

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS	Kelvedon Tollesbury C of E Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 12.00 Midnight 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	<i>Vigil Mass for families</i> - carols from 6.00 p.m.: Anne Sexton RIP <i>Mass of Midnight:</i> Private Intention <i>Midnight Mass</i> - carols from <i>11.30 p.m.:</i> All Parishioners <i>Mass of Dawn:</i> John Wood RIP <i>Day Mass:</i> Daniel McDermott RIP
MONDAY 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Altar Servers
TUESDAY 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist</i>	NO MASS		
WEDNESDAY 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	NO MASS		
THURSDAY 29th December <i>St Thomas a Becket</i>	NO MASS		
FRIDAY 30th December <i>The Holy Family</i>	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 31st December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 1st January Mary Mother of God	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie McPherson (anniversary) All Parishioners John Barrett (anniversary)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Tony Hinds		

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



NATIVITY OF THE LORD: Warmest Christmas Greetings to all of you, and especially those who are visitors to our parish at this time! For many centuries the Church has provided three different Mass texts for Christmas. The first – that of Midnight – focuses our thoughts on Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. The second – of dawn - allows us to share the reaction of the shepherds to the wonderful events unfolding in the village below them. The third – day Mass – takes a different approach. We do not hear the human details of the story but rather St John’s reflection on its meaning in the prologue to his Gospel: “The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us.” For most people it is St Luke’s account read at the Midnight and Dawn Masses that touches the heart, but we need the counter balance of St John to understand the significance of Christmas. It is not simply a human drama about the birth of a baby, but a divine drama about God coming down to dwell in our midst and share fully in all that it means to be human. It is by taking on our human nature that God enables us to share in his divine nature through the gift of grace, and opens the way to heaven for us. The liturgical year telescopes the historical events into twelve days although we are not told how long after the birth of Jesus the wise men arrived. In England Twelfth Night is regarded as the end of the Christmas season, but in some countries the crib remains in place until 2nd February and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly,** and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Adrian Scott, Sheila South, Frank Poeciecha, Edna McGuire, Miles Swinburne, Bernard Vesmilio, Rachel Evans, John Barrett, Leonard Chamberlain, Ted Godden** and **Michael Vickers** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

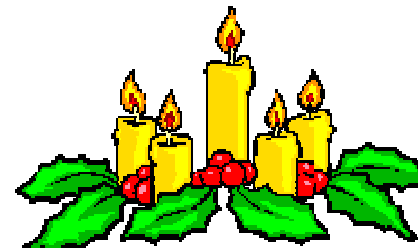
FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 18th December - £646.75.**

MASS TIMES: This week there will be no Mass Tuesday to Friday. Eucharistic devotions will resume in the New Year. Mass on **St Stephen’s Day** (Monday) will be offered for the intentions of our altar servers on the feast of their patron saint. We thank all our servers for their dedication during the year, and especially those who have just started serving. We thank their parents for their support and encouragement. We thank **Gareth Talbot** for the time and dedication he puts in as our parish M.C. in organising and training them.

CRIB OFFERINGS: As usual your crib offerings go to support the work of Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Jo Swaffield** of St Dominic’s residential Home, Kelvedon. Her funeral will take place on Friday 13th January at Chelmsford Crematorium 11.15 a.m. RIP

MOVING MOUNTAINS: Anglia Ruskin University would like to invite you to join us to hear Dame Claire Bertschinger, the nurse who inspired Live Aid, to give her inspirational talk 'Moving Mountains'. Following on from a successful nursing career in the UK, Claire's first post abroad was as a medic for the Scientific Exploration Society in Panama Papua New Guinea and Sulawesi. She went on to accumulate vast experience from many years working in emergency disaster relief, primarily in war zones, with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). She has worked in over a dozen countries including Afghanistan, Kenya, Lebanon, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Liberia. Claire's talk will be based on her autobiography 'Moving Mountains' in which she illustrates just how intolerable the situation in Ethiopia had become. Claire was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal in recognition of her work in conflict situations, has gained a Masters in Medical Anthropology, and has published her biography Moving Mountains (Transworld, 2005) to critical acclaim. She has subsequently received Woman of the Year, Window to the World award, Human Rights and Nursing Award, and was made a Dame in the 2009 New Year Honours List for services to Nursing and to International Humanitarian Aid. After the talk there will be a 20 minute Q&A session followed with a drinks reception. To book your place, please contact Rachel Moss on t:0845 196 4723, e:rachel.moss@anglia.ac.uk or visit <http://angliaruskincommunity.eventbrite.com>



Happy Christmas

Liturgical Rotas 1st January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Simon Hall	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McNally & Tony Hinds		