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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

How happy are the poor in spirit.

First Reading	Zp 2:3;3:12-13
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel	Mt 5:1-12



FOURTH SUNDAY: The longest Psalm in the Bible (118/119) is a song in praise of God's Law:

- 97 Oh, how I love thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Thy commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for thy testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged,
for I keep thy precepts.

But the for Psalmist the Law is not so much a set of regulations as a source of wise principles – God advising us on how to live in harmony with him and our true nature. For St Matthew Jesus is, above all, the teacher who comes to help us understand the Law's true meaning and to bring us to the Father's heart. This is why he depicts Our Lord giving his teaching on a mountainside just as Moses came down the mountain with the tablets of the Law. Jesus does not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it and lead us from a superficial to a deep understanding. Today we hear the Beatitudes – words that have made an impact on many who otherwise have no time for Christianity. If you are in Kelvedon, take a careful look at the plasterwork or pargetting on the house to the left of the Post Office. Between the ground and first floors you will see the verse 'Blessed are the peacemakers – they shall be called sons of God' (in Greek!).

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Edward Piekieron, Winifred Winfield, Kay Brown, Phyllis Chine, Thomas Martin, Ellen Cooney, Elizabeth O'Brien, George Parkin, Gillian O'Malley and Terri Casey* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FAITH FILMS CLUB: To mark the 100th year of Our Lady's Apparition in Fatima, we will be showing the following movie at our next Movie afternoon. This is a private home viewing open to all those interested. Light refreshments & nibbles provided. Come along with your spouse or a friend. Donation welcome to expand our Faith Films Library. **Title: A CALL TO FATIMA** (*Running time : 3 hours*). **Date :** Monday, **6th February 2017**. **Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (*approx. 20 minutes of interval time included*). **Venue:** Aggie O'Brien's house. (*Contact 01376 573694 to confirm attendance or for further details*). This movie tells the story of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. It is based on Sister Lucia's books, *Memoirs I* and *Memoirs II*.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY EVENTS 2017: Bishop Alan has asked all parishes to arrange a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Saturday 11th February** to mark the beginning of the diocese centenary with unity in prayer throughout the diocese. We will have extra time of Adoration in **Kelvedon** from **4.00 p.m. till 10.00 p.m.** As you know, we cannot have the Holy Sacrament unattended at any time, therefore it is important that a **ROTA** is drawn in order to ensure that at least one person will be present at all times. If you would like to pay homage to our Lord in the Eucharist, please write your name in the list at the back of your church or email Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com to register your chosen time. You can stay for as long as you wish but a period of at least 15 minutes is recommended. *'Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory", respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God'*. Catechism of the Catholic Church 2628.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We are very happy to welcome Val Bartlett and Tracey O'Donnell to Sunday's Liturgy of the Word for children ministry. We have now a team of 5 people sharing the rota but still have room for more. If you would like to join in, please contact Angie Hart: mahart66@outlook.com or 07719 577923.

VISITING TEAM: Your Stewards of the Gospel would like to thank those of you who have contacted us in response to the Questionnaire's Feedback. We have now one volunteer who wishes to start and lead a VISITING TEAM in Tiptree. It would be ideal if we could start simultaneously groups in Coggeshall and Kelvedon. If this is something that appeals to you or you have experience of, please contact one of your Stewards or Fr Gordon and we will come back to you. We would like to have a meeting to set up the groups as soon as possible. Please, see the stewards board or stewards' insert in the newsletter for contact details.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Thanks to all who participated in the recent novena to St. Peregrine. The next novena we will be posting on our social media pages will be to Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a young peasant girl named Bernadette in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Our Lady revealed herself as, "the Immaculate Conception." Through Bernadette (St. Bernadette), Mary revitalised the faith of millions, and continues to do so. We will start praying on February 2nd. The novena will be published daily on our parish Facebook and Twitter pages, or you can follow directly from the novena website at www.praymorenovenas.com.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 17th to 19th March 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 29th January, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** All welcome.

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

SUNDAY 29th January <i>4th of Year</i> <i>[1962 4th after Epiphany]</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Bartleet RIP Margaret Powell (anniversary) <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 30th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eileen Tilley RIP
TUESDAY 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Violet Read (anniversary) <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 1st February	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Kevin McDonald RIP
THURSDAY 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Florence Sullivan RIP
FRIDAY 3rd February <i>St Anne Line (St Blaise)</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 4th February <i>[1962: St Andrew Corsini]</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Tridentine: Intention Mr Torun Shaw Snr</i>
SUNDAY 5th February <i>5th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie McPherson (anniversary) Intention Winch Family All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 5th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Steve Smith Valerie Bartlett	Vivienne Talbot	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Tracey O'Donnell	Mary Branney