

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

<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.	Andy McGonagall (Anniversary) All Parishioners Private Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 18th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Christian Unity
<b>TUESDAY</b> 19th January <i>St Wulstan</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 20th January <i>Sts Fabian &amp; Sebastian</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
<b>FRIDAY</b> 22nd January <i>St Vincent</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Hannah Wall RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23rd January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	William Sheldrake RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24th January <i>3rd Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners May Issa Munyard RIP

*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  
ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL & ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE  
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, KwaZulu-Natal)**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**17th January 2021**

**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, in hospital or housebound.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Kathleen Wade, Kerry Anderson, Ethel Evans, Ronald Wilton, Philip Sopher, Ada Trim, Patricia Field, James Powell, Paul Reilly, Margaret Nicholas, Sr. Mary Paul Chard and Bishop Doubleday* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: ONLINE CONFERENCE:** To prepare for the second Sunday of the Word of God, which falls on January 24th 2021, the Catholic Biblical Federation has organised an online conference with participation from all over Europe. The Conference will take place at 5 pm London time on Friday January 22nd and will end at 6.30 p.m. Reflections will be shared on two of the readings of the Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5,10 and Mark 1:14-20. Speakers will be from Croatia, Italy, Romania and Ireland. Presentations will be in English, Italian and French. Introduction and conclusions will be from Ernesto Borghi (Switzerland) and Adrian Graffy (UK). The Conference will take place online and can be followed via [c-b-f.org/streaming](http://c-b-f.org/streaming) or YouTube and Facebook at the Catholic Biblical Federation. Fr Adrian Graffy, English representative at the Catholic Biblical Federation, explained: 'In the rich but fragmented European continent we aim to come together around the Word of God. In the post-pandemic world it will be important to derive from the Scriptures guidelines in our relationships with God, with brothers and sisters throughout the continent and beyond, and in our protection of the planet. Pope Francis' institution of the Sunday of the Word of God is welcome and timely, and this is an excellent way to prepare for the day.'

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Lila Natividade Fernandes** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This runs 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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). This year it is not possible to join together in public acts of common prayer but we can still pray for each other. As Easter Sunday reminds us the Lord can easily come through closed doors and it is that shared presence of the one Lord that binds us together whatever areas of disagreement there may be. You can download prayer resources from: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/> The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family. Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning. For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic.

**BRAINTREE AREA FOODBANK:** Provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to local people experiencing crisis. We are currently looking for the following volunteers who will help play a crucial role in the running of the foodbank, from collecting and sorting donations to processing vouchers and helping to create a welcoming space for people in crisis: **Warehouse Assistants** – happy to lift heavy weights and have an eye for detail. **Drivers and Driver's mates** – clean licence required and ability to lift heavy weights. **Witham Foodbank Centre Helper** – empathetic, team player and excellent communication skills. No previous volunteering experience required. **We are also currently looking for a PR volunteer**, who will help play a crucial role in raising the awareness of Foodbank through social media. **Do you have excellent computer skills across all media platforms? Are you numerate and comfortable in interpreting statistical data? Are you empathetic, a team player, with excellent communication skills and have the ability to write press releases?** To find out more about how you can join us and for fuller role profile please Phone: **01376 330694** or Email: **info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk** We endeavour to reply to all volunteering applications within 5 days.

**PRAYER LIST:** Please contact Fr Gordon or (Pat Richardson [patriciarn1@outlook.com](mailto:patriciarn1@outlook.com)) if you would like to add a name to the weekly prayer list. Please also advise when circumstances change, so the list can be kept up to date.

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1. Health professional research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. HM Government stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. They asked that each Place of Worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. This is to include (but is not limited to):
  - a. Sufficient stewarding and management of the venue
  - b. Sufficient cleaning after acts of communal worship
  - c. Maintaining good social distancing in the space available along with good ventilation
  - d. Factors affecting travel to and from the place of worship, such as public transport
  - e. The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything that is not necessary should be omitted.
  - f. Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the church. They should disperse immediately.
  - g. All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled (see below)
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Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to

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