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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR**

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off*

First Reading: Nb 11:25-29  
Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14  
Second Reading: Jm 5:1-6  
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY:** The selection of men to help Moses in his task described in the Book of Numbers in our First Reading today has had a deep influence on subsequent history. There is a certain tension between Seventy and Seventy Two – including the two men outside the camp – reflected in later history. When the Old Testament was translated into Greek (known as the Septuagint) it was ascribed to Seventy scholars – or sometimes seventy two. Again, when Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs, most manuscripts read seventy two but some read seventy. The point is that a parallel is seen. Both the translators and the Lord's disciples are seen as inheriting the role of Moses' helpers, and sharing in the same gift of the spirit. This is also reflected in the life of the early Christian community where the 'presbyters' / 'elders' / 'priests' are seen in sharing the role of the apostles. The prayer of ordination to the priesthood makes specific reference to this analogy. Christ is THE priest, but the successors of the apostles share fully in his priestly ministry and powers, whereas those 'of the second rank', like Moses' helpers share in this only partly and as helpers. This is why, from a theological point of view, they are subordinate to the Bishop and can exercise their ministry only with his permission.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Ilma Fuller, Nestor Mulka, Jerzy Pieckielon, Bernard Bryan, Olive Bond** and **Patrick Reilly** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**VISITING PRIESTS:** We are pleased to welcome **Fr Con Joyce** who will be celebrating our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses today and **Fr David Prior** who will be celebrating our evening Mass at Tiptree while Fr Gordon is representing the Bishop in South Africa at the funeral of the retired Bishop of our twinned Diocese of Dundee. Fr Gordon hopes to be able to fit in a short visit to our twinned parish of Besters and will be back some time on Wednesday. For this reason there will be **no** Mass Monday-Wednesday. Please note that this Saturday Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. as two priests will be ordained at the cathedral at 11.30 a.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Ana Cristina Mead** baptised at Kelvedon on Saturday.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KELVEDON & FEERING:** The Monthly 'Bigger Breakfast' for October is hosted by St Mary the Virgin this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m.

**UGANDA LOTTERY:** The first prize of £50 for this Quarter's Uganda lottery went to **Marie Sullivan**. The second prize of £38 will wing its way to **Edna** and **Peter Morgan** in their new home. Subscriptions of £13 for the next Quarter are now due.

**DIOCESAN CENSUS AND SURVEY:** To assist the new Bishop when he comes the Diocesan authorities would like to gather some up to date information on the pattern of Mass attendance, given today's mobility and the many demands on people's time, and also to help parishes update their own records. They have asked that each household complete a 'parish census registration card'. Spare copies will be available for those not at Mass here on **Sunday 7th October**. They also ask that on each of the four Sundays during October everyone, including children of primary school age, complete an anonymous questionnaire. The results of this will be collated at Diocesan level so it is important that this is done in a consistent way in each parish even though it may seem a waste of time completing one four weeks in a row. To allow time for this, on **Sunday 7th October** this will take the place of the homily, and you are asked to put the completed forms in the basket with your offerings. On the following Sundays, less time will be needed and the forms can be completed at the time for the notices and then left in a basket at the back of the Church. All personal information will be treated in the strictest confidence and in accordance with the Data Protection Act and such information will not leave the parish. While we hope you will assist, please feel free to leave some questions blank or not to fill in a form, but be patient while others complete them. The census questionnaires **are for parishioners only; visitors should not complete them**. However, if there are visitors from other parishes **within the Diocese of Brentwood**, then we would encourage you to complete the questionnaires **in your own parish**.

**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL:** Please note that the next PPC meeting will now be on **Wednesday 10th October** after the 7.30 p.m. Mass at Kelvedon.

