

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

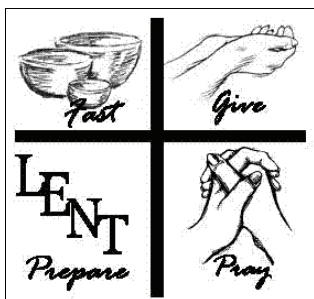
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

First Reading: Exodus 20,1-17

Responsorial Psalm PS 18,8-11 John 6,69

Second Reading: Cor 1,22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT:** In today's first reading we are reminded of the Ten Commandments and their importance. God chose the wandering tribes that would become the people of Israel to belong to him in a special way. They would be given a land 'flowing with milk and honey'. They would be the means through which he would make known his plan of salvation for every human being. His Son would be one of their number and their anointed King. In return they must live in the way he sets out before them. The Commandments are not arbitrary, nor are they just for the Israelites. They are more than just a revelation of God's will – they are given to us as a blessing because it is by living in accordance with them that our human nature will be realised to the full. They are like the maker's instructions that go with a new gadget or accompany a new programme on the computer. We are free to ignore them but must then accept the consequences. Only by following them will we attain the best results – those he plans for us.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** As far as possible Stations of the Cross will take place before Mass on Sunday evenings at Tiptree, Wednesday evenings at Kelvedon and Thursday evenings at Coggeshall, but please check each week as there will be a number of exceptions.

**LENTEN STUDY GROUPS:**

**Coggeshall:** Monday evenings at 7.45 p.m. starting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This year there will be a series of presentations on the mission of the Christian Church in different parts of the world. The topic this week will be: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – KENYA Speaker: Mrs Hannah Cooper. These will take place at Christchurch.

**Tiptree:** There will be Bible study looking at some of the events leading up to the Passion; this will take place at the URC on Tuesday evenings at 8.00 p.m. repeated at St Luke's on Thursday mornings at 11.00 a.m. This week we shall look at the Sadducees (Matthew 22:23-33) under the guidance of Jonathan Greenwood, pastor of Kingsland Church.

**Kelvedon:** Tuesday evenings 7.30 p.m. at the URC. The format will be a 'York Course' with a study booklet. The theme this week will be 'A beleaguered Church?'

Do consider taking part in one of these study courses along with our friends from the other Churches as part of your Lenten spiritual growth.

**LENT LUNCHEs:** Lent lunches continue at Christchurch, Coggeshall, Thursdays from 12.00 noon. Proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

**SEDER SUPPER:** Every Lent in Coggeshall we join with other Christians to prepare for Holy Week by joining in a Seder Supper or Passover meal. This year it will be hosted by St Peter's and take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to take part please sign up on the list at the back of St Bernard's for catering purposes.

**CONFIRMATION:** Three young people have asked to be confirmed this year on Pentecost Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> May). If there are any other young people or adults who would like to be confirmed, please let me know as soon as possible.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Violet Gillen, Lee Saunders, James Dey, Timothy Short, William McDivit, Eric Wilding, Evelyn Moore, Mary Crozier** and **Mary Enkel** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MINISTRY OF WELCOME:** This team play a key role in our parish life in welcoming visitors and our regulars as they enter our churches each Sunday to join us for the celebration of Mass. Due to some ministers retiring in Kelvedon and Tiptree shortly, we are looking for new replacements (minimum age 16). The Welcomers would only need to fulfil their duty approximately one Sunday in every four. If interested please contact **Fr Gordon** or **Michael Wigley**.

**OFFERTORY GIVING:** There was an appeal by Sean and Tom from the Finance Team at all masses last Sunday to encourage those who do not use envelopes to consider doing so and for us all to think about the level of our current giving. The reason for the appeal was to help raise funds for a number of desirable repairs and improvements at all our church premises. Various handouts relating to the talk were available and there are spare copies again this week, eg. List of Repairs, Request for Envelopes and Standing Order Forms. In addition, the new offertory envelopes for the coming year starting in April are also available. Please take yours.

During the talk, Sean mentioned the need for more volunteers generally to assist already busy parishioners and he referred to a handout on the subject of “**Stewardship**” which is worth reading. Father Gordon has been raising these issues too in recent weeks.

If you would like more information on the above, please speak to **Sean 01206 27279, Tom 01376 570919** or indeed **Father Gordon**. The Parish Council will also be taking these initiatives forward when they next meet in April.

You will be pleased to know that a number of new donors signed up for envelopes after the masses at each of our churches last week. A very hopeful sign. Thank you all.

**FINANCE:** The Offertory collection for **Sunday 4th March - £752.00**.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 11th March <i>3rd 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 (anniversary) <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Bofek Wysocki RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 12th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	James Sheldrake RIP <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 13th March	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <b>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 14th March <i>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 15th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 16th March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Private Intention <b>Stations of the Cross for children</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17th March <i>St Patrick</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Richard Rann & dec'd Kelvedon Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b> 18th March <i>4th 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 Michael Dominik Antczak - who will be baptised during mass <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Desmond Kewell (anniversary)

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

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 18th March	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	John Dann	Maria O'Leary
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Helena McInally Patricia Short	Jadwiga Smith	June Jezierski
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Valerie Bartlett Teresa Hall	Simon Hall	Margaret Jopling
<b>FINANCE TEAM</b>	Tony Hinds & Tom McInally		