

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Kelvedon	Saturday 8.00 p.m.	<i>Mass of the Easter Vigil : All Parishioners</i>
	Coggeshall	9.00 a.m.	<i>In thanksgiving for those received into Communion Easter 1992</i>
	Kelvedon	11.00 a.m.	<i>Intention Antczak Family</i>
	Tiptree	6.00 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 9th April	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10th April	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 11th April	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12th April	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 13th April		NO MASS	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 14th April	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 15th April <i>Quasimodo or Low Sunday-Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	Coggeshall	9.00 a.m.	<i>In thanksgiving (O'Leary Family)</i>
	Kelvedon	11.00 a.m.	<i>Fr Thomas Byles (Centenary)</i>
	Tiptree	6.00 p.m.	<i>All Parishioners</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 15th April	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Jill Hinds	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Helena McInally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley Sue Petchey	Valerie Bartlett	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary		

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### EASTER SUNDAY

*He must rise from the dead.*

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



**EASTER SUNDAY:** “Easter morning brings us news that is ancient yet ever new: Christ is risen! The echo of this event, which issued forth from Jerusalem twenty centuries ago, continues to resound in the Church, deep in whose heart lives the vibrant faith of Mary, Mother of Jesus, the faith of Mary Magdalene and the other women who first discovered the empty tomb, and the faith of Peter and the other Apostles. Right down to our own time – even in these days of advanced communications technology – the faith of Christians is based on that same news, on the testimony of those sisters and brothers who saw firstly the stone that had been rolled away from the empty tomb and then the mysterious messengers who testified that Jesus, the Crucified, was risen. And then Jesus himself, the Lord and Master, living and tangible, appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and finally to all eleven, gathered in the Upper Room (cf. Mk 16:9-14). The resurrection of Christ is not the fruit of speculation or mystical experience: it is an event which, while it surpasses history, nevertheless happens at a precise moment in history and leaves an indelible mark upon it. The light which dazzled the guards keeping watch over Jesus’ tomb has traversed time and space. It is a different kind of light, a divine light, that has rent asunder the darkness of death and has brought to the world the splendour of God, the splendour of Truth and Goodness. Just as the sun’s rays in springtime cause the buds on the branches of the trees to sprout and open up, so the radiance that streams forth from Christ’s resurrection gives strength and meaning to every human hope, to every expectation, wish and plan. Hence the entire cosmos is rejoicing today, caught up in the springtime of humanity, which gives voice to creation’s silent hymn of praise. The Easter Alleluia, resounding in the Church as she makes her pilgrim way through the world, expresses the silent exultation of the universe and above all the longing of every human soul that is sincerely open to God, giving thanks to him for his infinite goodness, beauty and truth.” Pope Benedict XVI (2011).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Edward Gregory, Alfred Boyton, Ray Nixon, Gary Fox Maureen Gibbs, Hubert Jackson, Ellen Harper and Lena Vallely** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Trisha Parkin, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**THANK YOU!:** A big thank you from all of us to those who have given so much of their time to prepare our Holy Week and Easter liturgies and to clean and adorn our churches.

**EASTER BREAK:** I shall be away for a few days’ break so there will be **no** Mass Tuesday-Friday. In an emergency please contact **Fr David Prior** at **Witham (01376 512219)**.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 1st April - £774.96**.

**FAITH CARDS:** As a follow up to the visit of the Holy Father and in preparation for the Year of Faith to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II the Bishops are distributing small cards for you to keep in your purse or wallet. These have a reflection by Bl. John Henry Newman on one side and on the other a brief summary of our principal responsibilities as Catholics, with a request that in an emergency a Catholic priest should be called. These cards are **FREE**. Please do take one and keep it with you. Should you be admitted to hospital it will tell the staff that you wish to be visited by a Catholic chaplain – remember that most hospitals these days consider that the law forbids them to ask your Religion. The services of a chaplain must be requested directly by the patient or their family.

**FR THOMAS BYLES:** Next Sunday is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Not all of you may realise that one of the priests who went down with the Titanic was **Fr Thomas Byles**, the parish priest of Ongar, but previously parish priest of Kelvedon in 1905. You can see his picture and a potted biography in ‘St Dominic’s Chapel’. This month’s ‘**Faith Alive**’ has an article on him, so I have ordered a few copies. These are available in St Dominic’s and cost £1.80. The 11.00 a.m. Mass will be offered for his repose.



**WINNERS OF THE EASTER QUIZ:** We are pleased to announce that **Maddie Johnson, Magdalena Antczak, Karolina Antczak, Anaise O'Brien, Felix Ruiz, Hugo Ruiz, Louis and Kate Sheppard** have all been successful in winning a prize in the Easter Quiz. Well done to everyone who entered, the responses showed an amazing understanding of why and how we celebrate Easter.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** A reminder that this will take place in Fr Gordon's garden immediately following 11.00 a.m. Mass today.

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD:** The generosity of people in parish Fast Day collections and direct donations to CAFOD will make a huge difference to the lives of many people who suffer most from the effects of extreme poverty and injustice. At a time when the price of essential commodities such as food has risen dramatically in many of the poorest countries the value of the pound against other currencies has dropped. This means that the cost of supporting those in need has increased significantly. That is why the care and concern shown by our Catholic community is particularly needed and especially appreciated this Lent.

**BCCS CHARITY GOLF DAY:** BCCS will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at Lords Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 25th June. Ticket are priced at £45 per person and include: Bacon rolls, tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition, Nearest the pin, Longest Drive, Lunch. Places are limited so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. **Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413.**