**SOCCEAID 2012 FOOTBALL:** You will all be delighted to hear that we raised **£750** from the sealed bid for the SoccerAid Football! This is a wonderful result and we would like to thank the new owner of the ball for their very generous bid. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Dermot, Maria and Sean O'Leary for the very kind donation of the ball. As previously advised, the funds will be put to good use in the Parish.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** The Knights of St. Columba Province 10 Brentwood are organising a Mass including a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Exposition and Night Prayer of the Church praying that our politicians heed the message of Faith to uphold Human Life from Conception to the Grave and uphold the Sanctity of Marriage at Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row on Friday 5th October from 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

**A QUESTION OF FAITH DURING THE YEAR OF FAITH:** An evening of questions (and answers!) on living the Catholic faith will be held at **The Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Melbourne Road, Chelmsford CM1 2DU** on **Wednesday 3rd October** from 7.30–9.00 p.m. Come and listen to a panel of experts answer your questions about the Catholic Faith. There is no charge and drinks and nibbles are provided. No need to book, but for further information contact CEF - [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org), 01277 265289 or Blessed Sacrament Parish on 01245 354256, or look up "events" on [whatgoodnews.org](http://whatgoodnews.org).



**TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVE AND LISTEN TO OUR LADY:** During October, the month of the Rosary, the **Children's Prayer Group** will be leading five decades of the Rosary each Sunday twenty minutes before the 11.00 a.m. Mass at Kelvedon and the 6.00 p.m. Mass at Tiptree. Please try and come a little bit earlier during this month. Mary needs our help and is still calling each one of us, like in Fatima, "**Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world**". Everybody in the church is sincerely invited to say a couple of Hail Mary's aloud, either by coming forward to join the children or staying in their seats. We especially invite the children and the youth together with their parents and carers. This is an opportunity for you and your families to show the younger generation the power and beauty of this simple prayer.

**ROSARY INTENTIONS:** Please feel invited to write your private intention (no name needed) and leave at the back of the church in a box, we will include them in the Rosary.

**TO ALL CHILDREN:** You are invited to draw/paint/make a collage of at least one Mystery of the Holy Rosary to help us during our prayers. **ALL** your art will be displayed in the church and all of them will be rewarded on the last Sunday in October, after Mass.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - Friday 5th October 2012:** It's shocking to think that nearly a billion people will go to bed hungry tonight. For the first few years of his life, 9-year-old Gift from Zambia often had nothing to eat but pumpkin leaves, day after day. But then CAFOD gave Gift's family the tools, seeds and training they needed to set up a vegetable garden – and today they are flourishing. To help many more families like Gift's, please give what you can at Fast Day. Thank you for your generosity.

**YOUTH GATHER: 13th - 14th October** a weekend event based at Essex Outdoors activity centre in Mersea Island for those in years 10-13 (age 16-18). Accommodation is in cabins and tents. You will have an opportunity to try your hand at high ropes, adventure courses, caving, and many more as well as some less extreme workshops such as art, drama, sports and music designed to help you explore the theme 'Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Heb 4:14'. The cost of the weekend is £55. We can also provide transport from Stratford or Brentwood for an additional £10. Forms are available from [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Cabin space is limited so get your forms in quick.

**YEAR OF FAITH STUDY DAY:** The diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation announces a series of study days for the Year of Faith. On Saturday 13th October at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. Professor Paul Murray of Durham University will be speaking about the ecumenical vision of Vatican II. The day is free of charge and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by email to [cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or by phoning 01277 265 289.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd September - £688.51.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 30th September <i>26th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Daniel McDermott (anniversary) Private Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 1st October <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 2nd October <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	NO MASS 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 3rd October	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. NO MASS 8.00-9.00 p.m.	James Baker <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 5th October	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6th October	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7th October <i>27th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Ian Chaplin & Julie Rainbird ann. Private Intention All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday immediately after Mass;  
NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction due to priestly  
ordinations at the Cathedral*

Liturgical Rotas 7th October	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Sean O'Leary	Maria O'Leary	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Pike	Giulia Horrocks	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey Michael Wigley	Adam Antczack	Margaret Jopling