

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2			
SUNDAY 5th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Wood RIP All Parishioners Barbara Kewell (anniversary)
MONDAY 6th December <i>S t Nicolas</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Fr Bart Lynch RIP <i>Mothers' Prayers Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	Kelvedon <i>of BVM</i>	7.30 p.m.	Edwin Hand (anniversary)
THURSDAY 9th December <i>St Juan Diego</i> <i>Cuahtlatotzin</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Dorothy Lamb & Eileen Hession <i>Church open for Prayer</i> Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 10th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
SATURDAY 11th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 12th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Richard & Margaret Farley (ann.)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 12th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Teresa Hall	John Dann	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Tom McNally	Pat Short	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett Marie Barrett	Jean Mullane	Margaret Jopling
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McNally & Sean O'Leary		

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm PS 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17

Second Reading: Rm 15:4-9

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: “A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse.” This became a popular image in art. The most typical form which the *Jesse Tree* takes is to show the figure of Jesse, often larger than all the rest, reclining or sleeping (perhaps by analogy to Adam when his rib was taken) at the foot of the pictorial space. From his side or his navel springs the trunk of a tree or vine which ascends, branching to either side. On the branches, usually surrounded by formally scrolling tendrils of foliage, are figures representing the ancestors of Christ. The trunk generally ascends vertically to Mary and then Christ at the top. The number of figures depicted varies greatly, depending on the amount of room available for the design. As a maximum, if the longer ancestry from Luke is used, there are 43 generations between Jesse and Jesus. The identity of the figures also varies, and may not be specified, but Solomon and David are usually included, and often all shown wear crowns. Most Jesse Trees include Mary immediately beneath the figure of Jesus (or, in the Gothic period, show a Virgin and Child), emphasizing that she was the means by which the *shoot of Jesse* was born. Saint Joseph is rarely shown, although unlike Mary he is a link in the Gospel genealogies. It was believed in the Middle Ages that the House of David could only marry within itself, and that she was independently descended from Jesse. Sometimes Jesus and other figures are shown in the cups of flowers, as the fruit or blossom of the Tree.

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: This will take place on **Wednesday 15th December 7.30 p.m.** at Kelvedon. Fr Tom Lavin from Lexden will be helping with confessions.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, 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 Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If you know of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Mary McGonagall, Enid Whitaker, Neville Parkin, Beatrix Joyce, Lorna Dowell, Richard Farley, Bertha Beasley, Kenelem Bourfield and Hilda Davey** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Wednesday is the patronal feast day of our Kelvedon church. Mass is at the usual time 7.30 p.m.

FR BART LYNCH RIP: We regret to announce the death of Fr Bart Lynch, who retired for health reasons some years ago. He served mainly in the London part of the diocese. His funeral takes place in Ireland on Monday.

ADVENT CAROLS: As Christmas approaches there will be several opportunities to join our fellow Christians from other Churches in carol singing. On Sunday 19th December there will be carol services at Tiptree URC at 4.00 p.m. and at St Peter's, Coggeshall at 6.00 p.m. There will be carols in Kelvedon on Monday 20th starting at the station at 5.45 p.m. and then moving along the High Street. There will also be carols singing in the Square at Coggeshall on Christmas Eve at 7.00 p.m.

MINISTRIES: The present procedure (for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Ministers of Welcome) is if someone cannot do their duty on a particular Sunday they would phone other ministers in that particular church. It has been suggested that some ministers may be willing to provide assistance at the other two churches if they are phoned. If you are willing to offer your services please could you drop an email to derek.hand@nps.co.uk to allow the contact list to be updated accordingly, but you will remain on the rota for only one church. Other parishioners who would like to help with Reading, Eucharistic Ministry or Ministers of Welcome please contact Fr Gordon, but if you wish, please be free to chat with any of the other ministers before approaching Fr Gordon. We would remind all Eucharistic Ministers, that they should not perform another ministry or help in the collection at the same Mass.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY: A Nativity Play will be performed during the 6.30pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass in Kelvedon. If your child would like to take part in it, please contact Agness O'Brien by email agnessobrien@hotmail.com with your contact details or call 01376 573694.

NATIONAL DAY OF FASTING & PRAYER: On Tuesday 7th December please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740. www.goodcounselnetwork.com

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 28th November - £743.91.**

PAPAL AWARDS: Both Gladys and Tom want to express their grateful thanks that so many parish friends came along to share their joy at the special masses over the last 2 weeks. On both occasions the respective family members were greatly encouraged by the turnout at each of these momentous celebrations for the whole Parish. You are all in our prayers.

BAZAAR: Grateful thanks are due to all who helped clear up after the fire so that we were ready in time. In the early part of the week there was some doubt that we would even be able to host the event, but the speedy visits of our insurer, the structural engineer and most of all the remedial work by the local contractors T.J. Evers ensured that we had one of the happiest and most financially successful Bazaars ever. Special mention is also due to the great team who stayed on the put things back together for Sunday's Papal award for Gladys Campling – before the snow arrived!!!

ST TERESA'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL COLCHESTER: Children whose dates of birth fall within the following dates 01/09/2006 to 31/08/2007 are welcome to apply for a place for September 2011. Please contact the school office for a supplementary information form and a Priest Reference Form. (You must also complete the form you receive from Essex Country Council). You are welcome to visit with your child. Please phone the school for an appointment - 01206 508445.

BESTERS: Fr Gerald Gostling, our man in Dundee, tells me there is a new priest in Besters, Fr Siphon. His postal address is P.O. Box 1621, Ladysmith 3370, South Africa or e-mail sapzikhali@yahoo.com.