

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3

SUNDAY 7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Doris Abram RIP Phyllis Chine RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 8th March <i>St John of God</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Church in Czech Republic
TUESDAY 9th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30	Maura la Roche RIP <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 10th March <i>St Frances of Rome</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Canon Pat Davies RIP
THURSDAY 11th March <i>Bl. John Larke</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Derek Pike RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Int. Mgr David Cousins <i>(Golden Jubilee)</i>
FRIDAY 12th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
SATURDAY 13th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Bert Winch
SUNDAY 14th March 4th Sunday of Lent <i>'Laetare' or Mothering Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short (anniversary) <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Pat Knight RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

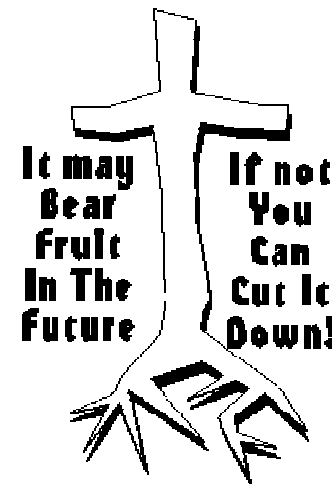
Liturgical Rotas 14th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	John Baker	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Audrey Thurlow	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett Marie Barrett	Jean Mullane	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McNally & Sean O'Leary		

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Parish Newsletter

7th March 2010



Third Sunday of Lent

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did

First Reading	Ex 3:1-8.13-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 102:1-4.6-8.11
Second Reading	1 Cor 10:1-6.10-12
Gospel	Lk 13:1-9

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: When we take today's readings together they pose a challenge. First we hear how God reveals himself to Moses in the burning bush and promises to deliver his people from slavery into a land flowing with milk and honey. Then St Paul reminds his audience that receiving God's blessings and walking in his company does not guarantee that we will not go off the rails. A recent BBC history programme mentioned 'The Ranters' – a Seventeenth Century sect who believed that since they were 'saved' it didn't matter how they behaved! However, in the Gospel Our Lord warns against an easy assumption that those who suffer are being punished for their sins. The so-called 'Prosperity Gospel' is also a perversion of the truth. It is true that we are saved not by our own efforts but God's grace, but it is also true that God looks to us to produce the fruit of that grace in our lives. God is with us as he was with Moses, not in the burning bush but in the grace of the sacraments. If we feel the Lord would be disappointed with the fruit we are producing, we need to make the most of the graces we receive. Examining our consciences, allowing God to challenge us with the need for his forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation is one of the ways in which he digs over the soil so that his grace can transform us and make us more fruitful.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Marissa Orchard, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Frank Joyce, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Sophie, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott, Bert Winch** & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Sydney Evans, Alan Lawes, Constance Turner, Violet Gillen, Lee Saunders, James Dey, Timothy Short, William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore and Mary Crozier**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: This will take place at Kelvedon on Wednesday 17th March 7.30 p.m.

2010 COGGESHALL LENT LECTURE SERIES: *An Inter-Faith series this year:* This year's lectures series will have an inter-faith theme to them, following the success of a similar series in 2005. Speakers from Buddhist, Christian, Islamic and Jewish perspectives will share something of their faith journey with a special reference to the environment and creation. This week's speaker will be the Bishop of Colchester with a Christian perspective: Monday evenings at Christ Church, Stoneham Street: 7.30pm refreshments; 8.00pm talk & questions; 9.00pm depart.

THURSDAY LENT LUNCHESES: At Christ Church Stoneham Street on Thursday 11th March. Proceeds to Christian Aid. Lunches from 12.00noon, £3.50 per person: please do support this annual *Churches Together in Coggeshall* initiative.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY: Saturday 13th March at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. *'The Two Journeys'- into the heart and into the world.* Speaker: **Fr Daniel O'Leary**, author and theologian. **10.00 a.m.** Registration and Coffee for **10.30 a.m.** start. Finish **3.30 p.m.** Cost: £10 per person.

BESTERS: Besters' supporters will be interested to know that Bishop Graham Rose of Dundee Diocese in South Africa will be paying a visit to Colchester on **Saturday 22nd May**. You are invited to meet him over a cup of tea in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street, at 3.30 p.m. He will be staying on to celebrate the 6.15 p.m. Mass. If you are planning to go please let Fr Gordon know by **24th March**, if possible, as Fr Tony McKentey needs to know the approximate numbers for catering purposes.

YOUTH WORK IN TIPTREE: After a number of meetings and discussions various things are under way in Tiptree to meet the needs of the many young people. A successful youth club has been started in Wilkins' premises, currently on Thursday evenings but hoping to run on other evenings too – 7.00-9.30 p.m. The Churches in Tiptree plan to follow the trail blazed by Coggeshall and to set up a Trust to employ a Christian Youth Worker so that there is a focus on the needs of the young people belonging to the Christian community and a level of outreach as well as purely secular provision. At the moment we need about five people who would be willing to serve as trustees and put their expertise to the benefit of young people in Tiptree. They do not need to work with young people but to provide the necessary financial, legal and administrative skills to run a trust and to work together to raise funds from various grant giving bodies. Ideally there would be a trustee from the Catholic community in the Tiptree area. If anyone would be willing to help in this way please let me know as soon as possible. Further down the line there will be a management committee to help support the youth worker, when taken on, and to give guidance and advice on priorities and practical matters. This will be a larger group and it would be helpful for them to be aware of local needs, and for some at least to have involvement with young people locally and to be able to give a 'Faith' input.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Tiptree: As last year there will be Bible Study Groups during Lent on Tuesday evenings at the URC 8.00-9.00 p.m. and on Thursdays at St Luke's 11.00-12.00 noon (repeating Tuesday's subject). You can mix and match from one week to another. This Lent the subject will be a selection of parables from the Gospels.

KELVEDON LENT COURSE - Prayer: Tuesday evenings 8.00-9.30 p.m.

ON OFFER - Antique equipment: On clearing a cupboard we found two projectors for colour slides, one of which belonged to Canon Dobson, and also a portable typewriter that was probably his. If anyone would like them, please let Fr Gordon know.