

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 13th March <i>1st 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 Tim Short (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
MONDAY 14th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 15th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
THURSDAY 17th March <i>St Patrick</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Richard Rann Dec'd Parishioners <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Lenten Study/Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 18th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY <i>St Joseph</i> 19th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 20th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kazimierz Jezierski RIP <i>Baptism: Lucas Austin Gibbons</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 20th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	John Dann	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Viviene Talbot	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett Marie Barrett	Jean Mullane	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary		

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

First Reading: Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm PS 50:3-6.12-14.17

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 'Lent' comes from the Old English and refers to the lengthening of the days in Spring. In most languages the equivalent term refers to the forty days of the season. This time of penance and fasting was decreed by the Council of Nicaea in 323 A.D. as an encouragement to all Christians to join with those about to be baptised in their preparations for Easter. Since the early Christians did not fast on Sundays six days were added in the Seventh Century so that Lent began on the previous Wednesday. There were two elements to the Lenten discipline. Fasting meant one meal taken only late in the day – after None (the office said at the ninth hour about 3.00 p.m.). The timing of this crept forward so that 'afternoon' now means after midday! It was this practise that formed the model for the Ramadan observance in Islam. The second was abstinence from eggs, meat and dairy products throughout this period – a discipline still kept by the Eastern Orthodox. Our discipline today is much milder leaving it to our discretion apart from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, our Lenten resolutions should challenge us. In his Lenten message Pope Benedict reminds us that the purpose of self-denial is to free us from dependency on material things, of alms-giving is to teach us to share with others and rely on God's generosity, and of prayer is to bring us closer to God and more aware of how everything is shaped by our destiny to live with God for ever.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier, Mary Enkel, Clare Wilding, Henry Jezierski** and **Francesca Ciarvella** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for Sunday **6th March - £901.35.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Pam Lowth, 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 Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If you know of names to be added or deleted please let Fr Gordon know.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Stations of the Cross:** unless otherwise stated – **Kelvedon** Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., **Coggeshall** Thursdays 7.00 p.m., **Tiptree** Sundays 5.15 p.m.; especially for children at **Kelvedon** Fridays 6.30 p.m.
- **Lenten Course:** Christchurch, **Coggeshall**, Monday evenings 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.
- **Bible Study** on the Psalms: **Tiptree** URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m.
- **Lent Lunch:** Christchurch, **Coggeshall**, Thursdays from 12.00 noon
- **'Life to the full'** followed by Prayer Group: **Kelvedon** Thursdays 7.00 p.m.
- **Times of prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament: **Tiptree** Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; **Kelvedon** Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m.; **Kelvedon** Saturdays 10.30-11.00 a.m.
- **'Mother's Prayers':** **Coggeshall** Mondays 10.00 a.m.
- **Individual aids to daily prayer and reflection:** 'My Day by Day' (adults £1.00; children's £0.50); 'Walk with me' (£1.00)

EVANGELIUM—Exploring the Catholic Faith: Our course continues this Friday at 8.00 p.m. with the third unit *"The Incarnation"*. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: *Seen through children's eyes and retold by children's hearts.* The parish children invite you to this beautiful Lenten tradition every **Friday** during Lent from **11th March, 6.30 p.m.** at our Kelvedon church. Children can bring their own little cross from home or use those from last Palm Sunday and they are welcome to write their own reflections or prayers about any of the Stations. These can then be brought to church or sent by e-mail, any time during Lent, to **malgosia_74@yahoo.co.uk** to be read out and in time we hope to publish them in our own parish booklet. All are welcome.

MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE:Kelvedon & Feering. The next joint service will be at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon, next Sunday 20th March at 4.00 p.m. All welcome.

'BE STILL DAY' - Saturday 26th March: If you would like to join us for a quiet day in our Kelvedon Church on Saturday 26th March 9.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m. please sign up on the clipboard so we know how many to cater for.

A QUESTION OF FAITH: An evening of questions on living the Catholic faith to be held at the SS Peter and Paul Parish Centre, Ilford High Road, Ilford IG1 1QP on Monday 28th March 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Questions will cover Moral issues and quandaries, Theology and Scripture, The church and its history and the Church in today's world. Refreshments are provided and there is no charge. All are welcome. Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289, the parish on 020 8478 0583 or email CEF@brentwood.org

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY 18th March: Our faith tells us Lent is a time for transformations. This Lent, CAFOD is asking us to create amazing transformations in the lives of some of the world's poorest families. Amparo, a mother from Colombia, was forced from her home by guerrilla soldiers. Today, with CAFOD's help, she is starting life again. To help Amparo, and many others in need, please give what you can at Fast Day. Thank you for your generosity.

URGENT REQUEST: The sisters at the House of Prayer are hoping to acquire a second hand car a.s.a.p. for use at Abbotswick. The engine of their car has blown and is beyond repair. If you are able to help in any way please call **Sr Camilla** on **01277 373848** or **07931 795769.**

PARISH DIARIES: These have finally turned up after numerous chasings up and are available at the back of the church. I have informed the company concerned that this is unacceptable and that we shall not order any for next year. I will investigate alternative sources. I have also contacted the advertisers who financed its production – some local, others national bodies.

HEALING MASS: Led by Fr Eamonn at Abbotswick House of Prayer **Wednesday 16th March at 2.30 p.m.**

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY: Has organised an outing to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, Mayfair on Saturday 19th March. The day begins with Mass at 11 am, after which the parish priest will give us a talk and a tour of the church. There will be an opportunity afterwards to see the Jesuit Archives in Mount Street. For further information please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.