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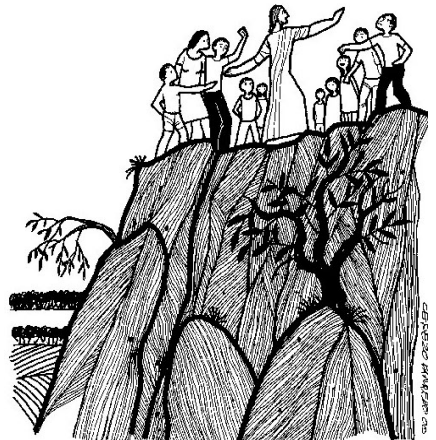
PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st January 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

First Reading:	Jer 1:4-5. 1-19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17
Second Reading:	1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Gospel:	Lk 4:21-30



FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Today we hear God's challenging call to Jeremiah, "Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence...They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you". In the Bible a prophet is not someone who foretells the future – though this sometimes happens – but God's spokesman. The Greek root means 'speak on behalf of'. In Hebrew a different word is used for a 'seer'. Prophets are not always welcome. As the Lord comments in today's Gospel, if people do not like the message they knock the messenger. In the end the King did not listen to Jeremiah's warnings but imprisoned him. The conquering Babylonians carried the king off into exile and blinded him but freed Jeremiah from prison. We too must not be afraid to speak out for what is right even if people point the finger at us as hypocrites or nonentities. Even if they do not listen to us we will have done what we can in the cause of right.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Ellen Cooney, Elizabeth O'Brien, George Parkin, Gillian O'Malley, Terri Casey* and *James Madden* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CANDLEMAS: Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and marks the occasion when Our Lady and St Joseph made the offering required on the fortieth day after the birth of a boy marking the end of the period of ritual impurity that accompanied childbirth. Since early times it has been celebrated by a procession and the carrying of lighted candles in remembrance of the greeting of Simeon. Candles are blessed for use in the year ahead.

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE: It is customary after Mass on 3rd February (the feast of St Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and martyred in 306 A.D.) to impart the blessing of St Blaise. According to tradition he saved the life of a young man who was choking on a fish bone. The neck is touched with crossed candles – in this country (but not in Germany!) unlit.

MASS TIME VARIATIONS: Mass this Wednesday will be at 9.00 a.m. due to School Transport meeting in evening.



TOM HEFFERNAN RIP: His body to be brought into Church at Kelvedon on Wednesday 3rd February at 4.00 p.m. The Requiem Mass will be at 12.00 noon on Thursday 4th February followed by burial in Ipswich.

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. Confessions 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.

ST BENEDICT'S COLLEGE TRANSPORT: The Principal is organising several meetings to discuss with parents various issues concerning school transport. A meeting has been organised for parents in the Kelvedon area to take place on **Wednesday 3rd February at 6.30 p.m.** This will be in **St Dominic's Room**.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: The next meeting of the Yr 10 and up Youth Group will be held on the 7th February in St. Dominic's Room from 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Any questions contact Pat Ezra.

TYPO PRAYER EVENT: Thursday 4th February at St. John Houghton Tiptree, 8.00 p.m. Are you concerned about the plight of our young people? Do you want to see the finances released to continue the work Stuart has begun beyond 2016? If so, please join us as we come together to pray. Together we can do it! There will be: displays to stimulate your prayer, stories, worship, user-friendly prayer! **ASK SEEK KNOCK.**

RECRUITMENT—DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Brentwood Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Education to succeed Mgr George Stokes. The new Director will lead the Diocese, its Education department and its schools into a new era of expansion, development and restructuring, as we seek to engage fully with the changing national landscape of education. This is a wonderful opportunity for the right person, who will be a practising Catholic with a track record of successful senior leadership in education or a related professional area. Applications are particularly welcome from serving or recently retired Headteachers. There is an attractive salary package for this post. If you would like further information and/or an application pack, please contact Janet Simmons at Diocese of Brentwood Education Department, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT, janets@dioceseofbrentwood.org or download a pack at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net If, having read the pack, you would like an informal conversation about the post before applying, please contact Janet Simmons on 01277 265 284. The closing date for applications is 1st March 2016.

