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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

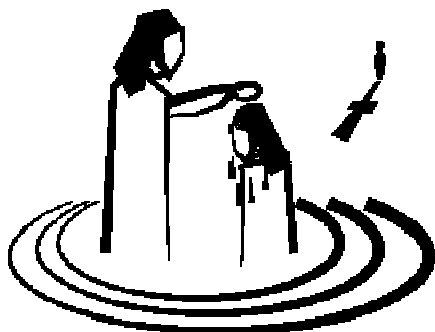
What must we do!

First Reading: Zp 3:14-18

Responsorial Psalm Is 12:2-6

Second Reading: Ph 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18



**I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: “The first Reading of Mass is an invitation to joy. The Prophet Zephaniah at the end of the seventh century B.C. spoke to the city of Jerusalem and its people with these words: ‘Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem...! The Lord your God is in your midst’. As in the times of the Prophet Zephaniah, it is particularly to those being tested and to ‘life’s wounded and orphans of joy’ that God’s word is being addressed in a special way. To transform the world, God chose a humble young woman from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: ‘hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you’. In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close!” Pope Benedict XVI

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Margaret Moffat, Cyril Payne, Agnes Morden, Alice Lewry, Jo Swaffield** and **Nuala Peddell** 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.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: Do take advantage of our **Service of Reconciliation** this **Wednesday** evening at **Kelvedon 7.30 p.m.** **Fr Tom Lavin** from Lexden will be coming to assist with confessions. It is an opportunity to prepare spiritually to welcome the Lord into our hearts at Christmas.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS OR SERVICES: Carol Service at Tiptree URC today 4.00 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols St Peter’s, Coggeshall, today 6.00 p.m. Carol singing in the street starting from Kelvedon URC Monday 17th 6.30 p.m.

MASS VARIATIONS: Mass on Wednesday and Thursday will be at 9.00 a.m. There will be **no** Mass on Friday as I have a meeting in Nottingham at 11.00 a.m.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: These are now ready and an important way for us to reach out to those who do not come. Please help by taking your own card and for any neighbours you feel able to deliver to. The remainder will be posted.

CRISIS: Mike Wigley and a friend will be touring various CRISIS centres performing Christmas carols for ten hours on 23rd December. The number of homeless in London has increased by 43% in the past year. Volunteers give of their time but also try to raise money by seeking sponsorship. If anyone would like to sponsor a volunteer, click on the following link: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/MichaelWigley>.

KELVEDON URC: Are holding a Candlelit Carol Service on **Sunday 23rd December** at **3.00 p.m.** All are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP COLLECTIONS FOR RICHARD HOUSE HOSPICE: Last Saturday children from the Youth Group went carolling in Kelvedon. It was a very cold wintry evening but they all sang like angels and collected donations for Richard House Hospice, a charity that supports children with life limiting conditions. This week after each mass they will be asking you for a small donation to the Hospice in exchange for a wishing star to hang on your Christmas Tree. Please support the children and their efforts to help with this very worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

ADORATION: There will be no Adoration on Tuesday evening at Kelvedon until January.

COLCHESTER EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER: We have always given support in various different ways to the Night Shelter over the years and especially at Christmas time. This year there will be a collection after Mass on **Sunday 23rd December**. If you would like to donate please complete the gift aid envelopes provided if you are a taxpayer. Thank you for your support. **Teresa Hall**.

CHRISTMAS TOGETHER: Any Tiptree residents who would otherwise be spending Christmas Day on their own is invited for **Christmas Dinner** at **1.00 p.m.** in Saint Luke's extension. Guests will be given mince pies and fruit scones to take home with them for their tea. Transport can be arranged for anyone unable to make their way to the extension, and a Christmas dinner can be delivered to anyone who is housebound. Please contact **Jane** or **Peter Coleman** on **01621 818304** to reserve your place. If you would like to help in any way, either on the day or with the preparations beforehand, please get in touch.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO: For over a thousand years, pilgrims have walked the road of St James in search of meaning, purpose, and the will of God, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Galician countryside in Northern Spain. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) is planning a pilgrimage to the great shrine of St James, for those aged 18-30. The proposed date of the pilgrimage is 9th - 16th of September, 2013. If you are at a crucial point of life (going to university, gap year, new job, etc), seeking space for reflection, a challenge for the body and a spiritual renewal, then the Way of St James may be for you. Estimated costs for the pilgrimage are £650, and this includes flights and daily accommodation with breakfast and dinner. If you are interested, please contact Fr James Mackay via email: james_m79@hotmail.com.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS GROUP: The Diocesan Vocations Discernment Group is open to men and women aged 17 – 30 and meets about every six weeks in Brentwood. The next meeting is **Friday 21st December, 7.30 p.m.**, when we are delighted to welcome **Bishop Thomas McMahon**. Bishop Thomas will share his vocation story, and take questions. We will have a meal together, and finish with Adoration and Night Prayer at about 9.15 p.m. For full details of the group and the venue call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 9th December £1180.83**.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3**

SUNDAY 16th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP All Parishioners Private Intention
MONDAY 17th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Maggie Clark
TUESDAY 18th December	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Intention Throckmorton Family <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 19th December	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Service of Reconciliation</i>
THURSDAY 20th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Edmund Ward RIP Private Intention
FRIDAY 21st December	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
SATURDAY 22nd December	Kelvedon	10.00 A.M.	Intention Kevin & Siobhan Mattimoe
SUNDAY 23rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Mary McGonagall (anniversary) Peter Doran RIP All Parishioners

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

Liturgical Rotas 23rd December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Desmond Crone	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Tom McInally	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Sue Petchey	Mary Branney