

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3			
SUNDAY 11th December <i>3rd of Advent</i> <i>'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Edwin Hand (anniversary) All Parishioners Int. Rachael Hart who will be baptised during this Mass
MONDAY 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadeloupe</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Pro-life Movements <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.45-7.00pm	Fr Richard Ashton RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Carol Singing starting from Station</i>
WEDNESDAY 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Intention Throckmorton Family <i>Advent Service of Reconciliation</i>
THURSDAY 15th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 pm	Private Intention Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 16th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
SATURDAY 17th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 18th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Wood RIP All Parishioners Charles & Ellen Thomas RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 18th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Jill Hinds	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Short	Peter Morgan	June Jezierski
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	Margaret Jopling
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McNally and Sean O'Leary		

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

First Reading: Is 61:1-2. 10-11

Responsorial Psalm Lk 1: 46-50. 53-54

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel: Jn 1:6-8. 19-28



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: When we are ill we hope to become well again. We may dislike or even fear the thought of visiting the doctor and yet realise this is a necessary step if our health is to improve. We need a proper diagnosis, guidance and suitable remedies. Sometimes the route to better health lies in choices we make about how to live, what to eat and drink. A report during the week indicated that a significant number of cases of cancer could be prevented in this way. The same is true for our spiritual health and wellbeing. St Paul challenges the people of Corinth in today's second reading to change their attitudes and lifestyle in order to be ready for the coming of the Lord. In our first reading, Jonah gives a similar warning to the people of Nineveh. They have just forty days in which to change or disaster will strike. The people of Nineveh respond and escape disaster. The same message is at the heart of the 'Good News' Jesus brings at the beginning of St Mark's Gospel: "The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News." Jesus offers us the life changing gift of grace that brings us spiritual health and opens the way to eternal life. The sacrament of penance or reconciliation is the outward sign through which, after baptism, he brings us his healing touch. Do take advantage of the opportunity of our Reconciliation Service this Wednesday as part of your Advent preparation.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Bertha Beasley, Kenelem Bourfield, Hilda Davey, William Neary, Anthony Said, Agnes Bamford** and **Margaret Moffat** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 4th December - £981.44.**

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly,** and any unknown to us.

BAPTISM – Rachael Hart: This evening we welcome Rachael Hart into the Church through baptism – she has been attending Mass at Tiptree over the past year and taken part in our *Evangelium* study course that has now finished. Her formal welcome takes the place of the Penitential Rite, and the ceremonies of baptism and confirmation take place after the Gospel and brief homily.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Our Advent Service of Reconciliation takes place this Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Fr Tom Lavin from Lexden will be helping with Confessions. If you cannot make this there is a service at Lexden on Friday at 8.00 p.m.

CAROL SINGING KELVEDON: Do join our friends from the other Churches in Kelvedon and Feering on **Tuesday evening** in reminding the residents of our villages of the meaning of Christmas. We shall be singing carols at **Kelvedon Station at 5.45 p.m.** to greet commuters, and then moving along the High Street, finishing at **St Mary Immaculate** about **7.00 p.m.** with mince pies.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: This service with full Cathedral Choir will take place in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. on Sunday 18th December. Refreshment in the Cathedral Hall afterwards.

FAMILY MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE: All Children wishing to take part in the **Christmas Eve Mass (6.30 p.m.** with **carols** before from **6.00 p.m.)** must attend a rehearsal after the **11.00 a.m. Mass** at **Kelvedon** on the **18th December.** They will need to be at the church at **5:15 p.m.** on **Christmas Eve** and would ask that parents are on hand to help the children change before the Mass. Thank you for your co-operation. **Charlotte** .

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: These will be available after Mass and are arranged in alphabetical order by surname. Please do take your own card and any for neighbours you feel able to deliver. It is a valuable form of contact with those we rarely see. The remainder will be posted. If you do not receive one please let us know as this may mean you are not on our address list. Details of our Christmas services will also be posted on the parish website.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF AFRICAN MISSION MINISTRY: African Catholic Mission is organising Christmas Party and Carol Service to mark the 20 years of African Mission Ministry at St George's Parish Hall, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU on 18th December at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the Pan-African Communities to celebrate. Since 1991 we have made outstanding progress: Chaplaincies and Associations have been established for African Communities - vibrancy brought to the parishes, lapsed Catholics have returned and Church pews are being filled.

NEW SUNDAY YEARLY MISSALS: These yearly Missals have the new translation in and are priced at £5.00 each. They can be found in St. Dominic's Room along with the books.

MASS VARIATIONS: Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.00 a.m. because of the Service of Reconciliation, and also on Thursday morning because of a meeting in Brentwood.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIPTREE – Barn Dance: To mark Christian Unity Week in Tiptree in January the Churches decided to do something different for 2012. Rather than an additional service we thought it would be good to organise a social event to enable members of different Churches to get to know each other. There will be a Barn Dance in St Luke's extension on Saturday 21st January starting 7.00 p.m. to make it easier for young families to attend, tickets are £3.00 for adults; children aged sixteen or below can come free of charge but will still need a ticket so we know how many to expect. Please ask Fr Gordon for a ticket. We will need to know numbers by the previous weekend – which is the reason for mentioning it this early.

BESTERS: We recently had an acknowledgement from the Diocese thanking us for our annual contribution to our twinned parish in Dundee, South Africa. In the past year we have sent £1025.46 which will go much further there than here! If you would like a blue collecting tin to put small change in during the year, please speak to Jadzia Smith or Fr Gordon.

A CELEBRATION OF WORDS AND MUSIC: For Winter and Christmas - an evening of poetry and song is being held at **St John Houghton Church Tiptree** on the **17th December at 8:00 p.m.** - entry by donation. All welcome. For details contact Jean Ezra on 01376 513157.