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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 4th Sunday of Easter

*The 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.R.v.22  
Second Reading: St John 3,1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18



**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:** “I am the Good Shepherd”. The image of the Good Shepherd is to be found in the catacombs long before we find representations of Jesus on the cross. Usually he is shown as a young man carrying a sheep across his shoulders. This image could also represent the pagan god Hermes carrying a sacrificial lamb and so the ambiguity made it acceptable in a time of persecution. To a Christian it would represent Christ. This statuette dates from about 300 AD and is in the Vatican Museum. Later depictions in mosaic show him as an adult with a flock of sheep or separating the sheep from the goats. To the shepherd, each sheep is an individual no matter how hard someone else may find it to distinguish between them. He will defend them with his own life. For the disciples, the image of the Good Shepherd would also have brought to mind David, the shepherd-boy who became King. Jesus is the successor of David not only by descent and lineage but also in the model of kingship he sets out. However, it is only after the Resurrection that the disciples will understand what he meant by ‘laying down his life and taking it up again.’ Christ laid down his life for you and for me so that we might not be lost.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Stephen Bownes and Carine Vergnes, married on Tuesday and to Charles William Anthony Pitt and Isla Elizabeth Davis baptised on Saturday. Congratulations also go to Derek and Annette Hand who celebrate their Silver Wedding this Saturday. Their Thanksgiving Mass is at Rayleigh, where they were married, and was due to be celebrated by Fr Andrew Dorricott, who officiated at their wedding, but his health does not permit this, and they have asked me to celebrate it in his place. This means that there will be no 10.00 a.m. Mass, Confessions or Exposition this coming Saturday. There will, however, be the usual Tridentine Mass at 12.15 p.m.

**LIVES OF THE SAINTS:** Our series on the lives of the Saints continues this Thursday 8.00 p.m. in St Dominic’s Room, Kelvedon.

**ST BENEDICT’S COLLEGE MISSION:** This week members of the Sion Community, who conducted our parish mission in 2010, will be leading a Mission for the students and staff at St Benedict’s – please do remember them in your prayers this week. You will be pleased to hear that despite the adverse effect of school transport charging the number of applications for St Benedict’s has held up very well this year and in fact there are twenty five on the waiting list! Parents are to be congratulated for the financial sacrifices they are making now that they will have to find up to £900 a year per child for transport.

**COLUMBAN MISSIONS:** Our annual official diocesan Mission appeal takes place next weekend and will be made on behalf of the Columban Missionary Fathers.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING:** at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome. For those who can come earlier, there will be **Adoration 7.00pm –7.30pm**.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Kelvedon & Feering: The next prayer breakfast takes place this Saturday at Kelvedon URC 8.00-9.00 a.m. – all welcome!

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Nicholas Hoenich, Harry Knight, Tessa Bateson, Jason Dutch, Christopher Rolfe** and **Pamela Spencer** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**COGGESHALL YOUTH WORK TRUST:** You will be pleased to hear that as a result of the interviews recently, a successor has been appointed to Hannah Cooper. He is Giuliano ('Jules') Caprioli-Blake and will be starting work in tandem with Hannah at the beginning of May. Hannah will finish at the end of May prior to ordination to ministry in the Church of England. I am sure that there will be an opportunity to celebrate all that she has achieved and to say goodbye and will let you know when details are finalised. There have been a number of applicants for the new post in Tiptree and I will keep you posted on the interview process.

**EQUIPPING YOU FOR ECUMENICAL MISSION, CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS WITH ALICE HALL: 18-20 May 2012.** Helping you understand and explain the Catholic faith. In order to share our faith with others we need to be confident in being able to answer the questions that might come our way when we do! Working alongside other Christians in ecumenical mission, as we are preparing to do during the Olympics this summer, calls Catholics to be able to "give the reasons for the hope that they have" (1 Peter 3:15) to all those who ask them. The teachings will take into account questions about Mary, the Saints, the Authority of the Church, the role of the Pope and some of the Sacraments. The weekend aims to give you a simple scriptural basis from which to develop further personal studies but will equip you to engage in conversations with other Christians about these areas. **SENT, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX. Cost:** £95 (waged) / £75 (unwaged) per weekend. For further information or a booking form please contact our administrator on 01277 215011or e-mail [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk) .

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We would like to thank those who have volunteered to help with the children's ministry. We will be meeting after Mass next Sunday to discuss the format and formalise a rota. Although we now have 6-8 regular helpers, we invite all who would like to help but feel unable to make a permanent commitment. Ideally, the larger the number of volunteers the more occasional the commitment would be for everyone involved. Please, stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee and learn how easy this job really is. Dads are particularly welcome!

**THE SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND:** is part of the Diocesan Charity which is to help and support our retired and sick clergy when retired and/or sick. As a Charity we rely on the generosity of the Parishes and individual donations to keep the Fund in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by making a bequest in your Will; a *Form of Bequest* can be found on page 162 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory. Your generosity through donations, the annual collection and bequests is greatly appreciated.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER GROUP:** As we did last year, the children's prayer group invites everybody for traditional May devotions to Our Lady, with a procession to the garden and Litany of Loreto on **Mondays 4.00pm**, Tiptree church. This is straight after school for the children and for adults it is still before dinner. A short but beautiful meeting for all who love our Mum in heaven.

**BRES/CJSR LECTURE** – "Trafficking Women: not for Sale" will be given by Sr Lynda Dearlove, RSM, MBE, Director of Woman@ the Well Centre, Kings Cross on **Thurs. 3rd May 7.30pm**.

**BRES SUMMER LECTURE** - "The Eucharist at the heart of Home , School and Parish" will be given by Reverend Martin Boland STL, MA on **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**.

Both lectures will take place at Cathedral House Brentwood. Contact BRES: 01277 265285 or email mary [cronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cronin@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Cost:£5

**FINANCE:** The Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd April- £786.39**. The Survive-Miva appeal at all masses last week raised £311.70 (+ Gift Aid). The speaker hoped we might match the total from their last appeal 3 years ago. This came to £360+ so we are nearly there! Some folks took envelopes away last week and there are spares at each church for those who want to contribute (use gift aid number where appropriate) - and thanks.

**ORGAN CONCERT AT KELVEDON:** Thursday evening **24th May**. Posters and handbills should be ready any day now. Please try to come along to what is a "first" for the parish - and bring your friends!!

**PRO LIFE TIMES:** Spare copies of this free newspaper are available at each church; please help yourself.

**OFFERTORY APPEAL - MESSAGE FROM FINANCE TEAM:** Thanks to all of you for your generous response to the Appeal made by Sean and Tom a month ago. Response has been good in terms of Standing Orders and those using envelopes. The first priority improvements to the decoration and parquet floor at Kelvedon have been completed already (Praise God!), and the Finance Team will consider the next steps when they meet shortly. If you do not currently use envelopes and want to join in or know more, please give your name to Fr. Gordon, and we will contact you.

**TIPTREE HEDGEHOG:** After Rosary on Tuesday Gosia mentioned a creature trapped in a small dry drainpipe next to the church wall. We could not release it. "Animal Rescue" were called and later the same day they shared the good news that they had managed to free the "big" hedgehog; it was well and they will keep an eye on it for a few days before releasing it back to the wild. We agreed to secure the loose fitting drain cover!! Pity Fr Gerald is not here - they don't have hedgehogs in Uganda and he has often talked about never having seen a live one - only imitations in a garden centre!

**TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adoration for Life begins again this week at 6.30pm followed by silent prayer from 7.30 to 8.30, all are welcome.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 29th April <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>'Good Shepherd Sunday'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Danny Mullane RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 30th April <i>St Pius V</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Canon Richard Incledon RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30-8.30p.m.	Private Intention <b>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</b> <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 3rd May <i>St Philip &amp; James</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP <b>Prayer Group 'Lives of the Saints'</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 4th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6th May <i>(1962: St Pius V)</i>	Kelvedon	12.15 p.m.	Tridentine: Int. Priestly Fraternity of St Peter
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7th May <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Evelyn Barraud RIP All Parishioners Int. Liam Dunbar (sick)

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: No Confessions or Exposition this Saturday due to Silver Wedding Mass in Rayleigh.***

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 13th May	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Edwina Abram
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Pat Ezra Steve Smith	Pat Short	Edna Morgan
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Valerie Bartlett Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Celia Butt
<b>FINANCE TEAM</b>	Tom McNally & Sean O'Leary		