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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY

He must rise from the dead

First Reading: Acts 10:34.37-43
Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23
Second Reading: Col 3:1-4
Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



EASTER SUNDAY: “We know that Christ has truly risen from the dead. Yes, indeed! This is the fundamental core of our profession of faith; this is the cry of victory that unites us all today. And if Jesus is risen, and is therefore alive, who will ever be able to separate us from him? Who will ever be able to deprive us of the love of him who has conquered hatred and overcome death? The Easter proclamation spreads throughout the world with the joyful song of the Alleluia. Let us sing it with our lips, and let us sing it above all with our hearts and our lives, with a manner of life that is ‘unleavened’, that is to say, simple, humble, and fruitful in good works. The Risen One goes before us and he accompanies us along the paths of the world. He is our hope. He is the true peace of the world.” **Pope Benedict XVI.**

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

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

EASTER WEEK: The Mass schedule is as usual – apart from Thursday when I have a funeral near Surbiton. I will not be taking time off as I shall be away on retreat during the third week of April and a month later at the Canon Law Conference.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mr Denis Smith** of Riverside Way, Kelvedon. His funeral has been arranged provisionally for Thursday 11th April at 11.00 a.m. but may be delayed till Friday 12th.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: It is our turn to host the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering this coming Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Come and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt in Fr Gordon's garden today after the 11.00 a.m. Mass in Kelvedon. Please bring a basket/bag to collect your eggs.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 24th March - £1001.50.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: All the boxes for the year beginning on 7th April have now been distributed and the Finance Team take this opportunity to express their thanks to all for what they do year on year in this vital aspect of Parish support. If you do not currently use envelopes and want to be part of the scheme, there are spare forms at each church as well as Standing Order forms for those who wish to use this method of giving. If you want more information on any points, please let Fr. Gordon know and he will alert a member of the team.

MATTER OF CONCERN: It is with regret on such a joyous day that I have to inform you that one of our oldest and most hard-working parishioners has received two anonymous malicious letters to the family home address. These contain callous and distressing accusations and the last one included the threat of physical confrontation. There is a suggestion that the content of these vile letters has been discussed with other parishioners. If anyone knows anything about them, has received similar letters or has been approached to discuss the conduct of a member of the Parish then please would you let me know as a matter of urgency. This type of communication will not be tolerated by our Parish community and if anyone has any issues that they wish to discuss about the Parish or our parishioners then I would encourage them to talk to me rather than sending malicious letters to people that do so much for the Parish. This matter is being taken very seriously and the family of the parishioner have passed the letters to the local police. *Fr Gordon*

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 12th April - 7.30 p.m. at **St John Houghton Tiptree.** **TICKETS** are now available from **Viv Talbot** and include a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks. Cost: **£7pp** or a family ticket **£20** (2 adults + 2 children). All proceeds raised are for Besters.

PRO-LIFE TIMES: Please take your free copy available at each Church this week. This issue deals with same sex marriage and the impact on teaching in our schools.

A TIME OF QUIET PRAYER FOR HEALING: Led by Fr Ben at Clare Priory on Thursday 4th April (between 7.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m.) we have another of our evenings entitled "*Come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest*" These evenings offer you the opportunity to experience **quiet prayer for healing**. It will be a peaceful and reflective time with the opportunity, for those who wish, to be prayed with individually. There will be no expectation for you to say anything or take part in anything you may just sit quietly. **To book a place please phone Kathy at the Priory (01787 277326).**

CHURCHES TOGETHER: You will have heard of the 'food banks' which are appearing in towns all across the country to help families in crisis situations. Many of these are being set up under the auspices of the Trussel Trust, a national charity dedicated to this work. One of these is the Braintree Area Food Bank, and Churches Together is working with this body to establish a distribution centre in Witham which will hopefully open in April, running for two hours each Friday morning at Witham Methodist Church hall in Guithavon Street. A large warehouse in Braintree stores food donated by the community, including supermarket collections, and volunteers make up emergency food parcels which are taken to several 'distribution centres' where they can be exchanged for vouchers given to people in need by local agencies. We need YOUR help in the collection of food for this purpose. If you are interested in getting involved in this project contact Joan Pluthero, 13 Church St, Witham, CM8 2JP, or phone her on 01376511754 or email her on joanpluthero@hotmail.co.uk.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1**

SATURDAY 30th March	Kelvedon	8.00 p.m.	<i>Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of new fire & the Paschal candle, the Prophecies, blessing of font & renewal of baptismal promises</i>
SUNDAY 31st March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Liam O'Connor RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 1st April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eugene William Read (ann.)
TUESDAY 2nd April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Fr John Harris RIP
WEDNESDAY 3rd April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
THURSDAY 4th April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
FRIDAY 5th April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 6th April <i>Easter Octave</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
SUNDAY 7th April <i>Low Sunday Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Intention Michael Conerney <i>Baptism: Finley James Mason</i> All Parishioners

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 7th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Pat Short	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Valerie Bartlett	Celia Butt