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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

My eyes have seen your salvation.

First Reading: MI 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: The Feast of the Presentation is among the most ancient feasts of the Church. There are sermons on the Feast by the bishops [Methodius](#) of [Patara](#) († 312), Cyril of Jerusalem († 360), Gregory the Theologian († 389), Amphilochius of Iconium († 394), Gregory of Nyssa († 400), and John Chrysostom († 407). [Egeria](#), during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land (381–384) reported that 14 February was a day solemnly kept in Jerusalem with a [procession](#) to Constantine I's Basilica of the Resurrection, with a [homily](#) preached on Luke 2:22 (which makes the occasion perfectly clear), and a Divine Liturgy. The date of 14 February indicates that in Jerusalem at that time, Christ's birth was celebrated on 6 January, Epiphany. Egeria writes for her beloved fellow nuns at home:

"The fortieth day after the Epiphany is undoubtedly celebrated here with the very highest honor, for on that day there is a procession, in which all take part, in the Anastasis, and all things are done in their order with the greatest joy, just as at Easter. All the priests, and after them the bishop, preach, always taking for their subject that part of the Gospel where Joseph and Mary brought the Lord into the Temple on the fortieth day, and Simeon and Anna the prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, saw him, treating of the words which they spake when they saw the Lord, and of that offering which his parents made. And when everything that is customary has been done in order, the sacrament is celebrated, and the dismissal takes place."

The feast marks the ritual purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in accordance with Jewish Law, the presentation of the child to God with a thanksgiving sacrifice, and the encounter with Simeon and Anna. Candles are blessed and carried as a sign that Jesus is the Light of the World. Each Mass will begin with the blessing of candles – please take one as you enter – and short procession. Those using the yellow Mass books at Kelvedon and Tiptree will find the texts towards the back; they are not in the recycled Missals at Coggeshall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Thomas Martin, Ellen Cooney, Elizabeth O'Brien, George Parkin, Gilian O'Malley, Terri Casey, James Madden, Sr Mary Simon and Albert Mason** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, 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.

POST CHRISTMAS BREAK: I will be away for a short break this week so there will be no Mass Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.

BLESSING OF ST BLAISE: The Blessing of St Blaise to ward off maladies of the throat will be given after Mass on Monday 3rd February.

FINANCE: Offertory collections for **Sunday 26th January - £657.61.**

PRAYER DAY FOR THE PARISH: There will be a Prayer Day for the Parish on **Saturday the 22nd February** for all members of the parish. All are welcome. We will both pray, and look at the different types of prayer that are available to us. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of church as numbers attending will be needed for catering purposes. The day will start with Mass at **10.00 a.m.** and will finish at **3.00 p.m.** A light lunch will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there. For further details please contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859**.

YOUTH GROUP FAMILY TEN PIN BOWLING EVENING: Members of the Youth Group would like to invite families in the parish to a ten pin bowling evening on **7th February** at Namscape in Braintree. We are meeting at **6.30pm**.

We are running this as a family challenge and will need to know numbers in order to book. The cost will be around £5.50 per adult and £4.50 per child. Please contact Pauline McAloone by email: pauline@mcaloone.com if you would like to take part and indicate how many children/adults. We suggest that the children eat in advance and bring a drink with them.

PREPARING FOR THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: Clergy and Confirmation catechists are invited to attend a meeting with Sr Nuala on **Thursday 13th February 7.30pm** in the Cathedral Conference Centre. For booking and further information, please contact the Adult Religious office on 01277 265255/219 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LOURDES SUMMER 2014: The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. There are brochures at the back of the church, or visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP: Open to any young adult, male or female, 17-35, in the earliest stages of considering a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life, or further along the journey. All are very welcome to this informal, interesting and relaxed group. Our next gathering is **Friday 28th February**, in Brentwood, and our speaker is **Fr Hugh Allan, O Praem**. Fr Hugh has been a Priest for many years, and is currently Superior of the Norbertine Community as well as Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate Parish, Chelmsford. He became Superior in his thirties, and his vocations story will no doubt include many fascinating insights into living as a Community within a Diocesan context. He is a warm and humorous speaker, and well worth listening to. For venue details and to find out more please call him, 01268 281732 or email the Vocations Director, frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org,

I STILL DO MARRIAGE QUIET DAY: At St Teresa's Church, Rochford, Saturday **8th February** from **10.30am – 4.30pm**. The day will include a couple of Addresses, Benediction at Noon and Opportunity for Confession. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY Candlemas 2nd February <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Albert Mason (anniversary) All Parishioners
MONDAY 3rd February <i>St Anne Line</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
TUESDAY 4th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	NO MASS 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 5th February <i>St Agatha</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
THURSDAY 6th February <i>St Paul Miki & Comp</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	NO MASS 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 7th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Ralph Brown RIP
SATURDAY 8th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
SUNDAY 9th February <i>5th Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Talbot Family deceased Marion O'Donnell RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 9th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Clare Gallant	Simon Hall	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Celia Butt