

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 4th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Margaret McGonagall (ann.) All Parishioners Barbara Kewell RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 5th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Louise Grant RIP <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30pm	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7th December	Kelvedon <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.00 a.m.	St Benedict's College (appointment of Principal)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 pm	Intention Sally Walls Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> St Juan Diego 9th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Edwin Hand (anniversary) All Parishioners Int. Rachael Hart who will be baptised during this Mass
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 11th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Michael Wigley	Ann Ross
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Jadwiga Smith	Maura Banks
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Marie Barrett Sue Petchy	Jean Mullane	Celia Butt
<b>FINANCE TEAM</b>	Tony Hinds & Tom McInally		

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14

Second Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:1-8



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** This year is the 'Year of Mark' in the lectionary. Today we hear the beginning of the Good News according to Mark. Unlike St Matthew and St Luke he does not begin with the birth of Jesus. Nor does he give us a theological reflection on the meaning of the Incarnation as St John does. Instead he begins with St John the Baptist. He comes as a voice in the wilderness crying, "Prepare a way for the Lord." It is the message of Isaiah we hear in the first reading, but with a new focus. It is no longer a general message for the future but one for his own time. The one whose way he preparing is already in their midst – but not yet revealed. The coming of our God is nothing to be frightened of. He comes to gather us into his arms as a shepherd. All the same we must seek to make ourselves ready for his coming, something only his grace can accomplish in us. One of the most important ways in which we do this is by asking pardon through the sacrament of reconciliation. As usual there will be an **Advent Service of Reconciliation at 7.30 p.m.** on Wednesday week, **14th December.**

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

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Lucy Challis, Enid Whitaker, Neville Parkin, John Need, Mary McGonagall, Lorna Dowell, Beatrix Joyce** and **Richard Farley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**BAZAAR:** Many thanks to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar last weekend, either by coming or donating items, or through purchasing draw tickets. A special thank you to all who helped to run stalls, set them up and clear away afterwards. You will be pleased to hear that the taking before the deduction of expenses were approximately £2085. I think this is significantly more than last year, which was, of course, affected by the snowy weather.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** From time to time, when the votive candle stand is full, people light candles and use a drop of melted wax to place them on the flat metal base or between the sockets. Please do not do this. It is a fire hazard – on Sunday four lighted candles fell on the floor at Kelvedon! Metal conducts heat. If you place them on the base or too close together it softens the wax in those placed in sockets causing them to heal over. If there is no space, just light the wick, blow it out and leave it unlit on the base. It will be lighted when a socket becomes available.

**CHRISTMAS EVENT IN TIPTREE:** As last year members of Kingsland Church and some others will be giving a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story in the street and culminating in 'The Exchange' from 3.00 p.m. next Saturday.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Chloe Young** our altar girl at Coggeshall. Chloe has been awarded Female Athlete of the Year by Colchester Harriers. Highlight of a great year was winning the gold medal for the 200m at Essex Schools and improving on her personal best times over the season. So well done Chloe.

**MASS VARIATIONS:** On Wednesday Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. St Benedict's College are interviewing applicants for the post of Principal, and if an appointment is made the governing body will need to meet in the evening to make the formal decision. On Thursday I have a commitment in Kent and so morning Mass will be at 8.00 a.m., but there will also be Mass at Coggeshall at 7.30 p.m.

**FOUNDATIONS FOR MISSION:** Later this year the Catholic Bishops from around the world will be gathering for the Synod on the New Evangelisation. Prior to that, we will see Olympic fever take over the UK, alongside which, the biggest ecumenical mission in the last 30 years to hit London! These major events call us to step up and get involved in sharing our faith. Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism is offering a series of teaching and training weekends which will equip you not only to understand the New Evangelisation but also to be a practitioner. Participants can choose to take part in one or more of the weekends of this course, or even to just come along for a day's teaching on the Saturdays. Although each topic will build on the other the weekends will be autonomous. A more rounded training will be received by those who can take part in a number, if not all of the weekends. The topics for the weekends are as follows:- **Revelation Understanding the Plan of God, Proclamation - Pass it On, Demonstration of the Power of God, Equipping you for Ecumenical Mission, Practical Outreach Experience, Leadership for the New Evangelisation.** To launch these weekends **Fr Pat Collins** will open with a day's training and exploration of **'The New Evangelisation'** on the **10th December.** call 01277 215011 or email [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Some of our children will be going house to house singing carols next Saturday afternoon in Kelvedon starting from the Church at 5.00 p.m.

**FR GERALD:** Has returned to Uganda permanently after his stay in Cupar. He will pick up the news from both schools and will send us news soon in the form of Christmas blessings. The funds we have raised this year through the Lottery and our annual appeal will be transferred in the next week or so and this is the final call for last minute donations through the special envelopes at each of the churches. Fr Gerald has asked that his grateful thanks for our ongoing kindness and generosity be passed on to all his friends.

**EASTERN REGION PRE & POST NPQH COURSES 2012:** The pre-NPQH course is aimed at those within a couple of years of being ready to apply for NPQH, and the Post-NPQH course is for those who have completed NPQH, or are about to, and who will be looking to apply for headship in the near future. Both programmes are, of course, for those aspiring to lead a Catholic or Anglican school. There are only 10 places on the post-NPQH course for the whole Eastern region, both primary and secondary, so early birds will get the worm. Please also note that the endorsement of the Headteacher is a requirement for each applicant on both programmes. Contact Alister Gourlay: [Alister@stedmundsbury.anglican.org](mailto:Alister@stedmundsbury.anglican.org) or Frank Keenan [fkeen44@hotmail.com](mailto:fkeen44@hotmail.com) by 12th December 2011 at the latest.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 27th November - £681.94.**