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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay awake so that you may be ready

First Reading: Is 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2.4-5.6-9
Second Reading: Rm 13:11-14
Gospel: Mt 24:37-44



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: In our first reading the Prophet Isaiah looks forward to the Day of the Lord. The manifesting of God's Kingdom will have a two-fold effect. Peoples from all over the world will flock to Jerusalem and the Temple to acknowledge the one true God as their King. Secondly the acceptance of God's reign will bring about justice and peace. He encourages his listeners to prepare for this day by walking in the light of the Lord here and now. In St Matthew's Gospel Our Lord adds a note of urgency. Judgement implies discernment, even discrimination. It is essential that we are ready for God's coming so that he will not find us wanting or unprepared. Since we do not know when that day will be we must be ready at this moment. A few days ago a programme on the television examined the role of the RAF nuclear bombers during the 1950s and 1960s. For the aircrews amber alert meant that had to be ready for take off in five minutes. Red alert, which meant imminent attack expected, gave them just three minutes! Those who are old enough to remember the Cuban missile crisis will know how we lived through a time when nuclear obliteration seemed just hours away. Our Lord does not say these words as a threat but simply because they are the truth and because it matters whether we are ready to meet God face to face. Advent is a time of preparation. We reflect on the meaning of his First Coming two thousand years ago in order to be ready to meet him now.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Sr Mary Teresita OP, Josephine Grima, John Wood, Kathleen Lee, Margaret Farley, Lucy Challis, Mary McGonagall, Enid Whitaker, Neville Parkin** and **Beatrix Joyce** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Marlene Kennedy, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

ADVENT BOOKLETS: The usual Advent reflection booklets are available at the back of the Church. The adult booklets, 'Walk with me' and 'My Day by Day' cost £1.00. The children's booklets, both infant and junior, cost £0.55.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways to make the Bazaar an enjoyable and successful occasion for the parish. Whatever the money raised, working together and enjoying each other's company helps to build parish life.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK: The 2014 edition of Brentwood Diocesan Directory is now available and costs £2.75. It contains all sorts of useful information about the Diocese and also, for those who like to attend weekday Mass or follow the Liturgical Calendar at home, full details of the liturgy for each day of the year.

FINANCE: Offertory collections for **Sunday 24th November - £706.87.**

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.30 P.M. MASS: If you are a **Eucharistic Minister** and are intending to attend the **6.30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve** at **Kelvedon**, can you please contact **Pat Short** on **01621 929254** so that she can make sure there are sufficient Ministers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: The team is looking for a new volunteer to join the rota in the New Year. No special qualifications are required. The lessons are already prepared and only some photocopying and organisation is needed prior to the lesson. This would take around an hours work at home plus 30 minutes during Mass. We would also like to thank **Nuria Green** for her valuable contribution to the ministry in the last two years and wish her every success in her new job. **Yvonne Ewers** has kindly offered to take on the organisational role but we could do with one or two more people to help out on the ground. The more who offer to help the better the load is spread.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On Saturday 7th December, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. You can pray a rosary (or an extra one) and fast on bread and water, or offer whatever you can. For more information see <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: In remembrance of a loved one, BCCS invite you to dedicate a symbolic angel on their **Christmas Tree of Angels**. This will remain a symbol of remembrance throughout this holy season of joy. The name of each person remembered will be entered into a Book of Remembrance, which will be professionally bound and placed on display in the Chapel at Childcare House. A Tree of Angels Carol service will be held at **Our Lady of Ransom Church, Rayleigh** on **Sunday 8th December** at **4.00 p.m.** For further information or to make a dedication, please contact Sarah White 01268 784544 swhite@bccs.org.uk

VACANCY: Required for January 2014 full time Assistant Site Manager (35 hrs X 52 weeks) Scale 3 Point 14-17 (£17,484 - £18, 583) at All Saints Catholic School Terling Road, Dagenham RM8 1JT. The Governing Body is looking to appoint an Assistant Site Manager who will be flexible, show commitment and have both excellent organisation and inter-personal skills. The role requires someone who has initiative and adopts a "hands-on" approach in working as a part of the school community. The successful applicant will also possess practical skills which will contribute to general school premises maintenance and improvement work. Further details of the post are available from Mrs. M. Hartley at the address above. Closing date for applications is Friday 13th December Tel: 020 8270 424 office@allsaintsschool.co.uk

ADVENT RETREAT AT ABBOTSWICK: 'Preparing our Hearts to Welcome God's Call' 13th to 15th December. A weekend retreat in preparation for Christmas led by **Sr Gabriela** and **Sr Theresa** from the resident Community of Our Lady of Walsingham at Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. This retreat is open to all adults and booking is essential. For further details visit www.abbotswick.org/events/ or call 01277 373959.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 1st December 1st of Advent	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP All Parishioners Private Intention
MONDAY 2nd December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Joseph Hutley RIP
TUESDAY 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Louisa Grant RIP
THURSDAY 5th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
SATURDAY 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Throckmorton Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intent</i>
SUNDAY 8th December 2nd of Advent	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Barbara Kewell (anniversary)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: TODAY 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon
With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

Liturgical Rotas 8th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Sean O'Leary	Desmond Crone	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Helena McInally	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Marisa Orchard	Sue Petchey