

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4			
SUNDAY 14th August Assumption of BVM	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Int. Ezra Family (Silver Wedding) Private Intention
MONDAY 15th August	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 16th August <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 17th August	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 18th August <i>St Helena</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
FRIDAY 19th August <i>St John Eudes</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 20th August <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 21st August 21st Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention In thanksgiving Phillip Short Private Intention
<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 21st August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sean O'Leary Teresa Hall	Jill Hinds	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Patricia Pike Helena McNally	Tom McNally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Celia Butt	Michael Wigley	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th August 2011

ASSUMPTION OF BVM

*The Almighty has done great things for me,
he has exalted the lowly.*

First Reading: Apoc 11:19:12:1-6.10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 44:10-12.16

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26

Gospel: Lk 1:39-56



ASSUMPTION BVM: Today we keep the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. The Scriptures tell us nothing of the end of Our Lady's life although it is presumed that she lived with St John the Evangelist at Ephesus. From the Fifth Century various accounts appear in writing. In some versions of the story the event is said to have taken place in Ephesus, in the House of the Virgin Mary, although this is a much more recent and localized tradition. The earliest traditions all locate the end of Mary's life in Jerusalem. By the 7th century a variation emerged, according to which one of the apostles, often identified as St Thomas, was not present at the death of Mary, but his late arrival precipitates a reopening of Mary's tomb, which is found to be empty except for her grave clothes. In a later tradition, Mary drops her girdle down to the apostle from heaven as testament to the event. This incident is depicted in many later paintings of the Assumption. The taking of Mary into Heaven became an established teaching across the Eastern, Western, Coptic and Oriental churches from at least the late 7th Century, the festival date settling at August 15. Pope Pius XII proclaimed this to be a dogma of the Catholic Faith in 1951 not so much on the basis of these traditions as a spelling out and anticipation of Christ's promise that we will share in his Resurrection by virtue of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception and life entirely free from sin. Today's first reading probably had immediately in mind the escape of the Christian community in Jerusalem to the desert across the Jordan at Pella when the Romans besieged and destroyed the Holy City – the Church is seen as the daughter of Jerusalem – but looking back we identify the Church with Our Lady. Her destiny foreshadows ours.

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

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

WELCOME FR GERALD: Once again we welcome **Fr Gerald Byaruhanga**. He will be staying with us until the end of the month. We look forward to hearing new of his diocese of Hoima and the various projects the parish has supported over the years.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Richard Armstrong** and **Lesley Kerry**, married at Kelvedon yesterday and to **Joseph Antony Moore** baptised yesterday.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in my God.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 7th August £746.97**.

ST JOHN HOUGHTON: I have long thought there ought to be a suitable image of St John Houghton in our church at Tiptree – there is a statue of St Bernard at Coggeshall carved by a friend of Fr Beecroft. I have recently come across a beautiful painting of St John Houghton by the Spanish artist Zurbaran and have ordered a print of a suitable size. It will be paid for by funds given in memory of Mrs Ray Nixon (died 2004) and Margaret Nicholas (died 2009). It is customary for such images to refer to the manner in which a martyr was killed. Zurbaran's painting refers to St John Houghton's last words as his heart was cut from his body, "O Jesu, what would'st Thou with my heart?" and shows the saint offering his heart to the Lord.



COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE & PEACE: Annual Conference Saturday 10th September, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Cathedral Parish Hall, Brentwood. Guest Speaker: Susy Brouard CAFOD. Please bring food for sharing. Everyone is welcome. For more details please contact Elizabeth Abbott by telephone 0 1 2 7 7 2 6 5 2 9 0 o r e m a i l cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org

COLCHESTER DEANERY YOUTH: All young people of Colchester Deanery are warmly invited to come together for a Mass on the Beach at **2.30 p.m.** followed by food and social on **Sunday 4th September** at Dovercourt (location and car parking is at West End Lane which is off Low Road in Dovercourt). Any musicians who would like to join in for Mass, please feel free to bring along your instruments. If you need more information, please email Sarah Barber in the Diocesan Youth Office on sarah@bcys.net.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY: The Bishop would like to invite any couples celebrating special anniversaries this year (1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th) to join him for a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral on Saturday 24th September at 3.30 p.m. I am sending an invitation to those couples I know of, but if you fall into this category please let me know and I will be happy to give you an invitation card.

LOURDES 2012 ST. HELEN'S (WESTCLIFF-on-SEA) PARISH PILGRIMAGE: You are cordially invited to join us for next years pilgrimage-2012. We will be travelling by air from City Airport - Lourdes on Easter MONDAY 9th April staying for FIVE NIGHTS at the Hotel Grand Moderne (only) 50 metres from the Sanctuary areas. Returning by air on Saturday 14 April. PRICE INCLUDES Full board at this 4* HOTEL with private ensuite facilities. ALL Coach transfers in France. Halfday excursion to Bartres included. £560.00 per person (based on 2 sharing). Discount for child places. EXCLUDES TRAVEL INSURANCE and single room supplement. Places are limited so please don't be disappointed ring Sue on 01268 750752 or 07979746707 for further details.

KELVEDON AND FEERING HERITAGE SOCIETY: Next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd September at Kelvedon Institute at 8.00pm. The Speaker, Michael Hunt, will be giving a talk about Moore's Buses. Moore's were a bus company operating in the Kelvedon for many years starting off with horse drawn vehicles and finally closing 51 years ago when they were taken over by Eastern National Buses. Refreshments will be available. All welcome. Visitors £2