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(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)

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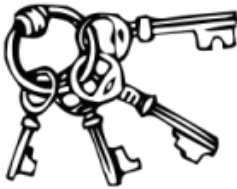
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th June 2014

Sts Peter & Paul

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven*

First Reading: Ac 12:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9
Second Reading: 1 Tm 4:6-8.17-18
Gospel: Mt 16:13-19



STS PETER & PAUL: In his homily for this feast last year Pope Francis focussed on three themes which form the basis of the ministry of the successor of St Peter:

1. **First, to confirm in faith.** The Gospel speaks of the confession of Peter: “You are Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16), a confession which does not come from him but from our Father in heaven. Because of this confession, Jesus replies: “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church” (v. 18). The role, the ecclesial service of Peter, is founded upon his confession of faith in Jesus, the Son of the living God, made possible by a grace granted from on high. In the second part of today’s Gospel we see the peril of thinking in worldly terms. When Jesus speaks of his death and resurrection, of the path of God which does not correspond to the human path of power, flesh and blood re-emerge in Peter: “He took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him ... This must never happen to you” (16:22). Jesus’ response is harsh: “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me” (v. 23). Whenever we let our thoughts, our feelings or the logic of human power prevail, and we do not let ourselves be taught and guided by faith, by God, we become stumbling blocks. Faith in Christ is the light of our life as Christians and as ministers in the Church!

2. **To confirm in love.** In the second reading we heard the moving words of Saint Paul: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tm 4:7). But what is this fight? It is not one of those fights fought with human weapons which sadly continue to cause bloodshed throughout the world; rather, it is the fight of martyrdom. Saint Paul has but one weapon: the message of Christ and the gift of his entire life for Christ and for others. It is precisely this readiness to lay himself open, personally, to be consumed for the sake of the Gospel, to make himself all things to all people, unstintingly, that gives him credibility and builds up the Church. The Bishop of Rome is called himself to live and to confirm his brothers and sisters in this love for Christ and for all others, without distinction, limits or barriers. And not only the Bishop of Rome: each of you, new archbishops and bishops, have the same task: to let yourselves be consumed by the Gospel, to become all things to everyone. It is your task to hold nothing back, to go outside of yourselves in the service of the faithful and holy people of God.

3. **To confirm in unity.** ...In the Church, variety, which is itself a great treasure, is always grounded in the harmony of unity, like a great mosaic in which every small piece joins with others as part of God’s one great plan. This should inspire us to work always to overcome every conflict which wounds the body of the Church. United in our differences: there is no other Catholic way to be united. This is the Catholic spirit, the Christian spirit: to be united in our differences. This is the way of Jesus! The pallium, while being a sign of communion with the Bishop of Rome and with the universal church, with the Synod of Bishops, also commits each of you* to being a servant of communion. [These words are addressed to newly appointed archbishops who receive the ‘pallium’ during this Mass].

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Gladys Campling, Julie Hillyard, 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 *Hillyard, Leslie Wade, Mary Donovan, Catherine Trim, Jimmy Pachowski, Susan Praynall, Paul Wilson, Jozefa Matrejek* and *Edith Kenney* whose anniversaries occur at this time.



BISHOP ALAN WILLIAMS: On Tuesday Fr Alan Williams, SM, will be consecrated as our new Bishop at Brentwood. The parish will be represented by Gareth Talbot and Pat Richardson. Please remember him in your prayers especially on Tuesday.

Audio highlights of the Episcopal Ordination will be available soon after the event on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net. Video highlights and a DVD will follow.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our children making their First Holy Communion today: Sarah Maxted; Freddie Christopher; Frankie Christopher; Oliver Jennings; Eamon Lyons; Rachel Nelson; Emily De Silva. Reanne O'Brien will receive a blessing as she will make her First Communion with family in Malaysia.

SUMMER FETE: Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success and joyful occasion, not only those who came and helped or supported it on the day, but all those who helped in advance with various aspect of preparation, gave items for the stalls or bought draw tickets.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MICHAEL WIGLEY'S MOTHER: Message from Michael Wigley: I have had enquiries regarding the date of my mum's funeral. Her funeral will be held at 11.00am on Tuesday 8th July in: St Thomas More Catholic Church, 14 High Street, Hadleigh, Essex SS7 2BP.

PROPOSED FOOD-BANK FOR COGGESHALL: The Trussell Trust, which operates the Braintree Food-bank, would like to open a branch in Coggeshall to make things easier for those currently needing to spend money on bus fares to access food. To this end the trust and Churches Together in Coggeshall are holding an information evening this Tuesday 1st July at Christchurch, Coggeshall 7.00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer or just find out more, please come along. A certain 'critical mass' in terms of the number of volunteers is needed to get it off the ground as for each session several volunteers are need, not only to make packs of food available, but to provide a cup of tea and welcome , and also to be available for confidential advice if needed.

BIGGER BREAKFAST: This month's prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering will take place at the URC this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBIA: All parishes are invited to a Family Fun Day (bouncy castles, face painting, giant garden games, bbq, tombola, raffle) Saturday 19th July 12 - 4pm. Admission £5 per family. St Joseph's Catholic Church, Mill Raod, Mile End, Colchester.

PUB QUIZ: Saturday 5th July, St Lukes' Church Extension! 7.30pm, teams of up to 8, £3 per person and prizes to be won. Please bring your own snacks, there will also be a raffle, all proceeds are to help raise funds to help young people from Tiptree to attend the annual 'Soul Survivor' youth event.

FINANCE: The Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd June - £788.06.**

POETRY COMPETITION: We are delighted to invite FREE entries for the third running "Religious Poem Competition". The winner's church will receive £250 and ten free books. Anyone can submit 3 poems, of no more than 25 lines/160 words and there's no age limit. The poem can be anything you like, as long as there's a religious theme. Please send your entry by January 31st 2015 to: Religious Poem, United Press, Admail 3735 London EC1B 1JB. Tel 0844 800 9177 or e-mail info@unitedpress.co.uk. For more information visit www.unitedpress.co.uk Judging will take place in February 2015 and the winner will be announced in March.

PRAISE IN THE PARK: The Churches in Kelvedon and Feering are planning an outdoor service of praise at Kelvedon Recreation Ground on Sunday 13th July at 4.00 p.m. Some of you may remember we did something similar several years ago. The plan is for a few hymns, some prayers, a short interview with three local people about what they like about life in the village (conducted by Rev. Ken Thom) and craft activities for children. People attending will need to bring their own folding chairs. If you are thinking of going and wouldn't mind being one of the interviewees, please let me know!

ABBOTSWICK, DIOCESAN HOUSE OF PRAYER: Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 2.30pm. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org. Please join us, all are welcome!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 29th June <i>Sts Peter & Paul</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Florence Wood (ann.) First Communions All Parishioners
MONDAY 30th June <i>1st Martyrs of Church of Rome</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Int.
TUESDAY 1st July <i>St Oliver Plunkett</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Int. Bishop-elect Fr Alan Williams
WEDNESDAY 2nd July	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Int.
THURSDAY 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Int.
FRIDAY 4th July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Int. Michael Norton
SATURDAY 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	In thanksgiving (Ann & Alec Ross) 40th wedding anniversary Tridentine: Int. Michael Morton
SUNDAY 6th July <i>14th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Nora Rackstraw RIP Private Int.

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

Liturgical Rotas 6th July	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Ann Ross	Neville Bridgman	Anne Ross
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Patricia Pike	Helena McInally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett	Michael Wigley	Jude Cody