

WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR

*They saw where he lived, and stayed
with him.*

First Reading	1 Sam 3:3-10. 19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 39:2 4. 7-10
Second Reading	1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20
Gospel	Jn 1:35-42



SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR: The weeks after Epiphany and after Pentecost are styled 'Ordinary Time', characterised by the use of green vestments, and on Sundays take us through the public ministry of Our Lord covering each of the 'Synoptic' Gospels over three years. Year 2 or B sets us before us St Mark's Gospel, but because it is shorter than the others some weeks it is supplemented by readings from St John's Gospel, e.g. the explanation of the feeding of the Five Thousand, and also today. Why did Simon and Andrew, James and John respond so promptly (Matthew and Luke) when Jesus calls them from their fishing nets? St John tells us that that this was not their first encounter. Andrew was already a follower of John the Baptist. John's comment about Jesus as the Lamb of God inspired him to find out more and as a result Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. This story also shows us how important friendship and family relationships can be in sharing the Faith. Some people discover the Christian Faith through reading and reflection, but for most there is a human trigger – a friend or relative who in some way inspires them, or perhaps invites them to Church as a new place of encounter with God

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Sean O'Leary, Rona Roberts, Ann Ross, Rosemary Tuite, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Fred Thognett, Tom Heffernan, Margaret Barnes, Arnold Worrall, Eileen Polley, Roma Royal, Thomas Martin, Kathleen Wade, Kerry Anderson, Ethel Evans, Ronald Wilton, Philip Sopher, Ada Trim, Patricia Field, James Powell, Margaret Nicholas Paul Reilly* and *Sr Mary Paul Chard* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs **18th - 25th January**. These dates were chosen because the former was formerly the Feast of the Chair of St Peter at Rome and the latter is still that of the Conversion of St Paul (when not displaced by the Sunday). In **Coggeshall** we will join with our friends from the other Churches at **Christchurch** for a 'Bring and share' supper on **Saturday 20th at 7.00 p.m.** Just turn up with a **plate of food to share** – but if possible please **sign on the clipboard** so that we know how many to expect. In **Tiptree** this year the emphasis will be on a service on **Sunday 21st at 4.00 p.m.** at the **United Reformed Church**. There will, however, be the usual invitation to join the community at the **Orthodox Monastery at Tolleshunt Knights** for **Night Prayer on Monday 22nd January at 8.00 p.m.**, or to attend existing services such as our **Rosary Group on Tuesday at 11.00 a.m.** and **St Luke's Eucharist on Thursday 18th at 10.00 a.m.**

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 7-night pilgrimage departing 6th May on a half-board basis in a 4* hotel. Flights from Heathrow. £575. To find out more call 0800 689 4792 or visit www.aglowpilgrimages.com/medjugorje-pilgrimages

COLCHESTER NIGHT SHELTER: The Manager has sent us a 'thank you note'. "A huge thank you to you and your congregation for the donation of Christmas gift boxes which you kindly collected for our residents. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. These gifts not only gave residents something cheerful to unwrap on Christmas Day, but also gave them the message that they are valued and wanted. Thank you for joining us in providing help to the homeless in Colchester".

MASS VARIATION: No Mass or confessions this Saturday due to an overnight meeting in Oxford.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: This month's prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering takes place this Saturday 20th at St Mary the Virgin 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage is due to travel to Lourdes 22-28 July 2018; we are looking to expand our group of helpers, carers and medics to assist our pilgrims. The pilgrimage has grown in numbers over recent years, we now take a group of 50 assisted or sick pilgrims, 200 other pilgrims and 250 young people from Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS). We fly from Stansted to Lourdes and stay in groups in 3 or 4 Hotels with BCYS staying in 2 further hotels slightly further from the center. Some of our hotels are fitted with adapted rooms to meet the needs of our sick and assisted pilgrims. We also support Fr Bob Hammill and his Catholic Fellowship group of adults with additional needs. Spouses, children and other family members are most welcome. All of our helpers are volunteers, giving up their time and sometimes using annual leave from their full time work but the rewards are immense. There is an information evening at St James the Less Parish Church in Colchester on Tuesday January 30th 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Attending the meeting will not commit you to anything, equally, if you are unable to come along but may be interested in finding out more, please get in touch by email and we can arrange to talk informally.

CAFOD: What is your New Year resolution? *Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice?* How about volunteering for CAFOD? We would really like to have some parish volunteers in your parish to help promote the Lent and Harvest fast days. We also need school volunteers to go talk to young people in your local Catholic schools about the work that CAFOD is doing overseas. If you would like more information or feel that you could help us make that difference then please contact Chris Driscoll on 01277 218730 or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk

LIFE, GENDER, RELATIONSHIPS: CATHOLIC ETHICS AND TODAY'S SOCIETY. Conference with Dr Anthony McCarthy, bio-ethicist, lecturer on moral philosophy and author of *Ethical Sex: Sexual Choices and Their Nature and Meaning (2016)*. January 16th at Our Lady of Victory Parish Hall, Kensington High Street, W8 6SA. Admission £5 at the door. Bookings please, guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 14th January <i>Second Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Intention Nigel & Ian Coventry
MONDAY 15th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
TUESDAY 16th January	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Roma Royal RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th January <i>St Anthony Abbot</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Hannah Wall RIP
THURSDAY 18th January	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Old Brotherhood of English Secular Clergy <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 19th January <i>St Wulstan</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
SATURDAY 20th January <i>Sts Fabian & Sebastian</i>	NO MASS		
SUNDAY 21st January <i>Third Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Bartleet (anniversary) All Parishioners Marian O'Donnell RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: NONE Saturday

Liturgical Rotas 21st January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Derek Hand	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Helena McNally	Elizabeth Maxted	Michael Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Michael Maund	Teresa Baxter