

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19th August <i>20th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Manuel Issa RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 20th August <i>St Bernard of Clairvaux</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21st August <i>St Pius X</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	NO MASS 11.00 a.m.	<i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22nd August <i>Queenship of Our Lady</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23rd August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	NO MASS NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25th August	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th August <i>21st of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Brian Kennedy RIP All Parishioners Intention Pablo (Deasey Family)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction will resume in September</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 26th August	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Helena McInally	Edna Morgan
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Isobel Kersey	Helen Norton	Jude Cody

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

First Reading: Pr 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15

Second Reading: Eph 5:15-20

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY:** “I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day”. Next Sunday in the concluding section of the Bread of Life discourse we shall hear how many disciples walked away at this point. Even animal blood is forbidden under Jewish law and this sounded like cannibalism! Even the closest friends of Our Lord could not understand, but accepted his words on trust. We know that cannibalism was an accusation made against the early Christians by pagans. They did not soften their language but sought to explain its meaning. No Christian writers doubted that the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ in a real and objective manner before Berengarius around 1000 AD. Once the question ‘how’ had been raised theologians such as St Thomas Aquinas sought to explain this mystery in terms of the philosophy of the day. Today we are aware of sub-atomic particles and that what seems solid is a complex of particles that attract and repel each other – we can think of the search for the Higgs Boson particle as an entity that explains ‘mass’. The approach taken by Aristotle was to speak of these outward, observable aspects of an object as ‘accidents’ – things that could change – and that underlying them was a different kind of reality that gave them being – substance. Tables can have different ‘accidental’ qualities - they can be made of wood, metal, plastic, etc. – but underlying this is a defining characteristic – substance – which is what makes them table not chairs. St Thomas explains that in the Eucharist the ‘substance’ of bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ, but that the ‘accidents’, the physical and chemical structure of bread and wine remain. This is why the official teaching of the Church refers to the change that takes place as ‘transubstantiation’. It is an objective change that remains as long as the outward signs of bread and wine remain rather than a symbolic and temporary change in the context of the Mass and in the mind of the recipient of Communion. This is why it is possible to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for the Communion of the sick, and as a focus of prayer and adoration outside of Mass.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Edith Hutley, Manuel Issa, Helmut Hoefft and Dan Hare** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hazel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwisted, 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.

**MASS OF CELEBRATION:** In honour of the **XIV Summer Paralympic Games** on **Saturday 8th September at 12:30 p.m.** at **St George’s Cathedral, Southwark** in the presence of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. Seats are unreserved. For more information, contact [www.catholic2012.com](http://www.catholic2012.com) [frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org](mailto:frank-vanvelzen@anchorhouseuk.org) or phone +44(0) 7519 928311 or [www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk)

**SUE & PHIL HARRISON:** Sue and Phil have been parishioners at Coggeshall for twenty five years and have contributed much to the parish. For a long time they had been hoping to move to France but had difficulty selling. Suddenly all fell into place a few days ago and they moved last Thursday. Despite the short notice we were able to give them a little ‘send-off’ on the part of the parish last Sunday. No doubt they will pay a visit from time to time. This does mean that at Coggeshall we shall have vacancies on the rota of Extraordinary Ministers and Flowers, and also will need a replacement for Sue as one of our representatives on Coggeshall Churches Together.

**THE WORK OF THE SCRIBE TODAY:** The Suffolk & North Essex branch of the Council of Christians and Jews warmly invite you to their September Event - Thursday 6th September, 7.00 p.m. St Pancras Church Hall, 1 Orwell Place, Ipswich. This is a rare chance to see a scribe at work. Mordechai Pinchas/Marc Michaels, (scribe) will both explain and demonstrate how he goes about creating a scroll. There will be an opportunity for you to try out some calligraphy. Enquiries: 01473 413461. Refreshments available.

**AUGUST HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS:** As explained a couple of weeks ago, Fr Gerald is unable to be with us this year and at short notice it has not been possible to arrange weekend cover. As a result I will be away Mondays to Fridays during August, so there will be no Mass Tuesday to Friday. In an emergency, please contact **Fr David Prior at Witham (01376 512219)** or **Fr Tom Lavin at Lexden (01206 576898)**.

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND:** Young women (20s and 30s). 7th - 9th September, in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) and will provide opportunity for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young catholic women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com), visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**GLORIA RESPONSE:** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER:** **Saturday 8th September** at **Clare Priory** when **Fr. Tony Philpot** will lead us in a day of talks, reflection and prayer. Fr. Tony is an outstanding speaker and this opportunity should not be missed. The theme for the day is: “*My soul is thirsting for you my God.*” The day will begin at 9.30 a.m. and end at approximately 3.30 p.m. A soup lunch will be provided. The cost of the day is £20.00. To book a place please phone Kathy at the Priory: 01787 277326 ext 1.

**ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY:** The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society will take place on Saturday 1st September at The Grange, 93, Queens Road, Brentwood at 2.30 pm. Dr. Leo Gooch, Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Record Society, will speak about, ‘Smuggling and Recusancy on the North Sea Coast’.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 12th August - £732.51.**