

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

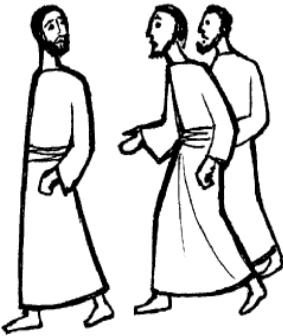
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th January 2015

SECOND SUNDAY

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

First Reading:	1 Sam 3:3-10. 19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10
Second Reading:	1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20
Gospel:	Jn 1:35-42



SECOND SUNDAY: The weeks after Epiphany and after Pentecost are styled 'Ordinary Time', characterised by the use of green vestments, and on Sundays take us through the public ministry of Our Lord covering each of the 'Synoptic' Gospels over three years. Year 2 or B sets us before us St Mark's Gospel, but because it is shorter than the others some weeks it is supplemented by readings from St John's Gospel, e.g. the explanation of the feeding of the Five Thousand, and also today. Why did Simon and Andrew, James and John respond so promptly (Matthew and Luke) when Jesus calls them from their fishing nets? St John tells us that that this was not their first encounter. Andrew was already a follower of John the Baptist. John's comment about Jesus as the Lamb of God inspired him to find out more and as a result Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. This story also shows us how important friendship and family relationships can be in sharing the Faith. Some people discover the Christian Faith through reading and reflection, but for most there is a human trigger – a friend or relative who in some way inspires them, or perhaps invites them to Church as a new place of encounter with God

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 *Patricia Field, Ethel Evans, Sr Mary Paul Chard, Margaret Nicholas, Ada Trim, Ronald Wilton, Philip Sopher, James Powell* and *Bishop Doubleday* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This year the week runs from today until next Sunday 18th-25th January. These dates were chosen because the former was formerly the Feast of the Chair of St Peter at Rome and the latter is still that of the Conversion of St Paul (when not displaced by the Sunday). St Bernard's, Coggeshall will host the annual service for Coggeshall today at 4.00 p.m. In Tiptree this year the emphasis will be on a 'prayer event' at the beginning of February - 4.00 p.m. at the United Reformed Church. The focus will be on prayer for three joint initiatives - TYPO (the youth work project), The Oasis Christian book Shop and the schedule of prayer visiting street by street, which will resume in Spring. There will, however, be the usual invitation to join the community at the Orthodox Monastery at Tolleshunt Knights for Night Prayer on Monday 19th January at 8.00 p.m., or to attend existing services such as our Rosary Group on Tuesday at 11.00 a.m. and St Luke's Eucharist on Thursday 22nd at 10.00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN AID COGGESHALL: Maureen Bennett of St Peter's who has co-ordinated Christian Aid for Coggeshall for a number of years is unable to continue in this role. Is there anyone at St Bernard's who might consider undertaking this task? I think the key will be an ability to delegate so that no one person has too much to do. The principle activity is organising the annual Christian Aid collection during May.

WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION FOR SPUC: This will be taken up next weekend. Many of you will have read about the court case of two midwives who sought to uphold their right not to be involved in supervising abortions. Sadly they lost their case in the Supreme Court just before Christmas with worrying implications for all nurses and doctors in the field of gynaecology. SPUC supported the midwives during the three year court case to the extent of £406K in legal fees. The 'white flower collection' is one of the principal sources of funding for such work.

MASS VARIATION: Due to a school governors' meeting connected with St Benedict's College at 8.00 a.m. there will be no Mass at Kelvedon this Tuesday.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 11th January - £653.25.**

War Diary 1914-1918

"On account of the increased cost of abstinence food, the law is dispensed till further order, even on Fridays"

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This must have a great psychological impact on the Catholic community at that time. Abstinence from meat and meat products was a feature not only of Fridays, but also many other days in the year, the Vigils of major feast days, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the four seasonal Ember-tides and throughout Lent. The loss of shipping nearly starved Britain by the middle years of World War I and the situation of ordinary people was not mitigated by a rationing scheme, introduced only in 1918. My mother recalled how a boiled egg was a treat to be shared with her sister once a week! They had only what my grandfather could grow in the garden or swap with neighbours.

BRAINTREE AREA FOOD BANK: The support we have received in the run up to Christmas has been amazing. Donations reached such a level that the warehouse is still processing food in and I am not able to give you details of the amount donated by your congregation. It is, however, a good time to give you an update at the nine month stage of our financial year. In that period we have fed 2,119 people (1,328 adults and 791 children) which is roughly the same number of people fed during the same period in the year 2013/2014. We have noticed, however, that we are seeing more single people needing help rather than families. We have distributed just under 21 tonnes of food and food donated is just under 23 tonnes, although this figure does not include much of the December donations. The warehouse currently holds just under 19 tonnes of food. It is wonderful that the donations of food keep pace with the need in the area and that we have good stocks. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers the only sessions not available over the Christmas and New Year period were those at Braintree and Witham on Boxing Day. However, both centres organised a special session, Christ Church on Tuesday 23rd and Witham on Christmas Eve. This meant clients were able to collect food in all three towns in those last few days before Christmas.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

SUNDAY 18th January <i>Second Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Andy McGonagall (anniversary) All Parishioners <i>Service for Christian Unity Week</i> Marion O'Donnell (anniversary)
MONDAY 19th January <i>St Wulstan</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Tom Wall RIP
TUESDAY 20th January <i>Sts Fabian & Sebastian</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	NO MASS 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 22nd January <i>St Vincent</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	William Sheldrake Private Intention
FRIDAY 23rd January	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
SATURDAY 24th January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 25th January <i>Third Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners John & Ellen Quigley RIP Private Intention

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

Liturgical Rotas 25th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Tracey O'Donnell	Jude Cody