

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 10th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Anthony Rodriguez RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 11th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12th January <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Canon Francis Dobson (Anniversary)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 13th January <i>St Hilary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Thomas Ward RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> 14th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
<b>FRIDAY</b> 15th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr. Peter Moran RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 16th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Roma Royal (Anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 17th January <i>2nd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Any McGonagall (Anniversary) All Parishioners Private Intention

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

**WELCOME TO THE**  
**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON**  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th January 2021

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

*You are my Son, the Beloved,  
my favour rests on you.*

First Reading	Is 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Is 12:2-6
Second Reading	1 Jn 5:1-9
Gospel	Mk 1:7-11



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Each of the Evangelists in his own way attests to the importance of Jesus' baptism. It is the outward manifestation of his mission. Jesus accepts this outward sign, although in no need of cleansing, so that the Father may send down the Holy Spirit to bear witness as to who he is. "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." John the Baptist's task is now complete. In the second reading St John tells us that it is not only the Spirit who bears witness to the lord, but also the blood he will shed on the cross. Jesus comes into the world not only to share our life but also to share our death so that we may enter with him into eternal life. Although John used the waters of the River Jordan to baptise, special ritual baths were used within the Jewish community especially when female converts were received or men who had already been circumcised. The early Christian community saw the font as symbolising death and rebirth – generally the candidate was plunged beneath the water and fonts were provided with steps down into them. Often the shape of the font was also symbolic, especially in later times when they became smaller. A circular font symbolised the womb, square or with four lobes the four Gospels, octagonal the eighth day – that of the resurrection and new creation. In the Middle Ages octagonal fonts often also depicted the seven sacraments. Baptism marks the beginning of our life in Christ – the life of grace. We can renounce Christ but he does not renounce us – the seal of baptism is indelible. The font illustrated is in Kelibia in Tunisia and dates from the Sixth Century.



**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Canon Francis Dobson, Richard Baldock, Fred Thognett, Tom Heffernan, Margaret Barnes, Arnold Worrall, Eileen Polley, Roma Royal, Thomas Martin and John Bartleet* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON PLACES OF WORSHIP:** Communal worship and life events - You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

**WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION FOR SPUC:** This is normally taken at this time of year. Since they do not provide special envelopes and we cannot easily take a separate collection I suggest that if you wish to support their work then you place an offering in a plain envelope and mark it SPUC. There is no great hurry as currently the collections are counted several weeks at a time when there is an opportunity.

**RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS:**

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to [www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation](http://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation) The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

**AUSTEN IVEREIGH LIVESTREAM EVENT:** On Saturday 30th January from 11.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Dr Austen Ivereigh will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. 'Let us Dream' presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future. How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? To access this livestream event please go to [www.sppilford.org.uk](http://www.sppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. The event, which is sponsored by Gidea Park parish in conjunction with Brentwood Interfaith, will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to [adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION:** On 23rd January from 11.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the *New Jerusalem Bible* and the recently published *Revised New Jerusalem Bible*. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to [www.sppilford.org.uk](http://www.sppilford.org.uk) and will be available to download subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to [catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com)

Lord Jesus  
Hope overcomes,  
Hope heals, Hope restores,  
Hope inspires, Hope conquers,  
Hope frees.  
Hope is your gift to the world  
Thank you  
Amen