

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SUNDAY 6th February <i>Fifth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP Albert Mason RIP All Parishioners
MONDAY 7th February	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Maura La Roche RIP <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 8th February <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Gerald Collins RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 9th February	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tollesbury Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Church open for prayer</i> Sec. Clergy New Common Fund <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
SATURDAY 12th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
SUNDAY 13th February <i>Sixth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kathleen Turner (anniversary) May & Maram Issa RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 13th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	John Dann	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McInally	Doris Eary	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Simon Hall	Margaret Jopling
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary		

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

You are the light of the world.

First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm PS 111:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel: Mt 5:13-16



FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR: Our first reading is paired with today's Gospel in order to help us reflect on its practical implications. "You are the light of the world". Wednesday we celebrated Candlemas and hear the words Simeon spoke about the child Jesus, "My eyes have seen the light to enlighten the gentiles." Now Jesus, the Light of the World, tells us that we must ourselves be lights to the world, bringing not our own light but his so that all people may not only see the way but give glory to God. What does Isaiah say? "Thus says the lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn." A personal relationship with God at the level of prayer and faith and even uprightness in our conduct do not suffice. Our Lord expects more of us. He expects us to take the initiative in helping those in need and to lead others by example.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, 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. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Sr Mary Simon, Albert Mason, Jo Rayner, Tommy Manson, Dorothy Rowe** and **Ted Clarke**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASS VARIATIONS: Mass on Thursday morning will be at 9.00 a.m. due to Council of Priests meeting in Brentwood. There will be no Mass on Friday as I have been asked to celebrate Mass at St Benedict's.

UGANDA LOTTERY: If you would like to support our lottery for the next Quarter the subscription is £13.00 is now due.

APPEAL TO PARENTS OF PREVIOUS FIRST COMMUNICANTS: I have ordered additional copies of the parents' book to ensure sufficient for this year but there are eighteen copies (£12.99 each) floating out there on your shelves. Unlike the children's work books they are intended to be reused each year. Please search your shelves and return any copies you find. In case you have forgotten what they look like they are blue A4 format.

HEALING MASS: The next healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer will be Wednesday 9th February at 2.30 p.m.

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK: On Thursday 10th February, the vigil of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or email info@goodcounselnetwork.freeserve.co.uk

SPECIAL MASS FOR CHF: There will a special Mass for the Catholic Handicap Fellowship for people with learning disabilities on **Sunday 20th February** at **3.00 p.m.** at Brentwood Cathedral. The main celebrant will be the Bishop of Brentwood. Everybody is welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION: The First Communion programme has been run by Angie Hart for the last two years and has been very well supported by the parents volunteering as assistants. However, in order to guarantee the continuity of the programme in the long term we are looking for people who would like to be a catechist in the future and have the unique opportunity to be introduced to the job slowly and gently by receiving training through the Diocese and directly by Angie. If you would like to find out if this is the way for you to become part of the Parish team, please contact Angie Hart by email mahar66@hotmail.com or telephone 01787 224383.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: The next meeting will be held on Saturday 19th February at 2.30 pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. The speaker will be Dr. Gerard Kilroy, Honorary Visiting Professor at University College London. He will speak on, "Edmund Campion and the traitor in our midst". This talk will examine events surrounding the saint's capture. Contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

MEDITATION: The next performance of **The Journey** by our Folk Group **Meditation** will be in the parish church of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Denis, St Marychurch, Torquay, Devon on Saturday 26th February at 7.30pm. Any parishioners who are in the area that weekend will be most welcome.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: This Tuesday 6.30-7.30 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration 7.30-8.30 p.m. - Prayers and devotions for unborn children, expectant mothers, those who are tempted by or have undergone abortion, those involved in the Pro-Life Movement, and those involved in the termination of unborn life.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY: Was remembered last week but we forgot to take up a retiring collection at the end of masses as we have done in past years. There will be an opportunity to do so this week and the funds will be allocated to "Anchor House – Working at the Heart of Homelessness" whose enterprise was described in last week's Newsletter insert. There will be special envelopes at each church with a space for GAD number. Coincidentally members of our Justice & Peace Group will be paying a visit to Anchor House on **Tuesday 15th February** to be shown around the enterprise. Simon Hall has made the arrangements and "the tour" will begin around **11.30 a.m.** If others in the Parish would like to be included or want more information they are invited to contact Sean O'Leary, Teresa Hall or Fr Gordon. The location is in Canning Town and it is thought that transport by rail and tube via Stratford will be the best option, but all those hoping to come will be advised of the final arrangements. Another happy coincidence is Viv Talbot's office at the Richard House Children's Hospice is only round the corner from Anchor House and some of the group hope to pop in there to meet Viv before returning home. The funds raised from the raffle at the Senior Parishioner's Christmas Lunch were donated to the Hospice. On a related matter the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council encouraged all parish groups to meet soon to consider their plans for the coming year. The Finance Team has a meeting on Friday 11th February and the Parish Concern Group on Tuesday 22nd February.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 30th January £729.18.**