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Still Seek
Him

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*We saw his star and have come to do the
king homage.*

First Reading:	Is 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13
Second Reading:	Eph 3:2-3. 5-6
Gospel:	Mt 2:1-12



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: The word 'Epiphany' meets 'showing forth', but the 'showing forth' of the Son of God is quite unlike the manifestations of God's power to Moses in the Old Testament. It is more like a game of 'hide and seek'. Herod wants to find the Lord for reasons of his own and cannot. The wise men come from afar to seek him, and must follow a mysterious star. When they find him there is nothing spectacular about the baby. They must make an act of faith that this is the right child and demonstrate this by presenting their gifts. God has shown himself – but only to those with eyes of faith. From now on we will hear how the Lord manifests himself through his public ministry – this year according to St Mark's Gospel – but again Jesus does not compel belief by signs and wonders. Even his miracles are done for the benefit of individuals, not as crowd-pullers. God shows himself to us in ways that leave unanswered questions so that we may respond with faith.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, 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.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Stella Bushell, Hilary Rowley, David Bartlett, Peter Eary, John Griffin, Susan Ambrose, Peter Joyce, Richard Bowen, Arthur Waite, Sr Mary Jude OP, Susan Kiff, Joan Moran, Margaret Whitty and Sheila Harpur* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

GARETH TALBOT: Last Sunday we enrolled several new members in the Guild of St Stephen. We owe a debt of gratitude to our Parish MC Gareth Talbot for his enthusiasm and dedication in so many areas of parish life over the past ten years or so. His work will be taking him to the Gulf States as of next week but there will be a chance to wish him well and join him for coffee and cake after 11.00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

CAMPION ALUMNI: The Champion School was first opened in 1962 and since then thousands of students and staff have passed through its doors. so where are they now? In an effort to establish a fully functional Alumni association, a website has been established where Old Boys and Girls can register their contact details. Over the last eighteen months we have arranged gatherings in pubs a couple of times a year. In July we had our first "in-house" careers day at the school, purely facilitated by Alumni. The twin aims of the association are to meet again with old semi-remembered faces from the past and, more importantly, to help new Alumni as they take their first steps into the real world that awaits them after their leaver's dinner. If you wish to find out more information or to become a member and receive regular newsletters, please contact oldchampions@thecampionschool.org or go to the website and fill out the membership form. www.oldchampions.org.

PROCLAIM '15: 'Proclaim '15: BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES' is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include: the provision of free parish small group materials; the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales; an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11 July 2015 with free prayer materials provided; the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 event in autumn 2015; the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers. Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available in our newsletter/newspaper/website over the coming months. Website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15 Diocesan contact: *Sylvia Lanz/Lucy Studham* on 01277 265 289 CEF@dioceseofbrentwood.org Email: proclaim15@cbcew.org.uk

CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF LOURDES - DIOCESAN MASS: On **Sunday 15th February**, at **3.00 p.m.**, Bishop Alan will celebrate a special Mass for the Diocese, as this is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass is open to all, and will be followed by simple refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Those who have been on pilgrimage to Lourdes, or who are intending to travel during 2015, are especially welcomed and invited. Dates Confirmed for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are Sunday 26th July – Friday 31st July (6 days, 5 nights). Contact Cathy O'Connor on 01206 501146 for further information.

MARRIAGE TIPS FROM A COUPLE MARRIED FOR 87 YEARS: Posted on 11th August 2014 by Fr John Zuhisdorf from the National Organization for Marriage. Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher married on May 13th, 1924. In 2008, they broke the Guinness World Record for being the longest married living couple. Both died at the age of 105, Herbert in 2011 and Zelmyra in 2013. Before their deaths, the Fishers answered fourteen questions about their relationship and what made their marriage last for nearly 90 years. One of their tips will comfort anyone who is preparing for marriage or hoping to strengthen his or her marriage: *"There's no secret to our marriage, we just did what was needed for each other and our family."* Here are a few of the questions the Fishers answered: **What was the best piece of marriage advice you ever received?** *Respect, support, and communicate with each other. Be faithful, honest, and true. Love each other with ALL of your heart.* **You got married very young – how did you both manage to grow as individuals yet not grow apart as a couple?** *Everyone who plants a seed and harvests the crop celebrates together. We are individuals, but accomplish more together.* **At the end of bad relationship day, what is the most important thing to remind yourselves?** *Remember marriage is not a contest, never keep a score. God has put the two of you together on the same team to win.* **What's the one thing you have in common that transcends everything else?** *We are both Christians and believe in God. Marriage is a commitment to the Lord. We pray with and for each other every day.*

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

SUNDAY 4th January <i>Epiphany</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary) Roma Royal RIP David Bartlett (anniversary)
MONDAY 5th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Peter Eary RIP
TUESDAY 6th January	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
WEDNESDAY 7th January <i>St Raymond of Peñafort</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
THURSDAY 8th January	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Intention Taylor Family Private Intention
FRIDAY 9th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Thomas Wall RIP
SATURDAY 10th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
SUNDAY 11th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd members Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Families All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 11th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Teresa Hall	Benedict Crone	Anne Ross
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Pat Richardson	Tom McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Jean Mullane	Mary Branney