

| MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:<br>Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4   |  |  |  |
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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>3rd April<br><i>4th of Lent 'Laetare' or 'Mothering' Sunday</i>  | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree<br>Tiptree       | 9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>5.15 p.m.<br>6.00 p.m.                    | Private Intention<br>Violet Gillen (anniversary)<br><i>Stations of the Cross</i><br>All Parishioners |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>4th April  | Kelvedon<br>Coggeshall                             | 9.00 a.m.<br>10.00 a.m.  | Private Intention<br><i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>5th April   | Kelvedon<br>Tiptree<br>Kelvedon                    | 8.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>6.30-8.30 p.m.                            | Private Intention<br><i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>6th April   | Kelvedon   | 9.00 a.m.<br><i>NO STATIONS</i>                                      | Private Intention<br><i>OF THE CROSS TODAY</i>   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>7th April  | Kelvedon<br>Coggeshall<br>Coggeshall<br>Tollesbury | <i>NO MASS</i><br>9.30-10.30 a.m.<br><i>NO STATIONS</i><br>7.30 p.m. | <i>Church open for prayer</i><br><i>OF THE CROSS TODAY</i><br>Private Intention                      |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>8th April  | Kelvedon   | 9.00 a.m.  | Private Intention  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>9th April  | Kelvedon   | 10.00 a.m.   | Private Intention  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>10th April<br><i>5th of Lent</i>   | Coggeshall<br>Kelvedon<br>Tiptree<br>Tiptree       | 9.00 a.m.<br>11.00 a.m.<br>5.15 p.m.<br>6.00 p.m.                    | All Parishioners<br>John & Bridget O'Connor RIP<br><i>Stations of the Cross</i><br>Private Intention |
| <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.<br/>with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i> |  |  |  |

| Liturgical Rotas<br>10th April | Eucharistic Ministers                | Lectors        | Ministers of Welcome |
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| COGGESHALL                     | Neville Bridgman<br>Lanette Bridgman | Sean O'Leary   | Ann Ross             |
| KELVEDON                       | Pat Ezra<br>Tom McNally              | Helena McNally | June Jezierski       |
| TIPTREE                        | Sue Petchey<br>Valerie Bartlett      | Eileen Roberts | Margaret Jopling     |
| FINANCE TEAM                   | Tom McNally & Sean O'Leary           |                |                      |

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.*

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1.6-7.10-13

Responsorial Psalm PS 22

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:** Today is Mothering Sunday. Unlike the American 'Mothers Day' later in the year it is an ancient tradition rather than an invention of greeting card industry. The entrance antiphon, and in the Extraordinary Form of Mass (Tridentine) the Epistle, refer to Jerusalem as our heavenly mother. It was this theme that gave rise to the custom of honouring 'Mother-Church' and then our human mothers on this day. We pray for all our mothers, living and dead. The readings today, however, focus once again on those preparing for baptism. The first reading tells how Samuel anoints David as King – a sign of God's blessing – and points to the preliminary anointing that takes place at baptism, a ceremony that can be anticipated today for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel is the story of the man born blind and given his sight. Faith brings us the light of Christ and the technical term for those preparing for baptism at Easter is 'the enlightened' because the light of Christ is already showing them the path ahead and on the day of baptism will be symbolised by the Easter Candle and the candle they will receive.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **May Collins, Harry Roberts, Sr Mary Pascal OP, Tessa Binder, Richard Clarke, Edward Gregory, Alfred Boyton, Ray Nixon** and **Maureen Gibbs** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**SURVIVE-MIVA:** Unfortunately they have not been able to arrange a speaker for today and so the Appeal has been put off till next year. However, they have sent some material in case anyone would like to contact them directly. You will find this at the back of the Church.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Pam Lowth, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoeft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If you know of names to be added or deleted please let Fr Gordon know.

**COGGESHALL 'Seder Supper':** Each year members from all the Churches in Coggeshall gather for a meal that reflects in structure the 'Seder' or Passover meal as a preparation for Easter. This takes place on the Thursday before Holy Week (14th April) so as not to clash with Maundy Thursday services and begins at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. this year in Christchurch. If you would like to go please sign the **green sheet** on the clipboard at the back of the Church at Coggeshall or let me know by next weekend as the numbers will be needed for catering purposes by Sunday 10th April.

**LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:** This will take place on **Wednesday 13th April at 7.30 p.m.** Details of who will be helping with confessions will be available next week. Do take the opportunity to prepare spiritually for Easter with a clean sheet, especially if you have been away from this sacrament for quite a while. People often find it easier to confess to a visiting priest.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** *Seen through children's eyes and retold by children's hearts.* **Friday 8th April, 6.30 p.m.** at our **Kelvedon** church. All are welcome.

**SERVICE VARIATIONS:** The diocesan Director of Finance, Gerry Curran, is retiring after twenty four years' service, and I have to attend a reception for him in Brentwood on Wednesday evening so on Wednesday Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. and no Stations of the Cross in the evening. On Thursday I have a school Mass in St Benedict's College, so there will be just the 7.30 p.m. first Thursday Mass at Tollesbury.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT:** Many thanks to the one hundred parishioners who signed the petition last Sunday. This will be sent to our MP and copies to the Secretary of State and our County Councillor. I have also written to our MP and Councillor to explain our concerns in greater detail. Please do pray for all those parents who are worried about the future direction of their children's education and for our Catholic schools.

**'BE STILL' DAY:** Many thanks to **Peter** and **Eve** for all the hard work they put into organising our day of prayer and reflection last Saturday, to all those who helped with the catering and other arrangements, and above all to **Magdalen** who gave such an inspiring presentation on silent prayer. Over forty people spent time learning and experiencing silent prayer and everyone was so generous in their donations to the Clare Priory Church Extension Fund. We raised £250 and Fr. Bernard from the Priory has particularly asked us to thank you all for your wonderful kindness. If anyone would like the 'Music to Silence' CD that Magdalen used they can contact **Teresa Hall** on **01206 213399** and she will be happy to provide a copy.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for Sunday **27th March - £777.02.**

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT:** The Social Group had hoped to host a Quiz Night during April but because of involvement in other activities in the parish it has been decided to wait until later in the year. More news in due course.

**DAY OF RENEWAL:** Led by The Brentwood Diocesan Service Team - **Saturday 16th April, 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** St Teresa RC Church, Brook Road, Newbury Park, Ilford IG2 7JA. This is the Saturday before Passion Sunday and it will be a wonderful opportunity to take time to reflect and meditate on Christ's Passion as we begin Holy Week. There will be a time of ministry in the afternoon followed by Mass.

**LENTEN COURSE: 'Life to the Full'** Thursday **7th April at 7:00 p.m. St Dominic's Room.**

**PRAYER FOR LIFE:** This Tuesday 6.30-7.30 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration 7.30-8.30 p.m. - Prayers and devotions for unborn children, expectant mothers, those who are tempted by or have undergone abortion, those involved in the Pro-Life Movement, and those involved in the termination of unborn life.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please take your box of envelopes today. If you are new to the Parish and would like to be added to our lists, please call Tom McInally on **01376 570919** and we will arrange to provide a box of envelopes. This is an appropriate occasion for the Finance Team to thank all of you for your commitment and generosity in supporting the Parish in this way - especially those who find things are difficult in the current financial climate.