

PARISH OF
ST. MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON
(TWINNED WITH ST. JOSEPH'S MISSION, BESTERS, NATAL)
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Parish Newsletter

16th May 2010



Ascension of the Lord

As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-35-7.8-9

Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28;10:19-23

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Today we keep the transferred Feast of the Ascension. This is a mystery of Our Lord's definitive taking leave of his earthly life among us to reign at the right hand of the Heavenly Father. The Anglican Shrine Chapel at Walsingham represents this at the side altar of the Ascension by the soles of his feet disappearing into cloud. No human artistic representation, nor even the words of Scripture, can adequately convey what the disciples experienced. It was an event similar to that experienced by Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. The angels encourage them not to strain their eyes on the heavens. In the fullness of time he will return in glory on the clouds of heaven. For now they must prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not be a poor substitute for the visible presence of the Lord but an empowering and powerful presence that will transform their lives. Today, then, we honour the Kingship of Christ manifested by the Ascension, but we also await in joyful expectation at this prelude to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Frank Joyce, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Sophie, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Joseph Lyan, Sr Francis Emelda, Eleanor Buckley, James Bond, Janina Tempalski, Violet Waters, Edith Lovejoy, Patrick Duffy, John Dunion, Joseph Done** and **Jim Samuels** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

UNITED CELTIC ECUMENICAL SERVICE: The monthly Ecumenical Service will take place **TODAY Sunday 16th May** at **4.00 p.m.** at **All Saints Feering.**

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: You will find at the back of the church some A4 sheets with material from the Bishops' Conference on this subject and information about various websites. There are also envelopes for anyone who does not use the parish Gift Aid envelopes.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Adam Jory** and **Victoria Ellis** married at Kelvedon on Saturday. Our good wishes go to **Robert O'Connell** and **Maxine Pennington** who will be married this Friday.

ECUMENICAL NEWS: We join in prayer with our friends at Christchurch, Coggeshall, who today celebrate the Tercentenary of their church, and also at the Anglican churches in Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Tolleshunt Major, Tollesbury and Salcott who welcome their new minister tomorrow. The monthly prayer breakfast in Coggeshall takes place a week early (22nd May) because of the bank holiday. If you would like to go, please sign on list in the porch.

PAPAL VISIT - collection in parishes: On 23rd May there will be prayers and a special collection in all parishes in Scotland, England and Wales for the Papal Visit. Prayer cards for the Visit are being distributed to all parishioners attending Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Collections will be held to assist in meeting the costs of the Visit payable by the Church, which are currently estimated to be at least £7m. Over £3m has already been raised towards this total. Archbishop Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said "I would urge everyone in the Catholic community to pray for this Visit and to support the collection for it as generously as they can. The Holy Father's Visit is a wonderful opportunity for the gentle light of faith to be contemplated afresh by everyone. He will confirm the strong faith of our own community. But my prayer, too, is that the Visit will serve to kindle a new spiritual vitality, a questioning of the heart for many in our society who may have no religious affiliation but who are in some way seeking a deeper meaning and purpose to their lives." The costs associated with the state aspects of the Visit will be paid by the government. The costs payable by the church consist mainly in the organising costs of three major public pastoral gatherings – in Scotland, London and the West Midlands. In our Diocese each parish has been assessed. Our contribution has been set at **£441.31**. Special envelopes should be available this weekend.

VISIT OF BISHOP GRAHAM ROSE OF DUNDEE: On Saturday 22nd May, Bishop Graham will be meeting with parishioner groups, e.g. Justice & Peace, between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, Colchester. Due to an amended schedule, Bishop Graham will not now be staying on in Colchester to preside at the 6:15 p.m. Vigil Mass.

PARISH WEBSITE – NEW LOCATION: You can now find our parish website at this address **www.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk** It is not yet complete some pages are finished, others part done and some only contain the bare bones of content to follow. Nevertheless, it is important that we have a 'presence' with the Parish Mission being imminent. I would be very grateful for comments, suggestions, content etc and will do my level best to bring them to fruition. Contact Neville Bridgman on 0777 999 1720 or email neville@bridgman.demon.co.uk

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP: Each year the St Vincent de Paul Society organises summer camps at Aldham. The boys' camps run from 24th July - 14th August (ages 8-13) and the girls' 14th - 21st August (ages 9-12). Children can attend only one week. There are approximately 140 places each week. The cost is £130. Boys' camps contact 01708 509790 (6-9 p.m.) – www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or e-mail bookings@svpboscocamp.org.uk. For the girls' camp ring 01634 311350 (6-9 p.m.) or website and e-mail as above.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID 2011: If you would like information on this event check out the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service website: www.bcys.net/wyd

PARISH FOLK BAND: As the reputation of our **Parish Folk Band 'Meditation'** spreads, we are proud to announce that they have been invited to take part in the **Tiptree Festival of Music** held in **St Luke's Church** on **Saturday 5th June** at **7.30 p.m.** Though not all the members of the band can attend, those that can will be on stage around 8.30 p.m.

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 50th Anniversary celebrations, 21st – 26th June. A number of events will be held in the marquee including on Thursday, 24th at 7.30 p.m., a concelebrated Youth Mass and HCPT reunion. On Saturday, 26th at 11.00 a.m. a concelebrated Mass with Bishop Thomas followed by the school fete and dog show. Other activities on the day will include Sister Mary Stephen's Art Exhibition, a Flower festival, a photographic display from the school's archives and the Rosary. The day will end with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction in the school grounds.

ALTAR LINEN: Help is needed with the laundering of the altar linen at Kelvedon. If a number of people volunteer we could organise a rota. Please think about this and if you would like to help give your name to Fr Gordon.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING: A Service of thanksgiving will take place for families who have lost a loved one recently or in the distant past who wish to '*Light a Candle*' in their memory. This very special Service of remembrance will take place on Sunday 6th June at Kelvedon United Reformed Church at 3.00 p.m.

NEW SUMMER OPEN RETREAT: For young people in school years 7, 8 and 9 at Walsingham House. 9th - 11th July only £45. Come to Walsingham House for a weekend of fun, faith and friendship. We'll play games, eat good food, and pray together, with drama, art and music and the opportunity to make new friends. Come along and have some fun. Forms available from our website www.walsinghamhouse.org or email info@walsinghamhouse.org

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CONCERT: Sunday, 27th June at 8.00 p.m. Piano Recital by Alexei Petrov. We warmly welcome Alexei from Moscow back to the cathedral again, following the memorable Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto performances here, as he concludes his studies at The Royal College of Music Programme to include: Schumann - Novelletes op.21, N.1 and N.8. Arabesque op.18. Chopin - Ballade N.1 g-minor. Liszt - Hungarian Rhapsody N.13. Sen-Sans-Liszt-Horowitz - Dance Macabre. Tickets: £10; £9 concessions; £2 children available from The Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Tel. 01277 265288. Cheques made payable to *Brentwood Cathedral Music*. Proceeds in aid of the Cathedral Hall Fund.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY: Saturday 19th June from 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in the **Presbytery Garden**. **RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3

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| SUNDAY 16th May The Ascension of the Lord | Coggeshall Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. | Private Intention Intention Antczak Family <i>Baptism: Aiden Timothy</i> <i>James Rata</i> All Parishioners |
| MONDAY 17th May | Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| TUESDAY 18th May <i>St John I</i> | Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon | 8.00 a.m. 11.00-12.00 noon 7.30-8.30 p.m. | Private Intention <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| WEDNESDAY 19th May <i>St Dunstan</i> | Kelvedon | 7.30 p.m. | Private Intention |
| THURSDAY 20th May <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i> | Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall | 10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-8.30 p.m. | Private Intention Private Intention <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> |
| FRIDAY 21st May <i>St Christopher</i> <i>Magallanes & Companion</i> | Kelvedon Kelvedon | 9.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. | Private Intention <i>Wedding: Robert O'Connell & Maxine Pennington</i> |
| SATURDAY 22nd May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i> | Kelvedon | 10.00 a.m. | Private Intention |
| SUNDAY 23rd May Pentecost | Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree | 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. | Intention of Clarke Family All Parishioners Int. Fr Ambrose O'Gorman (70th anniversary of Ordination) |

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

| Liturgical Rotas 23rd May | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ministers of Welcome |
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| COGGESHALL | Sue Harrison Phil Harrison | Jill Hinds | Maria O'Leary |
| KELVEDON | Pat Short Doris Eary | Jadwiga Smith | Maura Banks |
| TIPTREE | Mary Mann Sue Petchey | Michael Wigley | Celia Butt |
| FINANCE TEAM | Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary | | |