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

Monsignor Gordon Read

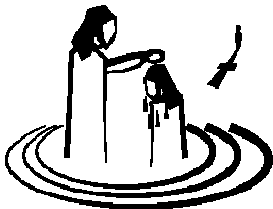
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I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

PARISH NEWSLETTER

13th January 2013

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer,
heaven opened.*

First Reading: Is 40:1-5. 9-11
Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-4.24-25.27-30
Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14. 3:4-7
Gospel: Lk 3:15-16.21-22



BAPTISM OF THE LORD: The Feast of the Lord's Baptism was established in 1955 to enhance the mystery already part of the liturgy that day as the conclusion of the Octave of the Epiphany. The Baptism of the Lord by St John marks, as it were, his emergence on the public scene to manifest the love of God to the world. The Father sets his seal of approval on the Son by anointing him with the Holy Spirit, who comes down upon him in the form of a dove and by his declaration, "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you." This action does not so much transform Jesus as to reveal what has been hidden up to now. When we are baptised there is a true transformation. We become by God's gift of grace what Jesus is by nature. We are adopted as God's sons and daughters. The words the father speaks to Jesus he speaks to us too: "You are my beloved son or daughter – my favour rests on you." We are born again through baptism, and as eternal life in God is greater than our natural and limited life on earth it is a day more important than our birthday. Even if we are not brought up in the Faith or later in life walk away from it no one can take this gift from us and we will remain God's children all the days of our lives and into eternity.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Fred Thognett, Violet Gillen, Margaret Barnes, Arnold Worrall, Eileen Polley, Roma Royal, Thomas Martin, Kathleen Wade, Kerry Anderson, Ethel Evans, Ronald Wilton, Philip Sopher, Ada Trim, Patricia Field, James Powell** and **Margaret Nicholas** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, 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.

BAPTISM AT MASS: Next Sunday **Lily Anne Tasker** (daughter of Leigh and Emily – nee Thompson) will be baptised during 11.00 a.m. Mass. The front couple of rows on the right hand side will be reserved for family. Musicians are asked to keep the area round the font clear of chairs.

RICHARD HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE: We are delighted to announce that the collection organized by the Parish Youth Group after mass and from carol singing in aid of Richard House Children's Hospice raised the sum of **£192.12**. Many thanks for your generosity to this wonderful cause and also for supporting the young people of our Parish in their efforts to do good work for others less fortunate than themselves.

PARISH MINISTERIAL ROTAS: As we look to 2013, it is with regret that due to ill-health, Michael Wigley will no longer be able to prepare the Ministerial Rotas for our parish. Any-one wishing to volunteer to take over this most valuable role should contact him as soon as possible. Tel: 01376 572244 or michael.wigley57@gmail.com.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 6th January - £714.55**.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION: Today there is an opportunity for you to support the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child which campaigns to protect the rights of the unborn and make people aware of the issues involved. There will be a basket and stickers at the back of the church. There are also postcards so that you can express your support for retaining the existing legal definition of marriage.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs every year from 18th (formerly the Feast of the Chair of St Peter at Rome) to 25th January (The Conversion of St Paul). There will be the usual services or times of prayer:

Sunday 20th January 6.30 p.m. Christchurch, Coggeshall: United Service

Sunday 20th January 7.00 p.m. Tiptree URC: United Service

**Monday 21st January 8.00 p.m. Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights:
Night Prayer**

Tuesday 22nd January 11.00 a.m. St John Houghton, Tiptree: Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd January 7.30 p.m. Prayer led by Kingsland Church – venue to be confirmed

Thursday 24th January 11.00 a.m. St Luke's, Tiptree: Service

VICE PRINCIPAL: The Governors of St Benedict's Colchester require a Vice Principal for Easter 2013 or earlier. For an application pack or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Mrs Diane Hilliard, PA to the Principal: telephone 01206 516842 or e-mail d.hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk; Applications will only be accepted on the college application form and should be addressed to the Principal. Closing date: Monday 28th January 2013 at noon.

PRAYER FOR LIFE: ADORATION FOR LIFE: The monthly prayer vigil will be at 6.30 p.m. this Tuesday, followed by the weekly silent session from 7.30pm.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Explore Experience (www.theexploreeperience.co.uk/) is currently looking to employ a Local Development Officer in the Diocese to support the Explore Project. This post is part time – one day per week. Location negotiable. For full details, job description and how to apply, please contact Phil Butcher, 01277 265252 or email phil@dioceseofbrentwood.org Deadline for applications 31st January 2013.

ST HELEN' PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 1st April - 6th April 2013. Flying from London City airport to Lourdes. 4* Hotel. Closest to the Sanctuaries. Full board basis. £599 per person based on two sharing. Child discount applies. A few spaces remaining. You will be made most welcome. Please contact Sue on 07979 746707.

MUSIC FOR LENT: A Workshop for Singers and Instrumentalists exploring the many varied sources of music suitable for use in your Parish during Lent. Saturday 9th February 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. £5 adults. No charge for under 16's. The workshop will be led by Francis Novillo, Regional Music Advisor for the RSCM. Please book your place in advance by contacting: Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood CM14 5HF - 01277 233302/01277 219944 or picturesque@tiscali.co.uk.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1**

SUNDAY 13th January <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners Private Intention
MONDAY 14th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Christopher Hamilton-Gray RIP
TUESDAY 15th January	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30-8.30 p.m.	Donor's Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 16th January	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Roma Royal (anniversary)
THURSDAY 17th January <i>St Anthony Abbot</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	Fr Bernard Davenport RIP Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 18th January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Christian Unity
SATURDAY 19th January <i>St Wulfstan</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Fr Frank and Anne Jackson
SUNDAY 20th January <i>2nd Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd relatives & friends of Talbot Family <i>Baptism Lily Anne Tasker</i> Elizabeth Hardy RIP

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

Liturgical Rotas 20th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Jill Hinds	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Vivien Talbot	Sabrina Birch
TIPTREE	Michael Wigley	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney