
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
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IN THE POOL OF SILOAM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th March 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*He went away and washed himself, and
came away with his sight restored.*

First Reading: 1 S 16:1.6-7.10-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

Second Reading: Ep 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Today is Mothering Sunday. Unlike the American 'Mothers Day' later in the year it is an ancient tradition rather than an invention of greeting card industry. The entrance antiphon, and in the Extraordinary Form of Mass (Tridentine) the Epistle, refer to Jerusalem as our heavenly mother. It was this theme that gave rise to the custom of honouring 'Mother-Church' and then our human mothers on this day. We pray for all our mothers, living and dead. The readings today, however, focus once again on those preparing for baptism. The first reading tells how Samuel anoints David as King – a sign of God's blessing – and points to the preliminary anointing that takes place at baptism, a ceremony that can be anticipated today for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel is the story of the man born blind and given his sight. Faith brings us the light of Christ and the technical term for those preparing for baptism at Easter is 'the enlightened' because the light of Christ is already showing them the path ahead and on the day of baptism will be symbolised by the Easter Candle and the candle they will receive.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Sr Catherine, Evelyn Shaw, Louise Braun, Audrey Holder, Patrick Shaw, May Collins, Harry Roberts, Sr Mary Pascal OP* and *Tessa Binder* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Bruce Radcliff, Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, 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.

COGGESHALL 'SEDER SUPPER': Each year members from all the Churches in Coggeshall gather for a meal that reflects in structure the 'Seder' or Passover meal as a preparation for Easter. This takes place on the Thursday before Holy Week (10th April) so as not to clash with Maundy Thursday services and begins at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. this year in Christchurch. If you would like to go please sign the sheet on the clipboard at the back of the Church at Coggeshall or let me know by next weekend as the numbers will be needed for catering purposes by Sunday 6th April.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: **Stations of the Cross:** unless *otherwise stated* – *Kelvedon Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., Coggeshall Thursdays 6.30 p.m., Tiptree Sundays 5.15 p.m.; especially for children at Kelvedon Saturdays 4.00 p.m.* **Lenten Course:** *Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday evenings 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. The theme this year is 'Marking the Centenary of World War I'* **Bible Study on Jonah:** *Tiptree URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m.* **Lenten Course:** *Kelvedon & Feering: URC Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. and St Mary Immaculate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. The theme is 'Encountered: Meeting God in ordinary places'.* **Our Prayer Group** *meets Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be following up the DVD used at the recent Day of Prayer.* **Times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:** *Tiptree Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; Kelvedon Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Kelvedon Saturdays 10.30-11.00 a.m.*

ESSEX SAVERS CREDIT UNION: The leaflet handed out last week encouraged those who could afford it to deposit £1000 with Essex Savers Net Credit Union but of course deposits of any amount are most welcome and will help keep people out of the clutches of those who lend at extortionate rates. For information please contact the Credit Union by e-mail info@essexsavers.co.uk or by phone at 01245 496314.

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. Exposition and Confessions run from 10.30-12.00 noon.

WORK WITH CHILDREN: Kelvedon & Feering. For those who would be interested in trying to start some support work with children in Kelvedon and Feering, initially focussed on those in Year 6, there will be a follow up meeting to that held last year. This will be held at Kelvedon URC on Thursday 3rd April at 8.00 p.m. Among the issues that need exploring are these: How it would run & who would staff it, BDS clearance, how the project is managed etc. Developing contact with the two Year 6 groups (All Saints & St Mary's), finding the right structure/content. Venue – ideally somewhere 'neutral', i.e. not a school or church building. Costs – paid staff (unlikely!) or volunteers' expenses, venue hire, food, games, crafts & other resources. Getting the children from the 2 schools together, particularly for Feering children if it's based in Kelvedon (or vice versa). How this would fit with the uniformed organisations of the 2 villages, since of course they are already much involved with the age-group(s) we'd hope to target.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd March - £773.91.**

SUMMER PILGRIMAGES: 7 Nights pilgrimage to Medjugorje only £395. Departing May 12th from London Gatwick with British Airways. On the 31st July there is the spectacular Medjugorje Youth Festival for only **£475.** Please contact **Jonathan on 01423 546 175** if you would like more information about these pilgrimages.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: At SION today Sunday 30th March, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. All welcome.

