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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**1st January 2017**

### **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

*They found Mary and Joseph and the baby. When the eighth day came they gave him the name Jesus.*

**First Reading**

**Nb 6:22-27**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3.5.6.8**

**Second Reading**

**Gal 4:4-7**

**Gospel**

**Lk 2:16-21**



**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:** The Church begins the New Year under the patronage of Our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Today's feast has undergone various shifts of emphasis over the years. The texts relating to Our Lady at Mass and in the Divine Office are very ancient and reflect the fact that today concludes the Octave of Christmas. It also marks the day on which Jesus was circumcised in accordance with the Law of Moses – an important step in establishing his credentials as a Jew descended from King David to be the Messiah and came to be seen as a foreshadowing of the blood to be shed on the Cross. In the Middle Ages the designation as the Feast of the Circumcision predominated and the element of 'naming' was given its own commemoration a couple of days later. Until the 1960's it was a Holy Day of Obligation and hence also a public holiday. In England New Year's Day remained 25<sup>th</sup> March (The Annunciation) until the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar in 1752. This is why, having lost eleven days to catch up, the tax year begins on 5<sup>th</sup> April. In the reforms of the 1960's the Feast was refocused on Mary as Mother of God. Today we ask her to be with us and intercede for us in the year ahead, remembering the words of Jesus on the Cross to St John, "behold your mother" and to Mary, "behold your son".

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, 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* & any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Kate Warner, Alexandra Hutley, John Moffet, Ronald Barnes, Doreen Rooney, Joseph Martin, Mary Shah, Hilary Rowley, David Bartlett, Peter Eary, John Griffin, Paul Reilly, Susan Ambrose, Peter Joyce, Richard Bowen* and *Arthur Waite* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**'SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM'** This is the earliest prayer known to be addressed to Our Lady. This fragmentary Rylands Papyrus has been dated to about 250 AD.

"We fly to Thy protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from all dangers,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen."



**THANKS:** Many thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare our churches and liturgies for Christmas, cleaning and adorning our churches, and providing our music and the various ministries. Many thanks also to all of you for your kind Christmas greetings and gifts. This year these included a handsome boxed album of photos from my 40th anniversary of ordination celebrations. I will put this on display to give parishioners a chance to look through it. In due course I will go through it and prepare a key to those in the photos so that when the time comes it will be of interest to the Diocesan Archivist!

**WE REGRET:** To announce the death of **Mrs Eileen Condon** of Church Street, Coggeshall. She often attended Mass at Bocking Convent and the Requiem Mass has been arranged in the Sisters' chapel for Wednesday 11th January at 10.30 a.m. followed by cremation at Three Counties Crematorium. RIP.

**MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS:** This Saturday at 12.15 p.m. Exposition and confessions will be extended from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

**GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:** It is planned to enrol several altar servers who have completed their probationary period at 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. We thank all our servers for their support and their parents for encouraging them.

## **Prayer for the New Year**

**Lord,**

**At the beginning of this new year,  
I offer you my life.**

**Come take my voice,  
may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.**

**Come take my hands,  
may the work they create be generous and giving.**

**Come take my feet,  
may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.**

**Come take my life Lord,  
for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.**

**Amen**

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 1st January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Denis Wood All Parishioners John Barrett RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 2nd January <i>Sts Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 3rd January	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Hannah Wall RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4th January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Roma Royal RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> 5th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Peter Eary RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7th January <i>St Raymond of Peñafort [1962 – Our lady]</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Tridentine</i> : Intention Roger Wemyss Brook
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8th January <i>Epiphany (transferred)</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary) David Bartlett (anniversary) All Parishioners
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 8th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Pat Ezra Clare Gallant	Desmond Crone	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Valerie Bartlett	Tom McInally	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney