURDAY 4th October St Francis of Assisi	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	James Barker RIP <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 5th October <i>27th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP J.J. Mullen & Family deceased All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 5th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Patricia Pike	Helena McNally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett	Michael Wigley	Jude Cody