

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2			
SUNDAY 1st January Mary Mother of God	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie McPherson (anniversary) All Parishioners John Barrett (anniversary)
MONDAY 2nd January <i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 3rd January <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 4th January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Roma Royal RIP
THURSDAY 5th January	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Peter Eary RIP <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 6th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 7th January <i>[1962 Saturday Mass of Our Lady]</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 8th January	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary) Kelvedon Villagers who helped evacuees in WWII All Parishioners
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 8th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Sean O'Leary	John Dann	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Ezra Patricia Pike	Michael Wigley	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds and Sean O'Leary		

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st January 2012

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

*They found Mary, 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. It also 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 25th 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 5th 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".

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

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

BI-MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This takes place this coming Saturday at 12.15 p.m. as usual Confessions and Exposition will be extended to 12.00 noon.

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. Most of you will be aware that the Christmas and Easter Offerings provide a significant proportion of a priest's annual income.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: The monthly prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering takes place this Saturday at **St Mary the Virgin** 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

SPECIAL VISITOR: Next Sunday we shall be welcoming **Air Vice-Marshall Robert Chapple** to our 11.00 a.m. Mass. With his brother Michael he was received into the Church on 6th January 1942 – seventy years ago! They were evacuated to Sible Hedingham in 1939 but bombed out and then came to Kelvedon. He remembers especially Mr Fairbrass, who was head of the village school, and his daughter Cecily Davison, who organised a reunion in 1999. He hopes to read one of the readings and would like to say a few words at the end of Mass.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIPTREE: To mark Christian Unity Week in Tiptree in January the Churches decided to do something different for 2012. Rather than an additional service we thought it would be good to organise a social event to enable members of different Churches to get to know each other. There will be a **Barn Dance in St Luke's extension on Saturday 21st January** starting **7.00 p.m.** to make it easier for young families to attend, tickets are £3.00 for adults; children aged sixteen or below can come free of charge but will still need a ticket so we know how many to expect. Please ask Fr Gordon for a ticket. We will need to know numbers by the previous weekend.

THE JOURNEY: There will be a presentation of "The Journey", a reflection on the life of Jesus, performed by our parish folk group in our church in Kelvedon on **Saturday 14th January** in memory of **Roma Royal**. Admission is free and refreshments served, with any donations going towards parish funds. What a great way of starting the new year with a couple of hours away from the hectic world we live in, thanking God for the year just gone and spiritually preparing for the year ahead.