LAY CHAPLAIN REQUIRED: New Hall Senior School requires a full time or part time Lay Chaplain from April or September 2016. This is an exceptional opportunity to join a large and vibrant Chaplaincy Team in the largest Catholic independent school in the UK, working alongside the priest Chaplain and reporting to the Principal. For further details and Application Form please contact the Human Resources Department: Tel: 01245 467 588 Fax: 01245 467 188 Email: hr@newhallschool.co.uk www.newhallschool.co.uk Closing Date: Midday, Monday 15th February 2016.

LOURDES MASS: Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated by Bishop Alan next Sunday (7th February) in Brentwood Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to thank God for graces received at the Shrine, to pray for those we know who are sick and to think about joining this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

FAITH & MERCY LEADERS CONGRESS: The 2016 Congress takes place on Saturday 6th February at the Friend's Meeting House, Euston Road, London. From 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. This event is for anyone who does anything to work with young people in any setting in the Church. All are welcome. We will be joined on stage by a variety of groups including Rise Theatre and One Hope Project. Fr Andrew Small will be sharing with us as our keynote speaker and we will also have the launch of the Faith in Action Awards and more information on the next Flame. Book tickets, £11.49 per ticket, at t.co/mgtlFBdy0W<<http://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=47b74e6d8e&e=ca6e6e76fe>>

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY: Are you a practicing Catholic, interested in supporting Catholic education by becoming a school governor? If you would like to know more about becoming a governor at St Benedict's Catholic College please attend our informal information evening to be held on March 16th 2016 at the College. You are welcome to drop in any time between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Please confirm your attendance at the information evening via email to johnsont@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk or by phoning 01206 549222.

YEAR OF MERCY SPRING EVENTS: *Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments* - Saturday 13th February, 10.30 a.m. - Fr Martin Boland. Please note Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon's talk has changed from 27th February to the date below: *Wrestling with forgiveness* - Saturday 5th March, 10.30 a.m. - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon All events take place at Cathedral House Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265 285 or email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

KS2 TEACHER VACANCY: St. Mary's Hare Park Primary School and Nursery Upper is a one form entry, Independent Primary School and Nursery in Gidea Park - rated as 'Outstanding' in all areas following their summer 2015 Ofsted inspection. We wish to recruit an Upper KS2 teacher for April 2016 or September 2016. Enquiries are welcomed from fully qualified teachers with QTS. To arrange an appointment and request an application pack, contact Mrs. V. Petty, School Secretary on 01708 761220.

TEACHER OF SCIENCE VACANCY: St Benedict's Catholic College is seeking a well-qualified, innovative and enthusiastic specialist to join our science department for September 2016. Further details and an application pack are available on the college website, www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk or from Mrs Angela Jones, HR administrator: telephone 01206 549222; fax 01206 579342; e-mail admin@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. Closing date: Friday 19th February 2016 midday. Interviews: week beginning 22nd February 2016. We would be delighted to arrange an informal visit; please contact Mr John Davis, subject leader for science, on 01206 549222.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 24th January - £618.55.**

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

SUNDAY 31st January <i>4th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Edward Banks RIP Heloise Flynn RIP
MONDAY 1st February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Maggie Clark
TUESDAY 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Eddie Wall RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 3rd February <i>St Anne Line (St Blaise)</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Henry Sheldrake RIP <i>Reception of body: Tom Heffernan RIP</i>
THURSDAY 4th February	Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 12.00 noon 8.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Requiem: Tom Heffernan RIP</i> <i>Prayer for 'TYPO'</i>
FRIDAY 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Sabu Mathew RIP
SATURDAY 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Comps</i> <i>[1962: St Titus]</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Tridentine: Ann Floyd RIP</i>
SUNDAY 7th February <i>5th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Ellie Mead Albert Mason (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Daniel Gabriel Claridge</i> All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 7th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Neville Bridgman	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Pat Richardson	Vivienne Talbot	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney