

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

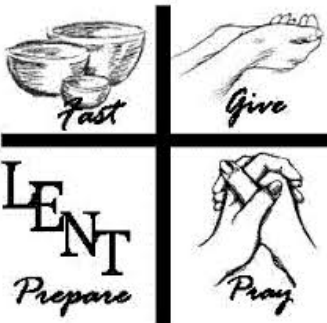
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th March 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

First Reading:	Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 50:3-6.12-14.17
Second Reading:	Rm 5:12-19
Gospel:	Mt 4:1-11



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 'Lent' comes from the Old English and refers to the lengthening of the days in Spring. In most languages the equivalent term refers to the forty days of the season. This time of penance and fasting was decreed by the Council of Nicaea in 323 A.D. as an encouragement to all Christians to join with those about to be baptised in their preparations for Easter. Since the early Christians did not fast on Sundays six days were added in the Seventh Century so that Lent began on the previous Wednesday. There were two elements to the Lenten discipline. Fasting meant one meal taken only late in the day – after None (the office said at the ninth hour about 3.00 p.m.). The timing of this crept forward so that 'afternoon' now means after midday! It was this practise that formed the model for the Ramadan observance in Islam. The second was abstinence from eggs, meat and dairy products throughout this period – a discipline still kept by the Eastern Orthodox. Our discipline today is much milder, covering just meat and leaving it to our discretion apart from Ash Wednesday and every Friday. However, our Lenten resolutions should challenge us. In his Lenten message emphasises sharing in a real way with the poverty of Christ to allow him to enrich us. "Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Constance Turner, Timothy Short, Lee Saunders, James Dey, Eric Wilding, William McDivit, Evelyn Moor* and *Mary Crozier* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, 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.

MASS VARIATIONS: I have a school governors' meeting on Wednesday so Mass will be at 8.00 a.m. and there will not be Stations of the Cross this Wednesday.

GREETINGS FROM SR MARY GONZALVO OP: I had a note from Sister Mary Gonzalvo OP requesting Mass for a parishioner. She was at St Dominic's twice, most recently 1965-1971, and sends her greetings to anyone who remembers her. She is currently at St Catherine's Convent in Leicester.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: The Lenten Family Fast Day falls this **Friday 14th March**. If you do not use Gift Aid envelopes, CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please place in the collection bags in the usual way.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new boxes will be distributed at all Masses over the next two weeks (16th and 23rd March) ready to come into use on Sunday 6th April.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd March - £671.08.**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES: Stations of the Cross: unless otherwise stated – Kelvedon Wednesdays 7.00 p.m., Coggeshall Thursdays 6.30 p.m., Tiptree Sundays 5.15 p.m.; especially for children at Kelvedon Saturdays 4.00 p.m. Lenten Course: Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursday evenings 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. The theme this year is 'Marking the Centenary of World War I' Bible Study on Jonah: Tiptree URC Tuesdays 8.00 p.m.; St Luke's Thursdays 11.00 a.m. Lenten Course: Kelvedon & Feering: URC Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. and St Mary Immaculate Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m. The theme is 'Encountered: Meeting God in ordinary places'. Our Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 8.00 p.m. and will be following up the DVD used at the recent Day of Prayer. Times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: Tiptree Tuesdays 11.00-12.00 noon; Kelvedon Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Kelvedon Saturdays 10.30-11.00 a.m. Individual aids to daily prayer and reflection: 'My Day by Day' (adults £1.00; children's £0.55); 'Walk with me' (£1.00).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - Cardiff, CF11 9HD: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is seeking to appoint a new post which will combine working in a national Welsh role for the Catholic Education Service (0.6 FTE) with working in education for the Schools Commission of the Archdiocese of Cardiff (0.4 FTE). Salary: c £40K per annum for 35 hours per week. Applicants should forward a full CV and covering statement to: ewilliams@catholiceducation.org.uk For further information and a full job description - please contact: Eileen Williams on ewilliams@catholiceducation.org.uk For further information about the CES visit: www.catholiceducation.org.uk Closing date for applications is **Friday 28th March 2014**.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN COGGESHALL: Lent Lecture Series - *Marking the centenary of the First World War*. 13th March - Richard Tames, 20th March - John Lewis, 27th March - Canon Edward Carter, 3rd April - Philip Prior. 7:45pm at Christ Church, Stoneham Street, refreshments from 7:30pm.

QUESTIONS ON LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH: You are warmly invited to attend an evening to ask questions on living the Catholic faith, with a special emphasis on Marriage and Family Life, on **Wednesday 19th March** (not the 10th March as previously advertised) at **SS Peter and Paul Parish Centre, Ilford High Road, Ilford IG1 1QP** from **7.30 p.m.** Your questions can be on moral issues, the Church in today's world, Catholic marriage and family life or any question you may have always wanted to find the answer to. Wine and nibbles provided. Further details from the parish on 020 8478 0583 or the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289.

ROME FOR THE CANONISATION OF POPES JOHN XIII & JOHN PAUL II: There are a few places left on the this once in a lifetime trip with The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and we are now opening this up to anyone over 18. We depart on Saturday morning 26th of April, stay at a villa outside Rome, travel in for the Canonisation and then fly back in time for work/college/uni on Monday morning. The price is £349 and includes flights, transport within Italy and accommodation. For further details, go to www.bcys.net/events, or email info@bcys.net.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 9th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention Dec'd members Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Families <i>Baptism: Ella Maria Thorogood</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
MONDAY 10th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Adrian Arrowsmith RIP
TUESDAY 11th March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Mgr Ralph Brown RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 12th March	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 13th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.00p.m.	Private Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
FRIDAY 14th March	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Community of Our Lady of Walsingham
SATURDAY 15th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Church in Czech Republic <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SUNDAY 16th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</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 RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 16th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Derek Hand	Benedict Crone	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Steve Smith	Valerie Bartlett	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody