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3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th December 2014

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### 'GAUDETE'

*There stands among you, unknown to you,  
the one who is coming after me.*

First Reading:	Is 61:1-2.10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Lk 1:45-50.53-54
Second Reading:	1 Th 5:16-24
Gospel:	Jn 1:6-8:19-28



I Baptize With Water  
But One Mightier  
Is Coming

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE':** Today's Gospel revisits the ministry of John the Baptist, clarifying the nature of his role. He is not himself the 'light' God has promised but comes to bear witness to the one who will describe himself as the 'Light of the World'. This is one of the themes that runs right through St John's Gospel, beginning from the 'Prologue' that is read at the Christmas Day Mass. He is the light that darkness cannot overcome. He is also the one who will baptise not simply with water as an outward sign of repentance but with the Holy Spirit to transform us from within. It is the gift of the Spirit that enables us to see the light and recognise who Christ really is. In this way God's gift of faith makes it possible for us to respond with faith in our hearts. This freeing and empowering gift fills us with joy in anticipation of Christmas – reflected liturgically in the softening of Advent purple into rose pink for the vestments used at Mass.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Anthony Said, Agnes Bamford, Margaret Moffat, Cyril Payne, Agnes Morden, Alice Lewry* and *Johanna Swaffield* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**'BAMBINELLI' SUNDAY:** Each year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child—the "Bambinelli"—from their family's Nativity scene, or *presepe*. During the noontime Angelus prayer, the pope blesses the children and the figurines they have brought. We will join the Holy father in this custom. If you have brought your figure of the Christ child with you, please come up at the back of the offertory procession and place it on the table. I will bless them at the end of Mass and the you can collect them on the way home.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** If you have not already done so, please collect your card after Mass today. Those left will be posted during the week.

**CAROL SERVICE – TIPTREE:** You are invited to take part in the Ecumenical Carol Service for Tiptree at the URC next Sunday at 4.00 p.m.

**ADORATION AT KELVEDON:** There will be no Adoration on Tuesday evening at Kelvedon until the new year.

**NINE LESSONS & CAROLS:** At Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 21st December at 4.00 p.m. led by Bishop Alan. This is a beautiful service of music, readings and prayer to which everyone in the diocese is welcome. If you would like to prepare for Christmas in a really special way this year, then please come along.

**BESTERS (BLUE) BOXES:** Are now due for counting. Please put your name on the box and the Mass centre e.g. Kelvedon, Tiptree or Coggeshall.

**EASY FUNDRAISING:** We are now at £730.05. That's £50.00 more than we have this time last week. If you are ordering Christmas essentials on line then please support our cause.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 7th December £645.11.**

**"IN CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP ALAN"** THIS Thursday – an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. Bishop Alan has served as a school chaplain, university chaplain, parish priest, shrine director and superior of his religious order. He is a mountaineer and a scientist. But what inspired him to become a priest? Hear his story on **Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.** including fish & chip supper. Full details at [www.brentwoodvocations.org](http://www.brentwoodvocations.org) or on the Brentwood Vocations Facebook Page. The evening is free, but registration is required – call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email [frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org](mailto:frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org)

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT ST JOHN PAYNE SCHOOL:** You are warmly invited to attend our annual Advent Service on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall (Upper School Hall). Please come along and join in with a festive celebration and preparation for the coming Christmas season as we await the coming of our Lord at Christmas. The Service will be led by students and staff at the school and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you have any queries, please contact the School Chaplain - Hannah Abrahams – on 01245 256030 or email [office@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjp.essex.sch.uk).

**HEALING MASS:** At Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday 17th December. All are welcome! Please call 01277 373959 for more information.

**CLEANING AT TIPTREE CHURCH :** Currently there is only one person involved with the cleaning of our church in Tiptree. If you can help then please contact either **Celia Butt 01621 815568** or speak to **Fr Gordon**.

**HANDBELL RINGERS:** The Cathedral House Handbell Ringers would like to thank all those who attended their second Lunchtime Recital at Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd December 2014. Due to the generosity of the audience, the retiring collection amounted to an amazing £207.30 for the SAMARITANS – such an important organisation, especially vital at this time of the year. Your support was greatly appreciated

**MACMILLAN 20 VOLUME FAMILY ENCYCLOPEDIA:** We have one copy of this set at the back of the church at Kelvedon for you to look at. If anyone is interested in owning these books (they are free) then please give your name to Fr Gordon.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 14th December <i>3rd of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) J.J. Mullen & Family deceased All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 15th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 16th December	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Throckmorton Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17th December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 18th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Kathleen & Frank Mason RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 20th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 21st December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Families Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 21st December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Helena McNally Patricia Pike	Tom McNally	Gloria Streat
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Isobel Kersey	Valerie Bartlett	Jude Cody