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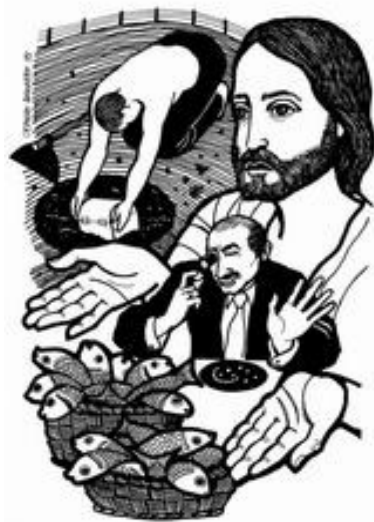
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*He sells everything he owns and buys
the field*

First Reading	1 k 3:5.7-12
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130
Second Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Mt 13:44-52



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY: Today's Gospel continues the series of 'parables of the Kingdom'. The second one, about fish gathered in a net, is similar to the harvest parable last week, but the connection with the precious gift of wisdom in our first reading is intended to focus our attention on the first parable – treasure hidden in a field. When I was growing up I had a small prayer book called 'the Key of Heaven' which contained the Sunday Mass texts and various common prayers and was not much bigger than a box of matches – easily slipped in the pocket. The title served as a reminder as to where true wisdom lies. God is the source of wisdom and we find it by coming close to him in prayer. Nothing is more precious. Solomon knew that while he might have riches and power, without wisdom he would lack what he needed to be a good ruler. Our second reading reminds us that we are made to share God's glory and this knowledge helps us to put everything else in life into perspective.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, 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* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Pat Rand, Zlatka Krizman, Delfino Cecconi, Pauline French, William Lewsey, Angela Mather, Joyce Parker, Timothy Cotton* and *Kane Seaman* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Malachy Francis Crocker** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

RED MISSION BOXES: Many of you will be familiar with the red 'Mission Boxes' used to support the work of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith and Mill Hill Missionaries even if you do not currently have one. Our current local secretary is Jean Mullane and is happy to continue looking after the boxes of parishioners who attend Tiptree but it would help greatly if someone could assist her by taking on those who live in or go to Coggeshall and Kelvedon. This would involve liaising with her over collecting and emptying the boxes periodically – most people bring them to the church when asked – and also encouraging others to take a box. We have a number of unallocated boxes that you can take and a little small change from time to time mounts up over a year.

FR GORDON HOLIDAY PLANS: It has not been possible to arrange weekend cover – it is becoming increasingly difficult for priests from outside the EU to obtain the necessary visa – and so the plan is to be away Monday to Thursday during August except for 14th - 17th since the Feast of the Assumption falls on the Tuesday. Most of the clergy will also be away 4th - 8th September on the Diocesan Centenary clergy retreat at Ars.

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. As usual Confessions and Exposition will extend from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.