

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3			
SUNDAY 12th August <i>19th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Helen Whatton All Parishioners Intention Audrey Thurlow
MONDAY 13th August <i>Sts Pontian & Hippolytus</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 14th August <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 15th August <i>Assumption of BVM Holy day of Obligation</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	All Parishioners Private Intention Frank Pycroft RIP
THURSDAY 16th August <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	NO MASS NO MASS	
FRIDAY 17th August	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
SATURDAY 18th August <i>St Helena</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasey Family
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<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction will resume in September</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 19th August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Sean O'Leary	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Patricia Short Steve Smith	Vivienne Talbot	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley Sue Petchey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9

Second Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2

Gospel: Jn 6:41-51



NINETEENTH SUNDAY: Today's Gospel reading from Our Lord's 'Bread of Life Discourse' is prefaced by a first reading taken from 1 Kings. The Prophet Elijah is dispirited by his situation in life and wishes he were dead. However, God has a great task in store for him. He must journey forty days to Mount Horeb in the North of Israel where he is to encounter God and learn his purpose. To put fresh heart in him and strengthen him for the journey God sends an angel to provide him with bread and water just as he provided manna for the Israelites in the time of Moses. This is why hymns in honour of the Eucharist describe it as 'food of travellers' – '*esca viatorum*'. Life is a journey for all of us. The consoling presence of Christ in the Eucharist is God's way of sustaining us and renewing us in spirit on our own journey when the going gets tough or life just seems flat and pointless. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist not only strengthens us but is a pledge and foretaste of the final encounter with the Lord at the end of our lives. This is especially true when that journey is close to its end and our next Communion is likely to be our last. This 'last Communion' is called '*viaticum*' – 'food for the journey' - and is one reason why when someone is seriously ill the priest should be called while they are still conscious and able to receive the Eucharist. This step should not be delayed out of a misplaced sense that the person will be frightened. The priority should be their spiritual need to be ready to see God face to face. Often it is the family rather than the dying person that does not want to face the reality that death may be close.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **David Jordan, Ellen Doyle, Jacqueline O'Reilly, Orlando Greci, George Madden, Gertrude Aves, Florence Watts, James Ruane and Ronald Ingram** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hazel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwisted, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This Wednesday is the **Feast of the Assumption** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass will be at the usual Holy Day times: **Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m.**

SCHEDULED ROAD WORKS: As announced last Sunday the work on the bridge between Feering and Inworth has been scaled down, and postponed to the end of the month. It will no longer involve a four week closure but temporary traffic lights to control the traffic flow.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Isabelle Hannah Kate Long** baptised at Coggeshall on Saturday.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 5th August - £694.91.**

AUGUST HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS: As explained a couple of weeks ago, Fr Gerald is unable to be with us this year and at short notice it has not been possible to arrange weekend cover. As a result I will be away Mondays to Fridays during August, so there will be no Mass Tuesday to Friday apart from Wednesday 15th August – the Feast of the Assumption – when there will be the usual Holy Day Masses. In an emergency, please contact **Fr David Prior at Witham (01376 512219)** or **Fr Tom Lavin at Lexden (01206 576898).**

THE HOMILY & THE NEW EVANGELISATION: This day conference, to be held at St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham TW1 4SX, on Wednesday September 19th, (10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.) in preparation for the **Year of Faith** includes presentations on 'Homily and Catechesis for the New Evangelisation', 'The Homily since the Second Vatican Council' and 'Evangelisation at the Margins: Preaching in the Court of the Gentiles'. Workshops include: 'Preparing the Sunday Homily', 'Preaching and Lectio Divina', 'Preaching at Infant Baptisms' and 'Preaching Techniques that Engage'. The day will be introduced by Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, Member of the newly formed Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation. Prior booking is essential: for more information and booking details

ITALY EXCHANGE: Following our successful pupil exchange in 2010-11, Tiptree Twinning Association are setting up a further youth exchange with San Michele Salentino, Italy to run in 2012-13. The town, a similar size to Tiptree, is in the South of the country and is surrounded by Olive and Fig trees, and clear blue seas. Our close ties have developed over the last 3 years since our two towns were twinned. The aims of the exchange are to give pupils the opportunity to experience Italian culture, develop an understanding of the Italian lifestyle, establish friendships and hopefully learn a little language. Physical activities and Sport will be a focus of the exchange, with a wide variety of activities already planned in Italy. These could include Snorkelling / beach activities, mountain biking, recreational sport with the Italian School, sightseeing tours around the area, including a Safari Park and Theme Park. The Italian pupils would like to visit our shores around October 2012 and we shall make the return trip in the summer holidays of 2013. The cost of the exchange is going to be in the range £500-£600, which will include flights, insurance, transport and activities mentioned above over the two years so that would mean an outlay of around £250-£300 per year. We are considering means of keeping the cost down, so please apply on that basis. Young people who are in years 8, 9 and 10 now will be eligible for the exchange, which will mean that they are around 13-16 years of age when we go to Italy. For more information contact Sue Allen-Shepherd, Tiptree Twinning Association sue.shepherd@talk21.com

NEW PUBLICATION: The Catholic Parish of the Royal Docks: Silvertown, Custom House, Beckton - 125 Years (1887-2012) by Father Stewart Foster. 160 pages, illustrated in colour and black and white. Available price £10 (includes postage & packing) from: Parish History, St Anne's Church, 1 Berwick Road, London E16 3DR. Cheques payable to 'St Anne's Church, Custom House'.