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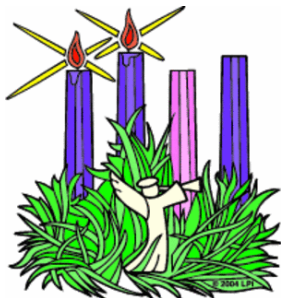
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**6th December 2015**

### ***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

*All mankind shall see the salvation of God*

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Ba 5:1-9</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 125</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Ph 1:4-6. 8-11</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Lk 3:1-6</b>



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Is the idea of God coming down on earth as a human being just a Christian myth like those of non-Christian religions - a poetic way of describing the presence of an invisible God? It is to rebut such suggestions that St Luke sets out in such an elaborate way the date and circumstances of the public ministry of Jesus. He needs to give us these details in several different ways because there was no generally accepted way of recording dates just as today Jews and Moslems start counting from different points. Just as important is showing that this not just Jesus' followers reinterpreting the past but the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies and expectations. Preparing the way of the Lord is the work of God's grace but the way can be prepared in our own hearts only with our co-operation. We have to work with God. Next Sunday the crowds will ask John what they need to do. He will speak to them of both generosity and justice. This Tuesday the Holy Year of Mercy begins. Among other things Pope Francis invites us to reflect on and carry out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Corporal Works of Mercy are those that tend to bodily needs of others.

1. **To feed the hungry.**
2. **To give drink to the thirsty.**
3. **To clothe the naked.**
4. **To shelter the Homeless**
5. **To visit the sick.**
6. **To visit the imprisoned**
7. **To bury the dead.**

Just as the Corporal Works of Mercy are directed towards relieving corporeal suffering, the even more important aim of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to relieve spiritual suffering. The latter works are traditionally enumerated thus:

1. **To instruct the ignorant.**
2. **To counsel the doubtful.**
3. **To admonish sinners.**
4. **To bear wrongs patiently.**
5. **To forgive offences willingly.**
6. **To comfort the afflicted.**
7. **To pray for the living and the dead.**

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

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**WE REGRET:** To announce the death of Mr Andrew Torok of Grove Road, Tiptree (son of Marta Farkas). His funeral will take place at Colchester Crematorium on Monday 14th December at 3.30 p.m. RIP.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** The usual little books are available to help you with daily prayer and reflection. They cost £1.00. This year the supplier failed to send any of the children's booklets.

**PARISH WASSAIL:** This Advent social event with music and refreshments (mulled wine, mince pies and homemade cakes) takes place at St Bernard's, Coggeshall next Sunday 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. All are welcome to this free event but please sign the list at the back of the church as we need to know numbers for catering purposes.

**ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE FOR ADVENT:** Next Sunday at St Luke's Tiptree at 4.00 p.m.

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS:** These are now available at the back of the church: £2.75. They contain a mine of information about the Diocese and also a full liturgical calendar at the back.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** These are available for you to collect today and next Sunday – those not collected will be posted. If you do not receive one this suggests you are not on our parish data base – so please provide us with your address for future reference.

**YEAR OF MERCY** As part of the Year of Mercy, Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral would like to invite all members of the Traveller Community to come to the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, and join the Cathedral parish community at Mass on Sunday 13th December at 6.30 p.m. Fr Dan Mason will preach at this Mass.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH CHRIST CHURCH COGGESHALL:** Will you be alone on Christmas Day? Are you a senior couple or someone with a disability and don't feel you can cook for yourselves/yourself? If so, you are invited to join us at **Christ Church on Christmas Day** at **12.30 p.m.** to have a **Christmas Lunch**, to enjoy some time in an atmosphere of fellowship and to celebrate this special day. If you would like to attend, please **telephone 07730 250 230** for a reservation. If you use email, you can also reserve places on [christchurchlunches@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchlunches@gmail.com) Please give the full names of those people you wish to include. There will be no charge for the meal but donations towards the cost will be appreciated. The deadline date for submitting requests is **SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2015**. Regrettably, no requests can be accepted after this date. Requests will be treated on a first-come first-served basis with a maximum of 50. You are very welcome to enjoy this day with us at Christ Church.

**HEALING MASS:** At Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 9th December. Please call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) for more information.

**ADORATION AT KELVEDON:** The Tuesday adoration at Kelvedon will resume again in the new year.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 29th November - £670.01.**

**PARISH RECIPE BOOK:** Our **Parish 2015 Edition Recipe Book** is now available for purchase at £5 per book. The Recipe Book contains many tried and tested family favourites and would make an ideal Christmas gift.

**WORLD AIDS DAY:** We remember in our prayers and hearts all heterosexual men and women and all gay men throughout the world, especially in our homelands, who have died from AIDS. We remember all people who are living with HIV. They are our parents, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and friends – all precious members of God’s loved family. We remember their grieving loved ones and all who have cared and are caring for them (especially families, friends, medical and nursing staff). We pray for the promotion of good health and social care, for the elimination of ignorance, prejudice and discrimination. **For advice and support:** Contact THT Direct: 0808 802 1221. **For faith sensitive HIV support:** Email: [info@caps-uk.org](mailto:info@caps-uk.org) [www.caps-uk.org](http://www.caps-uk.org) Phone: 07505 608 655 [www.positivecatholics.com](http://www.positivecatholics.com)

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN:** A great opportunity for our children to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, have fun and win a prize! The Children’s Ministry team is organising a Christmas Prayer Competition for children of school age: *Who would you ask Baby Jesus to help this Christmas?’* To take part, all you have to do is to decide to whom you would like to devote your prayer and then write a short prayer to baby Jesus. For example, you can pray for someone you know who is sad or ill, for children all over the world or for people that are persecuted for their faith. It is your choice! All we ask you is that you limit your prayer to no more than 150 words. Then just post your prayer in the prayer box at the back of your church by December 18th.

**CALL TO ALL CHILDREN!** Christmas is only few weeks away and the Liturgy Team is calling on all children who would like to take active part during the **Children’s Mass** in **Kelvedon** on **December 24th** to come forward now! If you would like to do a **reading**, a **bidding prayer**, **welcome people**, take the **offertory** or just to **sing in the choir**, please talk to **Angie Hart** or ask your parents to contact **Yvonne Ewers** on 01621 893534, mobile 07711703600 or email her at [ewers@outlook.com](mailto:ewers@outlook.com) and let us know what you would like to do. The Mass is much more fun when you take part!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Next year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place around the Solemnity of Our Lady’s Assumption. A Parish group is being planned to coincide with the Diocese being there with our Bishop (and Vicar General!). Six nights (full board) travelling with British Airways via Toulouse and staying at the Grand Hotel Moderne will cost £635. Please indicate your interest by contacting Rev Msgr Kevin Hale VG on 01702 478078 as soon as possible.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 6th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Teresa Hall RIP Barbara Kewell (anniversary)
<b>MONDAY</b> 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Edwin Hand (anniversary) <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9th December <i>St Juan Diego Cauhtlatotzin</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>St Damasus I</i> 11th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13th December <i>3rd of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Special Intention (LR)

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

Liturgical Rotas 13th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Derek Hand Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt