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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

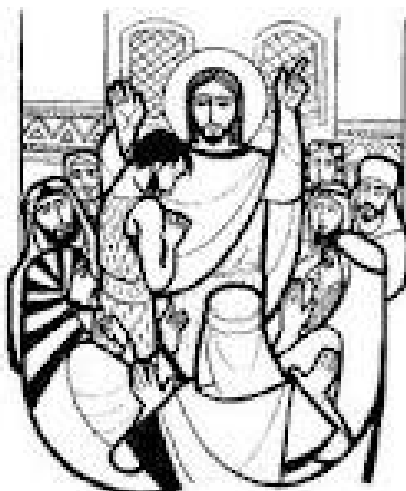
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### ***FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR***

*He taught them with authority.*

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 94: 1-2. 6-9  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mk 1:21-28



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** “Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.” What does St Mark mean by this? The word he uses means ‘power’ or ‘permission’ and implies a lack of limitation – it can also mean ‘licence’ in the sense of abuse of power. The rabbis taught and still teach ‘by authority’ rather than ‘with authority’. That is to say they justify their teaching by reference to other rabbis who have taught the same thing, especially those who have a high reputation. Jesus does not do this. Just as Moses spoke on the authority of his encounter with God, so Our Lord speaks as the living Word of God – the one through whom the Father communicates his message directly. God’s word is never empty or powerless and so when he commands the unclean spirit to leave the man it cannot but obey and cries out, “I know who you are: the Holy One of God!” If someone hears the Lord speak and considers his words just one message among many, like those of the rabbis, perhaps to be disregarded, then this shows he has not really understood who it is who is speaking.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **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.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**To Emma Holmes & Jack Chevalier married at Kelvedon on Saturday.

**WE REGRET:** To announce the death of **Eric Bell** of Tollesbury – his wife Joan played the organ at Tiptree for many years.

**HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY:** Anchor House is a diocesan trust that reaches out to help the homeless in East London and give them a second chance. You will find a flyer about their work in the Newsletter this week. Do support them in whatever way you can, whether financially or by prayer.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – KELVEDON & FEERING:** We shall be hosting the monthly prayer breakfast for Kelvedon & Feering next Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

**FIRST COMMUNION MEETING:** Parents are reminded that there will be a meeting for First Communion parents after Mass at 8.00 p.m. this Wednesday. It looks as if 2012 will be a bumper year with around twenty children to make their First Communion.

**FINANCE:** The Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd January - £745.46.** **WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The annual collection taken last week amounted to **£171.76.** Many thanks for your generosity.

**YOUTH GROUP:** As you may know we have started a group for young people in the Parish. The idea is to meet, have fun, make friends and to share ideas, do some fund-raising and learn a bit more about the church of today. It is aimed at children aged 8 upwards. The next meeting is **Friday 3rd February** at **6.00 p.m.** in **St Dominic's room**. Food will be available. Come along and see if you like it. Please email [pauline@mcaloone.com](mailto:pauline@mcaloone.com) if you are intending to come so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

**COMMUNICATION:** For many years, **Celia Butt** has been submitting articles for publication in the local magazine **The Tribune**. She has now decided to retire from this most worthy of tasks on behalf of our parish. A sad day would it be if no successor could be found and the local community missed out on news about our wonderful and vibrant parish life! Anyone interested in replacing Celia please contact either Fr Gordon or Michael Wigley. Celia, the parish is very grateful for all you have done - thank you.

**CANDLEMAS:** Thursday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, the day when Mary and Joseph complied with the Jewish Law by making an offering in thanksgiving and to symbolise the ending of the forty days' ritual impurity that a Jewish woman incurs through childbirth (or eighty days for a girl!). It is also the occasion for the encounter between Simeon and the child Jesus and was introduced from the East, the earliest calendars using the Greek name Hypapanti ('encounter'). The words of Simeon recognising Jesus as the light to enlighten the Gentiles gave rise to the custom of a candlelit procession and the blessing of candles on that day.

**BLESSING OF ST BLAISE:** St Blaise was an Armenian bishop and martyr in the Fourth Century who saved the life of a young man choking on a fish bone. It is customary to ask his blessing as protection against ailments of the throat on his feast day, 3rd February, although liturgically in this diocese the feast of the local Saint Anne Line takes precedence. The blessing will be given at the end of Mass.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Can we please kindly remind all parents that the children's liturgy is a valuable resource for children **under** First Communion age (up to 6 years of age). Children that are being prepared for their First Communion and post-First Communion children should remain with their parents and follow the Mass with parental help.

**CATECHIST:** We are still looking for a volunteer to help with the First Communion preparations. If you wish to help with this ministry, please talk to Fr Gordon or Angie Hart on 07719 577 923 or via email: [mahart66@hotmail.com](mailto:mahart66@hotmail.com)

**LENT 2012: 'Living the Word of God-self esteem.'** This Lenten talk will be given by **Fr Jim McManus, CSsR**. **Tuesday 28th February 7.30 p.m.** Cathedral Conference Centre. **Cost:** £5 per person. For booking contact Adult Religious Education & Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265255 or email [are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**TIPTREE YOUTH WORKER:** Two candidates were interviewed on Wednesday. Both were excellent but neither were quite what was being looked for so the post will be re-advertised with a view to interviewing in May. Please continue with your prayers. It is most important to appoint the right person with the personality and panache to get this project off the ground!

**A NEW WEBSITE:** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are delighted to announce the launch of their new Website <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/> October 2012 marks the beginning of a year of celebrations for the 370th Anniversary of the Community.

**BE STILL DAY AT CLARE PRIORY:** The next "Be Still" day led by Fr Ben OSA will be on Thursday 16th February. The day will begin at 9.30 a.m. and end at 3.30 p.m. The cost is £20.00 which includes a soup lunch. If you would like to take part please contact Kathy to book a place. 01787 277326.

**A NEW COURSE FOR LENT 2012 - "Handing on the Torch":** Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace especially in Asia (including China), Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow and perhaps even to survive. In this course we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer. We meet as Churches Together in Kelvedon & Feering at the United Reformed Church on Kelvedon High Street on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7.30 p.m. **ALL WELCOLME. 5 SESSIONS:**

Session 1 **A Christian Country?** (FEBRUARY 28th)

Session 2 **A Secular Society?** (MARCH 6th)

Session 3 **A Beleaguered Church?** (MARCH 13th)

Session 4 **Competing Creeds?** (MARCH 20th)

Session 5 **Handing on the Torch** (MARCH 27th)

**ANNUAL SPIRITUALITY DAY:** This Lenten day will be led by **Fr Daniel O'Leary**, author, theologian, spiritual director. **Saturday 24th March** 10.00 a.m. Registration/Coffee **10.30 a.m.** start. Finish **3.45 p.m.** Cathedral Conference Centre. For advance booking, please contact 01277 265255 or email [are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**PREPARATION FOR THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE:** Third Sunday of Lent - 11th March at 3.00 p.m. To prepare for this Liturgy, a meeting will take place for Catechists whose Confirmandi will be confirmed by their Parish Priest on Pentecost Sunday. **Date** and **venue: Thursday 23rd February 7.30 p.m.** Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. **Facilitator:** Sr Nuala Gannon.

**SION COURSE:** 24th - 26th February – 'As Iron Sharpens Iron' - A Weekend for Men. The retreat will provide an opportunity for sharing, challenge, ministry and fellowship in a relaxed and prayerful setting; helping men to grow in their faith. Cost: £95 waged, £65 unwaged. For more **information see our website** [www.sioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk)

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**  
**Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 29th January <i>4th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Kiki Jennings RIP Dec'd members Talbot Family All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 30th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Ruth Booler RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 31st January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Thomas Wall RIP <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 1st February	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	First Communion Children and Families.
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. NO MASS 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Maja Newhouse RIP <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 3rd February <i>St Anne Line</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
<b>SUNDAY</b> 5th February <i>5th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Albert Mason (anniversary) Charles & Ellen Thomas RIP

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

Liturgical Rotas 5th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Sean O'Leary	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Ezra Patricia Pike	Viviene Talbot	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tom Mcnally		