

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 13th February <i>Sixth Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kathleen Turner (anniversary) May & Maram Issa RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 14th February <i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 15th February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Philangeli Association <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 16th February	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 17th February <i>Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Eileen Tilley RIP <i>Church open for prayer</i> Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 18th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Canon John Stapleton RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 19th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b> 20th February <i>Seventh Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd relatives Talbot Family Int. Heloise & Michael Flynn
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 20th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Audrey Thurlow	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey Valerie Bartlett	Michael Wigley	Jude Cody
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		

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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

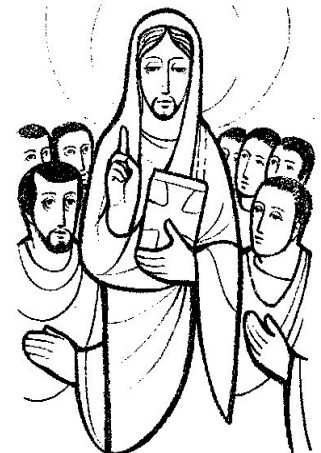
*You have learnt how it was said to your ancestors, but I say this to you.*

First Reading: Si 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm PS 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** "As we continue our reflection on Matthew's great sermon, we hear a long Gospel passage today that may seem to be complex and filled with prohibitions (5:17-37). It is far too easy to "tune out" such a Gospel text, rather than trying to understand its rich meaning. The passage (5:17) begins with a word of reassurance: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." The law remains and will always remain because it comes from our unchanging God. Jesus intends to state the ideals of the new kingdom on earth that is ushered in by his appearance. His whole intention is to bring people beyond legalism -- which seriously affected the Scribes and the Pharisees -- and a literal interpretation of rules, and into the spirit of the law. Jesus teaches that minimal obedience is far beneath the dignity of those who love God and neighbour. To strive for less than perfect love is to strive for too little." Father Thomas Rosica, CSB

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoeffft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th February £736.73.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Frank Harden, Jan Mireki, Ellen Brausgrose, Alice Elliot, Kevin Murphy, Sr Rose Aquinas, Anna Murphy, Ron Everitt and John Bell,** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FAITH EXPLORATION:** Recently several people have enquired about the Catholic Faith. There are two elements to becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. One is internal – a growth in prayer and a personal relationship with God in faith – the other is more external at a level of learning about the Catholic Faith. Support for the former is needed at an individual level or perhaps several people sharing their experiences. Catechesis can be provided at a level which is open to all who want to find out more including cradle Catholics and especially parents who would like to be able to help their children understand the Faith better but feel ill-equipped. The *Evangelium* course provides an opportunity for this with about twenty five structured sessions based on a DVD and participants' book. I propose to try this out with weekly sessions starting after Half Term, probably on Friday evenings, 8.00-9.30 p.m., but want to check with the enquirers first. Another possibility would be Sunday evenings but I suspect this would be less popular. Confirmation of details will follow.

**CONFIRMATION:** The Bishop will be coming to the parish on **29th May** for his last pastoral visit before retirement. A couple marrying this Summer have asked to be prepared for Confirmation. If there are any young people 14+ or other adults who somehow missed out on Confirmation who would like to join them please let me know as soon as possible.

**LENT COURSE:** Churches Together in Coggeshall, hosted by Christ Church. A four week course, Monday 14th March - Monday 4th April 7.30pm refreshments for 8.00pm start. (*ALSO - we would like to organise an extra day-time group if there is sufficient demand. Please do indicate on the sign-up list if you would prefer a day meeting*). **Rich Heritage - Jesus' legacy of love** - A York Course, written by Stephen Cottrell the new bishop of Chelmsford. Sign-up list and order form for course booklets (£3.50) will be available soon.

**PRAYER VIGIL:** On Tuesday, **8th March** the Diocese of Chelmsford have organised an ecumenical event in the form of a Prayer Vigil, the title is "In the shadow of recession". Prayers will be offered by all those affected by and responding to high unemployment and part-time working with particular focus on the communities of Essex and five East London Boroughs, and will also include prayers for the nation's response. Everyone is welcome to attend: This event will be held in Chelmsford Cathedral; the Programme is: 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon reflections, 1.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. refreshments and opportunity to socialise, 5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Evensong. CJSR will be participating in the Prayer Vigil and hope that as many people as possible from our diocese will attend. Formal registration is unnecessary but if you require further information please contact Elisabeth Abbott at CJSR by email: [elisabeth@dioceseofdiocese.org](mailto:elisabeth@dioceseofdiocese.org) or 01277 265236.

**DIARY DATES:** 'Be Still' day Saturday **26th March**, Parish Pastoral Council Wednesday **11th May** and Summer Fete Saturday **June 25th.**

**LENTEN COURSE:** For Lent - a six week course exploring the scriptures. Starting on Thursday 10th March at 7:00pm in the St Dominic's Room. (A shortened Prayer Group will follow this which you are welcome to stay for if you wish). For further details contact **Pat Ezra** on **01376 570859** or just turn up on the night!

**MUSIC:** It is our aim to provide a wide range of music at the 11.00 a.m. Mass in Kelvedon to satisfy, we hope, all tastes. As a general rule the Folk Group and the Children's Choir will each lead the Mass on one Sunday every month and the other Masses will be accompanied by the organ. In the period between now and Easter, the **Folk Group** will be here on **6th** and **27th March** and **10th April**. The **Children's Choir** will be here on **20th February, 20th March** and **3rd April**. If you are interested in assisting with the Church music in some way, please contact **Peter Morgan** on **01376 573337**.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St. Francis Catholic Primary School in Maldon requires a new Headteacher to commence work this September. For an application pack please contact Helen Edwards, Essex County Council, Schools Workforce Development Team, PO Box 47, County Hall, Chelmsford CM2 6WN. Tel No: 01245 436247 or email: [headships@essex.gov.uk](mailto:headships@essex.gov.uk). Closing date for receipt of applications: Wednesday, 2nd March, 2011 at Noon. Short-listing date: Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. Interviews will be held on Friday, 18th March, 2011. Applicants are encouraged to visit the school and may contact the school office for an appointment on 01621 856698.