

PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, Natal)

Monsignor Gordon Read

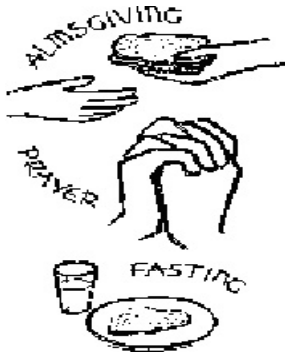
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

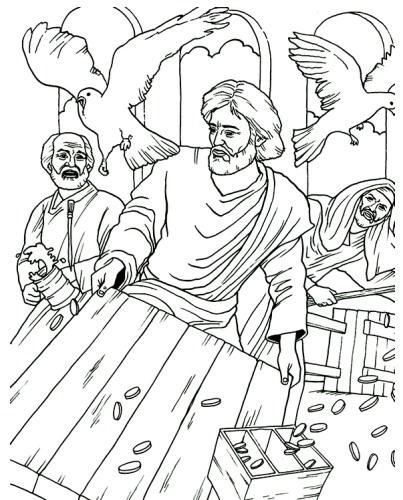
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days
I will raise it up*

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Partly to compensate for the shortness of St Mark's Gospel, in Year B we hear from St John's Gospel at Mass for the next three Sundays. The other Evangelists place the cleansing of the Temple by Jesus after his triumphal entry into Jerusalem by the palm-waving crowds but St John places it at the beginning of his public ministry. In either case it is a symbolic statement declaring by a very public act Our Lord's role as the Messiah. St John's gospel is also important for the



dating of Lord's life since we know from other sources that Herod the Great began the re-construction of the Temple in 19 B.C. Since the Jews used inclusive reckoning and there was no year '0' this places the cleansing of the Temple in 33 A.D. The vast outer court was open to all with the colonnade providing shelter for stalls. It was much more convenient for pilgrims to buy animals for offering on site rather than to have to bring them with them. The Temple tax had to be paid in special coinage without any pagan symbolism so ordinary coins had to be changed into shekels. In the illustration the Holy of Holies is the tall building to the left, the various courts for worshippers and priests at the bottom and the colonnaded Court of Gentile near the top. In the background is the Palace.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Teresa Hall, Mary Cody, Alphonso Ciaravella, Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, 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 *Constance Turner, Timothy Short, Lee Saunders, James Dey, William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier* and *Patricia Fredericks* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – 13-14 March 2015: This is an initiative of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation and they hope that on 13-14 March at least one church in each diocese will remain open for **Eucharistic Adoration** with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** available as much as is possible. Witham parish has taken on the role. There will be Eucharistic Adoration all day and night and the opportunity for confession.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **Mrs Audrey Thurlow**, formerly of Maldon Road, Tiptree. Her funeral has provisionally been arranged for **1.15 p.m.** on **Wednesday 1st April** at **Kelvedon**, due to the long backlog at Colchester Crematorium.

CONFIRMATION: This weekend our eleven Confirmation candidates are on retreat at the SION Community in Brentwood. Please remember them in your prayers.

BRAINTREE AREA FOOD-BANK: The three Coggeshall churches have continued to help stock the food-bank and the always-generous response by our congregations to the collections on the first Sunday of each month is a truly Christian way of helping our neighbours. The churches take it in turns to take the monthly gifts to the food-bank warehouse in Braintree where they and masses of others are sorted and moved to the local distribution points ready to give to individuals and families in need. Lists of current essential needs are displayed in our churches so that our giving provides the optimum benefit. At the time of writing, the collection warehouse is moving. When its location is known, perhaps there may be other volunteers to join the monthly delivery rota.

DIOCESAN FINANCE A.G.M.: This takes place on Saturday 14th beginning with Mass at 9.15 a.m. – at which I am celebrant. This means that this Saturday the parish Mass will be at 8.00 a.m. and there will be no confessions or Exposition.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Jo-Jo Temple** and **Mary-Kate Macdonald** baptised at Kelvedon last Thursday and Sunday respectively.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd March - £724.42.**

UGANDA DONATION: This week we received an unexpected donation from George Davy who lost his wallet in Kelvedon recently and had it returned by one of our parishioners.

LENTEN MOVIE FOR REFLECTION - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: This is a **FREE** Private Home Viewing open all parishioners. You may bring and share finger food, etc. Where: **Agness O'Brien's Residence**. When: **Friday, 13th March**. Time: **2:00pm – 5:00pm**. (Please note change of time to that originally advertised). To confirm attendance email KCP_SocialComm@hotmail.com or call Aggie on **01376 573694**.

LENT - DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY DAY: Speaker - Bishop Alan Williams, *SM*. **Saturday 21st March**, Registration 10.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. Start – 4.00 p.m. Finish. **Venue:** Cathedral Conference Centre, *Brentwood*. **Cost:** *£10 per person*. For booking contact the Adult RE & Formation Ministry office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

QUESTION OF FAITH: You are warmly invited to ask questions including those on Moral Issues and Catholic Social Teaching, Theology and Scripture, The Church and its history and The Church in today's world or any question you may have always wanted answered. Our experienced panel members will help you! Join us on **Wednesday 18th March** at **Our Lady of Compassion Parish Hall, Castle Street, Saffron Walden, CB10 1BP** from **7.30 p.m.** No charge and wine and nibbles are provided. Further details from the parish on 01799 527011 or The Commission for Evangelisation & Formation on 01277 265289.

War Diary 1914-1918

2nd Lieutenant John Regan – killed in action.

Parish Notices 7th March 1915

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 8th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Anne Jackson (birthday) Bert Winch (anniversary) <i>Baptism: Sean McGinley</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 9th March <i>St Frances of Rome</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Maura La Roche RIP
TUESDAY 10th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 11th March	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 12th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Fr Augustine Davidson RIP
FRIDAY 13th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Sister Camilla
SATURDAY 14th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Children's Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 15th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>'Laetare' - Mothering</i> <i>Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Tim Short RIP <i>Baptism: Logan Lawrence Rhodes</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Sue Williams

Sacrament of Reconciliation: NONE this Saturday due to
Diocesan Finance A.G.M. in Brentwood

Liturgical Rotas 15th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Helena McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt