

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell (anniversary) All Parishioners Private Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 10th January	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11th January	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12th January <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 13th January <i>St Hilary</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Ellen, John & Jenny Falkner RIP <i>Church open for prayer</i> Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 14th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15th January	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Baptism: Henry George</i> <i>Robert Pitt</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16th January <i>Second Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Intention Gladys Campling
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 16th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Neville Bridgman Lanette Bridgman	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McInally	Tom McInally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Celia Butt	Eileen Roberts	Margaret Jopling
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Tom McInally		

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th January 2011

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.*

First Reading: Is 42:1-4.6-7

Responsorial Psalm PS 28:1-4.9-10

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** The Christmas Season draws to a close by opening out into Our Lord's public ministry. This was foreshadowed in the Epiphany and the Epiphany was always seen more widely as the public manifestation of Christ, including his baptism at the Jordan and first miracle at Cana. These elements were formerly celebrated on the octave day (13<sup>th</sup> January) but in 1962 the Baptism of Christ was marked with a special feast day. The weeks after this and through the year are known as 'Ordinary Time' when week by week we hear from Matthew, Mark and Luke in turn the story of his public ministry. In a manner characteristic of his Gospel St Matthew insists that John's baptism of Jesus takes place to fulfil the requirements of the Scriptures. Jesus has no personal need of it since he has nothing to repent. Rather it is an opportunity for the Father to manifest Jesus' role by sending down the Holy Spirit in visible form. When the Lord sends out his disciples to baptise it is the baptism of Jesus that we receive, not that of John. Our baptism is not simply a sign of repentance but the action by which, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God adopts us as his beloved sons and daughters. God's favour (grace) rests on us too.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Roma Royal, Diane Batten, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoeffft, 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 anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Joan Moran, Margaret Whitty, Stella Bushell, Canon Francis Dobson, Richard Baldock, Fred Thognett, Violet Gillen, Margaret Barnes and Len Worrall** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST – Coggeshall:**

The January breakfast takes place a week earlier than usual on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00-9.00 a.m. The venue this month will be St Peter's Vicarage. If you are planning to attend please sign the sheet at the back of the Church as usual.

**MONTHLY SERVICE OF PRAYER & PRAISE:**

Our monthly ecumenical service for Kelvedon & Feering takes place at Feering Mission next Sunday at 4.00 p.m. All welcome.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:**

This runs each year from 18th January (formerly the Feast of St Peter's Chair at Rome) to 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul). The scheduled events are:

- St John Houghton, Tiptree Tuesday 18th 11.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- Rose & Crown Pub, Tolleshunt Knights Tuesday 18th 7.00 p.m.: 'Prayer and a Pint'
- St Luke's, Tiptree Thursday 20th January 10.00 a.m.: Eucharist
- St Luke's, Tiptree Sunday 23rd January 3.00 p.m.: Taize service – reminder to musicians that there will be a practice from 2.00 p.m.
- St Bernard's, Coggeshall Sunday 23rd January 4.00 p.m.: United Service
- Greek Orthodox Monastery, Monday 24th January 8.00 p.m.: Night Prayer

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd January - £715.12.**

**'VERBUM DOMINI':** Following discussion by the clergy of the Deanery of the Pope's document on 'the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church' it was recommended that copies be given to readers in the parishes to help them understand their ministry better. All those on the Sunday Readers' rota will find a copy addressed to them at the back of the Church. It is inspiring reading provided you take no more than two or three pages at a time – something to be absorbed rather than read through quickly! It will provide good spiritual reading for the next month or so.

**VACANCY:** The Diocese wishes to appoint a Director of Civil Administration, who will also be the designated Diocesan Financial Secretary, to succeed Gerry Curran on his retirement at the end of April 2011 after long and distinguished service as the Diocesan Director of Finance. The Director will manage the diocese's finance, property and administrative departments, providing advice and guidance for the Bishop and diocesan trustees and for parishes, and will implement diocesan policies on the management of financial and property assets and on all financial, property and civil law matters. The successful candidate will have senior management legal and/or financial and accounting skills gained in the charitable, professional or commercial field, and the detailed knowledge of the Catholic Church required to operate effectively. If you would like more information on the post and an application pack, please contact: Janet Steele, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT (01277 265280; [janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:janet@dioceseofbrentwood.org)). The closing date for applications is 29th January 2011. Interviews will be held at Cathedral House.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO:** A limited number of places is still available for this unique pilgrimage, Monday 3rd October to Monday 10th October 2011, which visits all the main pilgrimage sites in Rome and the shrine of St Padre Pio. The specially negotiated price of **£950**. will include all flights and transfers; half board accommodation in twin or double-bedded rooms in 3\* hotels with wine at main meals; most entry charges and service tips; daily Mass at all the main sites; excursions and visits with an experienced Guide. For further details contact Michael Herrigan 01-702-304460 or Spiritual Leader, Fr Joseph Whisstock 01-702-342324.

**WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION FOR SPUC:**

There will be the usual annual retiring collection today for the work of the Society for the protection of the Unborn Child.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' LUNCH:** Takes place on **Saturday 22nd January** in St Dominic's Room, Kelvedon. Please complete a **green form** and return it by **NEXT Sunday, 16th January** so that we can get an idea of the numbers for catering. Forms can either be given to Fr Gordon or left at the back of the church. For more information contact **Jadwiga** on **01376 570624, Miriam** on **01376 570919** or **Pat** on **01376 570806**.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 26th January** in **St Dominic's Room** after the 7.30 p.m. Mass. If you would like to know more about what is happening in the parish then please come along