

**WELCOME TO THE
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th December 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading 2 S 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5.27.29

Second Reading Rm 16:25-27

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

First Reading Is 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:4-5.16-17.27.29

Second Reading Ac 13:16-17.22-25

Gospel Mt 1:18-25

First Reading Is 9:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3.11-13

Second Reading Tt 2:11-14

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

First Reading Is 62:11-12

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1.6.11-12

Second Reading Tt 3:4-7

Gospel Lk 2:15-20



Oh Holy Night

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: A warm welcome to any visitors - details of Christmas Masses on the back page – and a happy Christmas to all of you! Today we hear the story of the Annunciation. The Church prefaces this by a story from 2 Samuel about how King David was minded to build a temple for the Lord. Through Nathan God blesses David for his good intention but this is a task for his son Solomon. His blessing will be with the House of David for ever. The fullness of that blessing is revealed in his distant descendent Jesus. God will no longer dwell in a house made by human hands. He will be united for ever with humanity by taking on human flesh. For nine months the womb of Mary will be the shelter and dwelling place of God. This is why in the Litany of Loreto she is described as ‘Ark of the Covenant’ and ‘House of Gold’.

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, Angelina Barber, 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 *Anthony Farley, Leonard Chamberlain, Adrian Scott, Sheila South, Frank Poeciecha, Edna McGuire, Miles Swinburne, Bernard Vesmilio, Robert Pinder, Rachel Evans, John Barrett* and *Michael Vickers* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

‘LIVE NATIVITY’: Many thanks to Michael Staines and family for organising our ‘Live Nativity’ last Sunday and all those who helped in so many ways. Despite the need to reschedule because of the snow there must have been sixty plus people present.

CRIB COLLECTIONS: In each of our parish churches at Christmas, a crib scene depicting the Nativity helps us to focus on the Incarnation of Christ and His love for the whole of humanity. Traditionally, a collection in aid of Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has been associated with these crib scenes and I would very much like to encourage this tradition and to retain these crib scenes until the Presentation on 2nd February each year.

MASS SCHEDULE: There will be Mass each day this week – I shall take Monday to Wednesday off the following week. Mass will be at 10.00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

VOCATIONS PROMOTION: The Vocations Team have put together vocation stories from Priests and Seminarians and these can be viewed on <https://soundcloud.com/user-837815870>. There is also a Facebook page which also includes videos. See www.facebook.com/Brentwood-vocations-1406259206077035/?notif_id=1510762632352497¬if_t=page_unpublish&ref=notif

REQUIEM MASS: The Requiem Mass for Mrs Jeanine Bassett will take place on Thursday 4th January 9.45 a.m. at St John Houghton, Tiptree.

“CHOSEN”: Is a four day retreat for young people and young adults (16-35) run by Youth 2000 at St Bonaventure’s school, Forest Gate. This takes place over the New Year bank holiday weekend - 29th December to 1st January. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, adoration and worship, reconciliation and healing. Visit: www.youth2000.org

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS: Many thanks to Viv Talbot for suggesting the idea and to parishioners for their generous support. We had a massive response - over 100 filled and beautifully wrapped boxes were returned for distribution to the Colchester Night Shelter and Colchester Women’s Refuge. We were welcomed with open arms by both the Colchester Night Shelter and the Women’s Refuge. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to make some of those less fortunate than ourselves have a little better Christmas than they would otherwise.

PARISH UGANDA LOTTERY: The winners of the Ugandan Lottery December Draw are **No. 86 - Roma Raymond £55** and **No. 9 - Marie Sullivan £25.**

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 10th December - £980.44** (includes £580 donations) and **Sunday 17th December £731.33.**

STAFF VACANCY: The Trustees of the Charity of The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre (www.canonesses.co.uk) are looking for a flexible part time Bookkeeper and Financial Administrator for their Charity. The person will be based at our Colchester address and will be required to work for three short days a week but exact working hours can be flexible and will total around 60 hours a month. Salary in line with bookkeeping norms. Closing date 18th January 2018. Interviews on the 30th January. For more information and to request an application form email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING: With the recent opening of our new sixth form centre, we are especially pleased to invite prospective Sixth Form students along with parents and carers to attend our information evening on Wednesday 10th January 2018 from 5.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. The evening offers the opportunity to attend a presentation about our sixth form at either 5.00 p.m. or 7.35 p.m. There is the opportunity between these times to visit subject leaders to learn about the array of courses we offer. Our prospectus is available in the Sixth Form area of the school website, providing a wealth information to inform your visit.

SAVE THE DATE! Our first Social Group meeting of 2018 will be held on Friday 12th January, 10.00 a.m. in St. Dominic's room. This is to select tentative dates for our social events for the coming year. As always, all are welcome and refreshments provided. On behalf of the Social Group, thank you to everyone who supported us and the various events we had this year. Merry Christmas!

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 24th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon St Mary's Tollesbury Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 12.00 midnight	All Parishioners Eileen Condon (anniversary) <i>Vigil Mass for families: Private Intention</i> <i>Mass of Midnight: Private Intention</i> <i>Midnight Mass preceded by carols: All Parishioners</i>
MONDAY 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Coggeshall Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Winnie McPherson anniversary Barbara Kewell (anniversary)
TUESDAY 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Altar Servers
WEDNESDAY 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Pro Life movements
FRIDAY 29th December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 30th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 31st December <i>Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners John Barrett RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 31st December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Elsie Smith	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody