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*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I am the resurrection and the life

First Reading: Ezekiel 37, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm PS 129.R.v.7

Second Reading: St Paul 8,8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Today begins Passiontide with its increasing emphasis on the cross as the means of our Redemption. During this period the customary veiling of crosses and statues reminds us that without the cross there would be no salvation or access to the heavenly Jerusalem – no saints to help us with their prayers. However, the *Triduum Sacrum* is a whole unit – Last Supper, Crucifixion & Resurrection – and today's Gospel is the story of the raising of Lazarus. It points to the triumph of the Lord over the powers of death and the promise not of resuscitation in this world but of eternal life. The Third Century Synagogue at Dura-Europus in Syria has this charming illustration of the Valley of Dry Bones from Ezekiel – our First Reading today.



SEDER SUPPER: A last reminder if you wish to take part in this symbolic meal and preparation for Holy Week – Christchurch, Coggeshall, **Thursday at 7.00 p.m.** Any names to Fr Gordon **TODAY.**

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Our Lenten Reconciliation Service takes place this **Wednesday at Kelvedon 7.30 p.m.** Fr Conrad Smith will be helping with Confessions.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY: We will be hosting the monthly service for Kelvedon and Feering next **Sunday at 4.00 p.m.**

PHONE CALLS TO PRESBYTERY: In my previous parish I was plagued with calls from a deranged man who believes Pope John Paul II used magic to murder his brother and the Church and government are all engaged in a giant conspiracy of silence. I was not the only one so favoured – he also plagues every diocese in the country and the Nuncio! Unfortunately he has now traced my present address and phone number. He is careful to use numbers that cannot be traced to avoid barraging. He rings five or six times a day but gives up after three to six months of not getting an answer. I may have to keep the ansaphone on permanently for the next few weeks so please leave a message, beginning with your number as the machine will cut off after about 30 seconds, and I will get back to you. The Bishops' Conference office tried an injunction but to no avail!

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Pam Loweth, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoeft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 3rd April £778.74.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Hubert Jackson, Ellen Harper, Lena Valley, Gary Fox, Edward Walkley** and **Tadec Nuromberg**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO JOIN TEAM CAFOD? Thank you to those who have already registered to take part in the 2011 110ft abseil down Harlow Water Tower on **1st May**. If you are 16 or over it's not too late to join 'the team' as there are still some places left. It's organised by the Harlow Tye Rotary Club in conjunction with Dukes Barn Outdoor Adventure Organisation. For those of you who prefer to stay on the ground there is always the Lee Valley 10 or 18 mile family bike ride on **Sunday 12th June**. For further details and registration forms contact CAFOD Brentwood email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or phone Joanna on 020 8502 9722.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Distribution is now completed. If you have not yet received yours, please get in touch with Tom. Also if you have not used envelopes in the past and would like to join the scheme we will be pleased to hear from you.

DIARY DATES: Parish Pastoral Council Wednesday **11th May** and Summer Fete Saturday **June 25th**.

DAY FOR RENEWAL: St Teresa's Church, Newbury Park, IG2 7JA, **Saturday, 16th April, 10am to 4.30pm**. Theme 'Walk With Me' A wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week.

THE JOURNEY: From all of us here at the CAFOD Brentwood office thank you very much for a wonderful evening on Sunday - very inspirational. We've had some lovely feedback and it was great to meet band members too. We've been busy putting the pictures on our website and you can see them here www.cafod.org.uk/brentwood. Thank you so much for supporting CAFOD in this way.

YOUR PARK, YOUR NAME: The Catholic community has a great opportunity to take part in naming the new FIVE residential districts of the Olympic Park. The greater the number of specific entries the more likely it is that a name will be chosen. Due to the strong history of Catholicism in the East of London it would be a shame to miss this opportunity to help to shape the future landscape in some way. The competition is free to enter, either online, in writing or by phone, and between one and five names can be entered by each person. More information can be found at www.legacycompany.co.uk/competition/. For those without internet, details are: 'Your Park, Your Place' Naming Competition, Olympic Park Legacy Company, 5th Floor, 29-35 West Ham Lane, London E15 4PH; (E) info@legacycompany.co.uk; (T) 020 3288 1800 (Mon - Fri, 0900 - 1700). The competition closes on **18 May 2011**.

GIFT AID REFUND FROM HMRC: Great news! We learned in the last few days that the Inland Revenue repayment this year totals **£10,136.00**. Once again our grateful thanks are due to all of you for your support of the Parish in this vital way.

HEALING MASS: The mass will be held at Abbotswick next **Wednesday**, celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at **2.30pm**. For directions please visit www.abbotswick.org.uk or call 01277 373959.

SCHOOL VACANCY: New Hall Preparatory School requires, from September 2011 a KS1 and a KS2 Class Teacher. Closing Date: **Wednesday 27 April 2011**. For further details & an Application Form please contact Beverley Palmer: Tel: 01245 236 192.

VACANCIES WITH BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (BCYS)

BCYS Business Manager: The Diocesan Youth Service is looking to appoint an experienced manager with strong financial and business experience to work as part of the BCYS Management team. The role is based at 2 sites (Cathedral House in Brentwood and Walsingham House in Canvey Island) and involves some staff line management. The 16 hour week can be worked very flexibly and we recognise that the salary of £12,000 per annum is not commensurate with the role and responsibility and therefore involves some charitable giving of time.

Administrator based at Walsingham House (Canvey Island): We are looking to appoint a highly organised, highly motivated administrator for 16 hours per week (over 4 days) to manage the day to day administration and finance system at Walsingham House. You would be the first point of contact for schools and parishes making retreat bookings and must therefore have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Experience of Microsoft Office and Sage would be an advantage for both roles.

For more details please contact Sarah Barber at sarah@bcys.net
Application is by CV to Sarah Barber, Youth Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT.
Closing date for applications is Friday 6th May, and interviews will take place on Wednesday 18th May 2011.

Gap Year Volunteers at Walsingham

House: There are still a couple of places left on the volunteer team for the academic year 2011/12. This is an opportunity to be involved in peer ministry (these vacancies are open to people aged 18 to 25), helping to deliver retreats both at Walsingham House and on outreach to schools and parishes. You will be resident as part of the Walsingham House community, and will be given a volunteer stipend. Please apply by sending your CV to jon@walsinghamhouse.org

ST FRANCIS RC PRIMARY MALDON: Due to the retirement of our Headteacher, the governors are seeking to welcome an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated person to lead our happy school community at this exciting time. St Francis School is a loving community, respecting every child and adult, caring for God's World and helping each other to do our best as we grow together in Christ. **Salary: L14 – L20 – NOR: 222 Start: September 2011.** You are welcome to come and visit our school – please contact Mrs Christine Nunn on 01621 856698 to arrange a visit. **Closing date** for receipt of applications: **Tuesday 26 April 2011 at Noon. Shortlisting date: Tuesday 26 April 2011. Interviews** will be held on **Friday 6 May 2011.** For an application pack please contact Keren Prior, Essex County Council, Schools Workforce Development Team, PO Box 47, County Hall, Chelmsford CM2 6WN. Tel No: 01245 434031 or email: headships@essex.gov.uk

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1

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| SUNDAY 10th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | All Parishioners John & Bridget O'Connor RIP Stations of the Cross Private Intention |
| MONDAY 11th April | Kelvedon Coggeshall | 9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. | Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i> |
| TUESDAY 12th April | Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon | 8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m. | Private Intention Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration |
| WEDNESDAY 13th April | Kelvedon Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. | Private Intention Service of Reconciliation |
| THURSDAY 14th April | Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall | 10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. No stations of | William Sheldrake RIP Cross or Mass this evening |
| FRIDAY 15th April | Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| SATURDAY 16th April | Kelvedon | 10.00 a.m. | Church in Czech Republic |
| SUNDAY 17th April <i>Palm Sunday</i> | Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | Frank Joyce RIP All Parishioners Ecumenical Service Stations of the Cross Private Intention |

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

| Liturgical Rotas 17th April | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ministers of Welcome |
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| COGGESHALL | Ann Ross Derek Hand | Michael Wigley | Marlene Kennedy |
| KELVEDON | Patricia Pike Helena McNally | Tom McNally | Marie Sullivan |
| TIPTREE | Marie Barrett Isobel Kersey | Valerie Bartlett | Celia Butt |
| FINANCE TEAM | Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds | | |