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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**13th December 2015**



### ***THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

*What must we do?*

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Zp 3:14-18</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 12:2-6</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Ph 4:4-7</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Lk 3:10-18</b>



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** The theme of joy runs through our Mass today – joyful expectation but also joy in the presence of God here and now. At the opening Mass for the holy Year of Tuesday Pope Francis said:

“The Virgin Mary was called to rejoice above all because of what the Lord accomplished in her. God’s grace enfolded her and made her worthy of becoming the Mother of Christ. When Gabriel entered her home, even the most profound and impenetrable of mysteries became for her a cause for joy, a cause for faith, a cause for abandonment to the message revealed to her. *The fullness of grace can transform the human heart* and enable it to do something so great as to change the course of human history. This Extraordinary Year is itself a gift of grace. To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. It is he who seeks us! It is he who comes to encounter us! This will be a year in which we *grow ever more convinced of God’s mercy*. How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy (cf. Saint Augustine, *De Praedestinatione Sanctorum*, 12, 24)! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God’s judgement will always be in the light of his mercy. In passing through the Holy Door, then, may we feel that *we ourselves are part of this mystery of love, of tenderness*. Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience *the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things*.”

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **William Neary, Anthony Said, Agnes Bamford, Margaret Moffat, Cyril Payne and Agnes Morden** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**MASS VARIATION:** Due to school governors’ meetings Mass on Wednesday will be at 9.00 a.m.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** If you did not collect yours last weekend it would help to avoid postage costs if you could do so today. If you live in the parish and do not receive one please let us know so that we can update our records.

**ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE TODAY:** St Luke’s, Tiptree at 4.00 p.m.

**PARISH WASSAIL:** A free social event with seasonal music and refreshments today 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. at St Bernard’s, Coggeshall.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th December - £697.96.**

**BISHOP NAMED FOR HOIMA, UGANDA:** Pope Francis has named Fr. Vincent Kirabo as bishop of Hoima, Uganda. Vincent Kirabo was born in Kyanaisoke, Uganda, in 1955 and was ordained a priest in 1979. He holds a master's degree in education from the University of Portland in the United States, and a licentiate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome. He has served in a number of roles in the Diocese of Hoima, including teacher and rector of the minor seminary, director of the diocesan commission for vocations, parish vicar, diocesan administrator for finance, parish priest, and teacher and bursar at the Uganda Martyrs National Minor Seminary Alokolum, Gulu. He is currently a teacher at the St. Mary's National Major Seminary Ggaba, Kampala. The Diocese of Hoima has a population of just over 2 million with about half of them (1.1 million) being Catholic. They are served by just around 130 priests and that same number of religious. The diocese has been without an ordinary since early 2014, when Bishop Deogratias Dr. Muganwa Byabazaire passed away. In 2009, Bishop Byabazaire was diagnosed with high blood pressure, diabetes and a brain tumor and in the same year, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Lambert Bainomugisha, the auxiliary Bishop of Mbarara, as the Apostolic Administrator of Hoima Diocese.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** Position for new Headteacher at St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay due to retirement of existing Headteacher to start in September 2016. For further information about this position please contact the Chair of Governors email: [chair@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:chair@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk)

**SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH OPORTUNITY:** Lourdes for young people - Summer 2016. If you are in school year 10 to 13 and would like to enjoy a week that includes times of serving pilgrims who need wheelchair assistance, lots of vibrant social time with more than 200 other young people, and times of reflective and powerful prayer in the wonderful setting of Lourdes, then now is the time to apply: Call 01268 515970 and ask for Roisin or Natalie or [bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/](http://bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/) or [bcys.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/bcys-home-02-1280-1.jpg](http://bcys.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/bcys-home-02-1280-1.jpg) [bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/](http://bcys.net/event/summer-lourdes-2016/)

**God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.**



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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 13th December <i>3rd of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Special Intention (LR)
<b>MONDAY</b> 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Andrew Torok RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 15th December	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 16th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 17th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 18th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 19th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Deasy Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 20th December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Hall & Bartleet Families <i>Baptism: Ranulph Piotr Armstrong</i> Dec'd Antezak & Jasinska Families

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

Liturgical Rotas 20th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Sean O'Leary	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Tom McNally	Gloria Streat
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody