

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4			
SUNDAY 18th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Wood RIP All Parishioners Charles & Ellen Thomas RIP
MONDAY 19th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Bob Smith
TUESDAY 20th December	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30pm	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 21st December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Eugene William Read RIP
THURSDAY 22nd December	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention Private Intention
FRIDAY 23rd December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 24th December Christmas Eve	Kelvedon Tollesbury C of E Kelvedon	6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 12.00 Midnight	<i>Vigil Mass for families - carols</i> <i>from 6.00 p.m.: Anne Sexton RIP</i> <i>Mass of Midnight: Private Int.</i> <i>Midnight Mass - carols from</i> <i>11.30 p.m.: All Parishioners</i>
SUNDAY 25th December Christmas Day	Coggeshall Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	<i>Mass of Dawn: John Wood RIP</i> <i>Day Mass: Daniel McDermott RIP</i>
<p><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: this Saturday</i> <i>9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. at KELVEDON</i> <i>10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. at COGGESHALL</i> <i>11.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon at TIPTREE</i></p>			
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tom McInally		

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Listen you are to conceive and bear a son.

First Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-.8-12.14.16

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5.27.29

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Apologies to any who were confused by my introduction last week – I inadvertently opened the page at 3rd Sunday of the Year and since its theme was penance it didn't strike me as inappropriate! Today we hear the story of the Annunciation. The Church prefaces this by a story from 2 Samuel about how King David was minded to build a temple for the Lord. Through Nathan God blesses David for his good intention but this is a task for his son Solomon. His blessing will be with the House of David for ever. The fullness of that blessing is revealed in his distant descendent Jesus. God will no longer dwell in a house made by human hands. He will be united for ever with humanity by taking on human flesh. For nine months the womb of Mary will be the shelter and dwelling place of God. This is why in the Litany of Loreto she is described as 'Ark of the Covenant' and 'House of Gold'. Today we are invited to share with Our Lady those last precious days as she prepared to give birth to the Saviour.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Cyril Payne, Agnes Morden Alice Lewry, Nuala Peddell, Joan Shepherd, Mark Kyan, Anthony Farley** and **Robert Pinder** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Trisha Parkin, Mark Petchey, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Bill Sullivan, Sheila Faulkner, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly,** and any unknown to us.

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Rachael Hart** who was received into the Church through baptism at Tiptree last Sunday.

CHRISTMAS MASS DETAILS: You will find these on the back page but should also have received a Christmas card – if not then please let us know so that our address list can be updated. As usual there will be **confessions** in all three churches on **Christmas Eve: Kelvedon 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.; Tiptree 11.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon.**

RICHARD HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE: On Saturday 10th December children from the parish went caroling around Kelvedon in aid of Richard House Children's Hospice, a hospice that looks after children between the ages of 0-19 yrs suffering from some form of life limiting or life threatening condition. Despite the very cold weather the children gave a wonderful performance delighting local residents with their angelic voices. They raised an amazing **£79.63** for the hospice. This week after each mass the children will be continuing their efforts to raise money for this very worthwhile cause by exchanging wishing stars for a donations, please support them in their efforts to do good work for others less fortunate than themselves.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: There will be no Prayer Group this Thursday. We will start again on Thursday 5th January.

FAMILY MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE: All Children wishing to take part in the **Christmas Eve Mass (6.30 p.m. with carols before from 6.00 p.m.)** will need to be at the church at **5:15 p.m.** on **Christmas Eve** and we would ask that parents are on hand to help the children change before the Mass.

TIPTREE REDECORATION: The Rosary Group presented a Christmas Hamper on Tuesday to a Tiptree family to acknowledge the huge support they have given over the year, not only redecorating the church after the fire, but also all the work done to transform the garden. The family would like to say a huge thank you for the gift it was a lovely surprise.

UGANDA: Fr. Gerald sends fondest Christmas greetings to all his friends in the parish. He will be even more pleased to learn of the very generous funds being transferred in the coming week, through the lottery and our annual appeal. The astonishing total amounts to **£8,800** which will be used to support to children's education and school improvements for which Fr. Gerald retains responsibility after his meeting with his Bishop on his return to Uganda recently.

FREE CLASSICAL CONCERT: 'Now is The Night' a concert of 20th century music. **Tuesday 24th January at 7.00 p.m. Brentwood Cathedral.** This is an exciting chance to hear two promising young talents perform pieces, which will include Mahler's *Ruckert Lieder* and Samuel Barber's *Knoxville Summer of 1915*, for free in a beautiful and atmospheric setting. The concert will consist of two halves each lasting approximately 35 minutes and free refreshments will be available in the short interval in the Cathedral Song School. For more information on the event search 'Now is the Night' on facebook, or visit <http://nowisthenight.tumblr.com>

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 11th December - £753.82.**

NEW SUNDAY YEARLY MISSALS: These yearly Missals have the new translation in and are priced at £5.00 each. They can be found in St. Dominic's Room along with the books.

SS PETER & PAUL LIVE CRIB: Bethlehem will come to Ilford High Road this Christmas Eve. Ss Peter & Paul's Catholic Church has had some difficulty trying to source sheep and cattle for a live crib - but the donkey and sheep will definitely be there for this first Live Crib. Live cribs ("Presepe Vivente" in Italian) are a tradition going back to 1223 when St Francis of Assisi re-enacted the Christmas story with villagers and animals in Greccio, central Italy. The forecourt of Ss Peter & Paul is a little different to the Lazio-Umbrian countryside but with a tremendous response from parishioners and a little help from a few of Fr Andrew Headon's friends it is going to be a first for Ilford. Fr Andrew hopes that the atmosphere will be as dramatic and equally prayerful. Between midday and 5.00 p.m. on 24th December the Christmas story will be enacted first by adults 12.30 p.m. then teenagers 2.30 p.m. and then younger children 4.30 p.m. So why not start your Christmas holidays by watching the most beautiful Christmas story unfold outside Ss Peter's & Paul's Ilford. Donations to the crib will be supporting CHILDCARE. Contact Bernie Maloney 07841 865308.

MASS & LUNCH: For those considering Priestly Vocation on Thursday 29th December, St Basil the Great, Luncies Road, Basildon SS14 1SD Everyone is welcome to Mass at 11.30 a.m., as a chance to pray for Priestly vocations in the Diocese. Lunch is then on offer for those considering Priestly vocation, where they will be joined by our current Diocesan seminarians – if you would like to come please email the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic Howarth, frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org