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OFFICER VACANCY: The Diocese of Brentwood & Brentwood Diocesan Secondary Heads' Association require an Assistant Professional Officer to assist them and the current Professional Officer with their work in Succession Planning and Leadership Development at all levels in the 18 secondary schools in the Diocese. This will be a self-employed, part-time appointment, initially for a one year period, starting in April 2014, equivalent to 2 days per week, 60 days per school year, flexible/negotiable. Salary will be based on a daily rate of £400 per day, including expenses. The successful candidate will be: A practising Catholic with recent experience of Headship; or a professional with recent and relevant experience of Catholic secondary schools and extensive knowledge of Succession Planning and Leadership Development in the Catholic education sector. For further information please contact: Tony Schular, Chairman of BDSHA and Head of St John Payne School, on **01245 256030.**

DESERT ISLAND PRIESTS: Fr Martin Boland interviews priests of the Diocese about their favourite spiritual reading and how it has influenced them as men and priests. 1 Desert Island. 6 priests. 6 books. 6 remarkable stories to tell. **Thursday 3rd April, Fr Martin O'Connor**, Chadwell Heath: *The Mystery of the Cross, Basil Hume*. **Thursday 10th April, Fr Andrew**, Ilford: *Seven Storey Mountain, Thomas Merton and Basil in Blunderland, Basil Hume*.

LENTEN LECTURE: Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham Archdiocese will give the final **Brentwood Cathedral Lenten lecture** this coming Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. The title of his talk is "*The Cost of Discipleship*" On Thursday 3rd at 7.30 p.m. **Fr Martin O'Connor** will be interviewed in the **Desert Island Priests** series. Come and hear what makes your priests tick spiritually? All welcome to these events. For more details go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org

QUIET DAY: In preparation for Holy Week at St Teresa's Church, Rochford on Saturday 12th April, 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Day includes Addresses, Benediction at noon, opportunity for Confession. Bring your own pack lunch.

ABSEIL FOR CAFOD: Sunday 4th May - why not challenge yourself to abseiling 110ft down the Harlow Water Tower? This annual sponsored event is organised by the Rotary Club of Harlow Tye. You have to be over 16 and there is a £30 participation fee. Places limited. For more details contact the CAFOD Brentwood Office on 0208 502 9722 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or find us on facebook.

JOB VACANCY: The St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking to recruit a Part-time Fundraising Officer - £20,000k pro rata, 18.75 hrs p/w to join our team at the Society's busy National Office in London SE17. For an application pack and further details contact Matthew Stockton on 020 7703 3030 or E-mail: matthews@svp.org.uk Closing date: Thursday 10th April 2014. Interviews: WC 14th April 2014.

JOB VACANCY: The Governing Body of St Anne Line Catholic Junior School wish to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational Lower Junior Class Teacher (TMPS) to join our friendly and dedicated staff team. We require a suitably experienced teacher with a Subject Responsibility to be agreed. Applicants are encouraged to visit the school by appointment with the Headteacher. Contact Mrs T Lilley, Personnel Officer on 01268 470444 or Email: admin@st-anneline-jun.essex.sch.uk for application form. Closing Date for receipt of applications: Thursday 24th April Mid-Day. Interviews: Tuesday 29th April 2014.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, PORTUGAL: October 8th - 14th 2014. Full Board – Airport Transfers, Flights and Visit to Santarem (Miracle of the Eucharist). Cost £650 per person. Contact **Patricia Burzotta 01702 432458** for more information.

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

SUNDAY 30th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>'Laetare'</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Elizabeth & Terry Rohan <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
MONDAY 31st March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 1st April	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Eugene William Read (anniversary) <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 2nd April	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Church in Czech Republic
THURSDAY 3rd April	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.00p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m	Intention Bruce Radcliff & Family <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 4th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy New Common Fund
SATURDAY 5th April	Kelvedon Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m.	Intention Deasy Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i> <i>Stations of the Cross for children</i>
SUNDAY 6th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention JJ Mullen & family deceased <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners

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

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