

**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21.26-28.30-32

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: “I am the true vine.” Jesus goes on to say that we are the branches. A branch can be cut off from the vine but the word ‘vine’ refers to the whole plant including the branches, not just to the trunk or stock. Our life and the life of Christ cannot be separated without us dying. We depend on him for the lifeblood of grace to flow through our veins. Whatever we do in union with Christ is his work as well as ours. This is why he promises that if we remain in him our prayers will be answered. Sometimes, though, what we ask for from the best of intentions, or the choices we make are not in harmony with his will or for our own good. These are weak or straggling branches that perhaps rub against another or prevent the light getting to it. Our heavenly Father, the vinedresser, does not cut us off completely but he does prune us to produce more vigorous and fruitful growth. When prayer seems not to be granted, or a path we have chosen is frustrated, we should not give up but it may be that God wants us to look in a different direction.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Aurora Elise Noelia Wardle baptised at Kelvedon last Saturday.

OUR CONDOLENCES: Go to three families recently bereaved. The following funerals will take place NEXT week:

Monday 11th May 2.00 p.m. Kelvedon: **Edward Banks** of Mell Road, Tollesbury

Tuesday 12th May 11.00 a.m. Kelvedon: **Jose Do Nascimento Gomes De Aguiar**

Friday 15th May 2.00 p.m. Kelvedon: **Edna Emeney**

MASS VARIATIONS: I shall be taking an Easter break this week and will be away until Friday evening. In an emergency please contact Fr David Prior at Witham (01376 512219) or Fr Tom Lavin at Lexden (01206 576898).

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT THANKS: Our thanks go to the parish social for a most enjoyable and successful evening last weekend at St John Houghton, Tiptree. This year, the Trophy was won by League of Nations team. The revised final figure of **£546.00** profit will go to help our twinned parish of Besters in South Africa. You may remember that last year we contributed half the cost of just under £5000 to the provision of a new bore-hole and water supply for their primary school, enabling the project to go ahead quickly. This year’s contribution will help to cover the remainder of the cost covered by the Diocese of Dundee. Many thanks to all who helped organise and support this fundraising event.

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT: On **Saturday 16th May** there will be an afternoon of fun and games for all the family 4.00 – 7.00 p.m. at **Kelvedon**. Please note the change of venue for this event due to the recent seeding of the lawn in Tiptree. ALL ARE WELCOME to this fun packed event where parishioners of all ages can enjoy Old Family Favourites (Indoor & Outdoor games) such as Scrabble, Snakes & Ladders, Jenga, Noughts & Crosses, BINGO, Penalty shoot-outs and many more will be played. There is no charge but please sign up at the back of the church so we know how many to cater for.

ROSARIES ABROAD: The Catenian association is collecting Rosaries and sending them to 3rd World Countries. If you have a rosary at home you no longer use and would like to help with this recycling exercise there will be a basket at the back of each church during May.

PRAAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Margaret Davis, Sheila Barralet, Teresa Hall, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Harry Knight, Tessa Bateson, Jason Dutch, Christopher Rolfe, Trisha Parkin, Pamela Spencer, Thomas Murphy, Frank Walsh, Melloney Kentish and Betty Rebhahn** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 26th April - £837.74.**

LENTEN MOVIE FOR REFLECTION: THE SONG OF BERNADETTE: A 1943 film that tells the story of Bernadette Soubirous (later Saint Bernadette) starring Jennifer Jones. This is a FREE Private Home Viewing open to anyone with a bring and share fellowship as there are several Marian feast days in May including Mary, Queen of Heaven (May 1), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), Mary, Help of Christian (May 24) and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31).

Where: Agness O'Brien's Residence. **When:** Friday, 8th May, 2015. **Time:** 2:00-5:00pm.

Contact: Aggie at 01376 573694 or email KCP SocialComm@hotmail.com to confirm attendance.

RETIRING COLLECTION: CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. (There will be a retiring collection this weekend in support of CAFOD's appeal).

HEADTEACHER ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HORNCURCH: The Governors wish to appoint a Head Teacher who will continue to build on the achievements of this popular and successful school which was judged as 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' for Early Years at the recent OFSTED inspection. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644 for further details.

BISHOP ALAN: will be celebrating Mass (vigil Mass of Sunday) on **Saturday 9th May 4pm** - at the University Chaplaincy. University staff and students are warmly welcomed to join us for the Mass and for refreshments afterwards. For more information: FrMark@EssexCatholic.org.uk.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS): needs a new Social Worker to join the excellent team. Experience of direct work with children and families is essential and for an information pack please contact the Director at swebb@bccs.org.uk The role can be full or significant part time.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON LIVING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?: You are warmly invited to ask questions including those on Moral Issues, Catholic Social Teaching, Theology, Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any other question you may have always wanted answered..... Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & All Saints, The Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD from 7.30 – 9 p.m. No charge and wine and nibbles are provided. Mass at 6.45 p.m., all welcome. Further details from the Parish on 01268 281732 or The Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289. whatgoodnews.org

CHARITY GOLF DAY: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 22nd June 2015. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition, 'nearest the pin' & 'longest drive' initiative and a Golfers' Lunch. Places are limited to 72 players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. Please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

GIFT AID FOR EASYFUNDRAISING: If you are currently supporting our parish through Easyfundraising, please note that we can now claim Gift Aid on donations raised. Kindly update your Account Setting to activate Gift Aid and enable claims moving forward. Gift Aid is operated by the Government and allows charities to claim the basic rate of tax on every pound donated. This means that if you're a UK tax payer, every £1 you raise with easyfundraising is actually worth £1.25 for your cause. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can help St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) claim 25% extra on each donation via Gift Aid - at no extra cost. If you are a Higher rate taxpayer, you can reclaim relieve for Higher rate tax for your tax return.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE RIDE: Sunday 7th June - through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back. Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit [pedalagainstpoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pedalagainstpoverty2015-tickets-1690000) or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 02085029722.

STUDY DAY ON THE LEGACIES OF LUTHER & CALVIN: The Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation & Formation invites you to an Ecumenical Study Day on the subject of 'The Legacies of Luther and Calvin' on Saturday 13th June from 10.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral Hall. The day will be led by Prof John Morrill, who is an expert in the field. Please book your place by email to cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phoning 01277 265289. There is no charge and a light buffet lunch is provided.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE-MERCY ASSOCIATES & SISTERS-SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2015: Pray for the beatification of Venerable Catherine McAuley through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham and for your own special intentions. Coach leaving Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Tilbury at 7.00 a.m. (arrive 6.45 a.m.). Leave Walsingham at 5.00 p.m. for the journey back to Tilbury. Cost £20.00. Contact Sr. Teresa on 01375 844041 for more information.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 3rd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Int. Teresa Hall (friends at St. Bernard's) All Parishioners Winnie Lawes RIP
MONDAY 4th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	NO MASS		
TUESDAY 5th May	NO MASS		
WEDNESDAY 6th May <i>St John Payne</i>	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 7th May	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 8th May	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 9th May	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Frances Donnellon RIP
SUNDAY 10th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Evelyn Barraud RIP All Parishioners Int. Sean Merriman

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

Liturgical Rotas 10 th May	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESEHL	Jane Crone Clare Gallant	Gabrielle Ruiz	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Jadwiga Smith	Vivienne Talbot	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney