

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3			
SUNDAY 12th December <i>3rd of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Richard & Margaret Farley (ann.)
MONDAY 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayers Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Anthony O'Dowd RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 15th December	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <i>Service of Reconciliation</i>
THURSDAY 16th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 8.00 p.m.	Eon Bragger RIP <i>Church open for Prayer</i> <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 17th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Thomas Varley RIP
SATURDAY 18th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 19th December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Gregory John Cody & Jason Dutch RIP Charles & Ellen Thomas RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 19th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	Simon Hall	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Helena McNally	Doris Eary	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey Sheila Barralet	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		

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

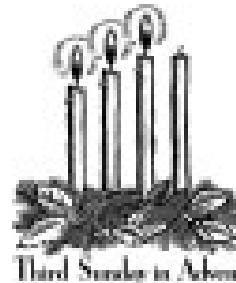
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Are you the one who is to come, or have we
got to wait for someone else!*

First Reading: Is 35:1-6.10

Responsorial Psalm PS 145:6-10

Second Reading: Jm 5:7-12

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Scriptures liken the coming of the Messiah to the rising of the sun and just as this is foreshadowed by the lightening of the sky and fingers of pink from the sun still below the horizon so today the Church lightens her penitential purple vestments into a lighter shade of rose. The entrance antiphon and first reading speak of the joy that cannot be contained at the dawning of salvation. The new age has already dawned with the birth of Christ two thousand years ago. Our Lord points to evidence that the hopes and expectations are already being fulfilled in his healing of the sick. Great though he is John the Baptist belongs to the end of the previous era – the curtain raiser or fore-runner. We celebrate Christmas because we recognise the truth that we are part of this new age and to reaffirm our faith and hope until he comes in glory.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: On Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. we welcome Fr Tom Lavin from Lexden who will help with confessions at our Advent Service of Reconciliation. Many people like the opportunity to confess to a visiting priest so do take this opportunity. If you are not free on Wednesday you might like to go the Service at Lexden on Friday at 8.00 p.m. Witham usually have a service on the Monday of the week before Christmas but I do not have confirmation of this.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Please pray for Brian and Marlene Kennedy of Coggeshall. Brian was admitted to hospital with a major stroke on Monday. You will be pleased to hear that Edna Emenev is now home after a long spell in hospital. Two other parishioners have undergone hip operations during the week.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, 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 you know of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **William Neary, Anthony Said, Agnes Bamford** and **Margaret Moffat** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CAROL SERVICE: The **Kelvedon URC** are holding a **Candlelit Carol Service** on the **19th December** at **6.30 p.m.** and would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and join them to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

CAROLS: Next Sunday there are Carol Services at **Tiptree URC** at **4.00 p.m.** and at **St Peter's, Coggeshall**, at **6.00 p.m.** The next day, Monday **20th December**, there will be carol singing in **Kelvedon** starting at the station at 5.45 p.m. and then moving along the High Street. Do join us if you can.

HEALING MASS: Led by **Fr Eamonn Power** at Abbotswick House of Prayer on **Wednesday 15th December** at **2.30 p.m.** All welcome. For further details call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 5th December - £1,026.99.**

TREE OF ANGELS: At this time so special to all children and in remembrance of a loved one The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invite you to dedicate a symbolic angel on their Tree of Angels. We will send you an angel on which you can place a special message. This may then decorate one of our Tree of Angels sited at churches around the Diocese or hang on your Christmas tree at home. The name of each person being remembered will be entered into a Book of Remembrance which will be professionally bound and placed on display in the Chapel at Childcare House. For further information or to make a dedication please call Sarah on 01268 784544 or email skendall@childcareuk.org.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: If you are alone on Christmas day why not come and join us at the **URC Kelvedon** for Christmas lunch and or afternoon tea. We will be serving a traditional Christmas lunch at approximately 12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. followed by a time of fellowship with tea and Christmas cake and mince pies. If you would like to join us then please contact **Andrea (01376 571718** or **Janet 01376 571978** and if you need transport let us know. There is no set charge but a small donation towards the cost of the meal would be appreciated.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD & FLYER: It is hoped that the Christmas card and annual Flyer will be ready for distribution next week. If you do not receive a copy then please let either Fr Gordon, Tom McInally or Pat Richardson know so that our records can be updated.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: 29th December, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wickhay, Basildon, SS15 5AD. Everyone is welcome to join seminarians and those discerning vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life for **Mass** at **11.30am**. December 29th is the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, who is the Patron Saint of Pastoral Clergy in England. Please pray for vocations; for those interested in discerning vocation you will find lots of helpful information and links on www.brentwoodvocations.org along with contact details for the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic Howarth.

MINISTRIES: The present procedure (for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Ministers of Welcome) is if someone cannot do their duty on a particular Sunday they would phone other ministers in that particular church. It has been suggested that some ministers may be willing to provide assistance at the other two churches if they are phoned. If you are willing to offer your services please could you drop an email to derek.hand@nps.co.uk to allow the contact list to be updated accordingly, but you will remain on the rota for only one church. Other parishioners who would like to help with Reading, Eucharistic Ministry or Ministers of Welcome please contact Fr Gordon, but if you wish, please be free to chat with any of the other ministers before approaching Fr Gordon. We would remind all Eucharistic Ministers, that they should not perform another ministry or help in the collection at the same Mass.