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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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: Ac 10:34-38

Gospel: Mt 3:13-17



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: The Church opens out the manifestation of Jesus as Son of God at the Epiphany to the wider world at the beginning of his public ministry. Today we hear how he is baptised by John in the river Jordan. We hear the mysterious voice from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him." Jesus' true nature as Son of God from all eternity, now in human flesh, is revealed. The hovering of the Holy Spirit in the outward form of a dove shows how he is always at one with the Father and the power of the unseen God is at work in him. God's gift of grace through the Holy Spirit is imparted to us through our baptism. The difference is that instead of simply revealing our inner nature, this gift transforms us into what we were not before – not simply creatures made in God's image, but members of his family, made new or born again by the power of the Spirit.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Richard Baldock, Fred Thognett, Violet Gillen, Margaret Barnes, Arnold Worrall, Eileen Polley, Roma Royal, Thomas Martin, Kathleen Wade, Kerry Anderson, Ethel Evans, Ronald Wilton** and **Philip Sopher** 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.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of **PATRICIA MARY CARR** of Tiptree. Her funeral service will take place at Colchester Crematorium Thursday 16th January at 11.00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Amelia Mary Stack** baptised at Kelvedon on Saturday.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs 18th - 25th January each year. For **TIPTREE** the arrangements are as usual, that people from the different Churches are invited to attend a service or meeting in each other's Churches rather than a separate 'United Service'. The schedule is:

Sunday 19th 7.00 p.m. Tiptree URC – Bible Study

Monday 20th 8.00 p.m. Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights – Night Prayer

Tuesday 21st 11.00 a.m. St John Houghton – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22nd 8.00 p.m. Tiptree URC – meeting led by Kingsland Church

Thursday 23rd 10.00 a.m. St Luke's – Eucharist.

There will be a united service in **COGGESHALL** next Sunday. This will take place at **Christchurch at 6.00 p.m.**

FINANCE: Offertory collections for **Sunday 5th January - £791.76.**

'CHRISTMAS THANK YOU GIFTS': I understand that someone has asked about the basis on which some people receive little 'thank you gifts'. My practice is that which I have found in every parish I have been in since ordination in 1976. So many people make a contribution to parish life in many different ways that one has to make a decision to acknowledge some in a general way, those who perform different liturgical ministries such as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Welcomers (whether before or after Mass), Altar Servers, but to give some small token in recognition of the fact that some people take on additional responsibilities or give of their time and skills outside of that context or in a more individual way. It is not always easy to know where to draw the line and I am sorry if anyone feels it has been drawn in the wrong place.

SPUC 'WHITE FLOWER' COLLECTION: There will be the usual annual retiring collection today to provide an opportunity for you to support the ongoing work of the Society for the protection of the Unborn Child in campaigning for greater legal protection and recognition of life in the womb as of equal status and value as the life of those already born.

CANONIZATION OF POPES JOHN XXIII & JOHN PAUL II: On Saturday the **26th** of **April**, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be leading a brief pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II. There are 44 places available and the trip includes flight to and from Rome with British Airways, overnight stay at Villa Palazzola and all the necessary transfers while in Italy. Pilgrims must be between 18 to 35 years old. **Total cost is £349.** In the lead up to the event, there will be 3 meetings to help prepare pilgrims for the Canonization. The first, on Friday the 24th of January at 7.00 p.m. in the Brentwood Cathedral conference centre, will be for those who have already applied or those who are interested, as an introduction to the two Saints and a fuller explanation of the details of the pilgrimage. The two further talks at the end of February and March will look more deeply at how these two figures influenced the life of the Church and changed history. The evenings will also offer an opportunity for the young people to socialize and pray together, and will include testimonies from their peers. If anyone would like to go please **contact Fr Gordon ASAP** for an application form. As with other youth events the parish would help financially if needed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: If you have considered joining a ministry as part of your New Year resolutions the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** team is currently looking for a new volunteer to join the rota. No special qualifications are required. The lessons are already prepared and only some photocopying and organisation is needed prior to the lesson. This would take around an hour at home plus thirty minutes during Mass. The team has currently three members who have found this ministry very fulfilling and good fun. Please, talk to any of them after Mass if you would like to have a better idea of how it works and what kind of commitment is required or contact **Angie Hart mahart66@hotmail.com** Remember that by serving our parish we are giving our children a solid example of Christian family life.

CONFIRMATION: We now have a date for Confirmation, unless a new Bishop makes changes, Wednesday 2nd July 2014. Would anyone interested in receiving the sacrament on this occasion please contact me so that we can arrange preparation in due course.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIPTREE – BARN DANCE: Following the success of our last effort to bring the Churches together informally for a social occasion, there will be another Barn Dance on Saturday 8th February 2014 in St Luke's Church Extension, starting at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £5 for adults but those aged under sixteen may attend free of charge but with a ticket as we need to know numbers. Tickets are available at the back of the Church at Tiptree. Refreshments will be on a 'bring and share' basis.

THE JOURNEY: You are invited to join us for a reflection on the life of Jesus with readings and songs performed by 'Meditation'. On **Saturday 8th February at The Holy Family & All Saints Catholic Church**, Guithavon Street, Witham CM8 1BN at **7.30 p.m.** Tickets **£3** (adults and over 13). Refreshments included. Proceeds for church funds.

CLASS TEACHER REQUIRE FOR SEPTEMBER 2014: The Governing Body of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an outstanding, enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher, to join our friendly and dedicated team. Our school provides a happy, calm atmosphere with delightful children as well as supportive colleagues, governors and parents. The successful candidate will need to be a strong practitioner committed to achieving high standards of pupils' learning and capable of teaching imaginatively in Key Stages 1 and/or 2. The post would suit an experienced teacher or a newly qualified teacher who is either a practising Catholic or willing to support the strong Catholic ethos of our school. The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. For more details please contact Mr. Parascandolo (Head Teacher) via the school office (01268 785741). For an application form please visit the school website www.olorcps.net Closing date: Monday 27th January 2014 (12 noon) Interviews: week commencing 3rd February 2014.

EASYFUNDRAISING: A big thank you for helping St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) this Christmas! Thank you for raising money for St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels Catholic Church (Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Tiptree) by doing your Christmas shopping online with www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Your support has made a real difference to our fundraising and together we have raised £315.70. Please remember to keep shopping via www.easyfundraising.org.uk to help us raise much needed funds. And don't forget to spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is to fundraise for free! Thank you for your support.

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

SUNDAY 12th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall All Parishioners SPUC
MONDAY 13th January <i>St Hilary</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Ralph Brown RIP
TUESDAY 14th January	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	William Sheldrake RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 15th January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 16th January	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Roma Royal (anniversary) Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 17th January <i>St Anthony Abbot</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 18th January	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Fr Dominic Robinson
SUNDAY 19th January <i>Second Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Peter Eary RIP Thomas Wall RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 19th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Derek Hand	Ben Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Tom McInally Steve Smith	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody