

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4			
SUNDAY 19th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Gregory John Cody & Jason Dutch RIP Charles & Ellen Thomas RIP
MONDAY 20th December	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Edmund Ward & Family <i>Mothers' Prayers Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 21st December	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Eugene William Read RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 22nd December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	In honour of St Joseph
THURSDAY 23rd December	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Int. Throckmorton Family <i>Church open for Prayer</i> Private Intention
FRIDAY 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Kelvedon Tollesbury Kelvedon	6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 12.00 midnight	<i>Vigil Mass for families:</i> Int. Dwight Page & Daniel Sencier <i>Mass of Midnight:</i> Private Int. <i>Midnight Mass:</i> All Parishioners
SATURDAY 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Coggeshall Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	<i>Dawn Mass:</i> John Wood RIP <i>Day Mass:</i> Int. Ann Howard
SUNDAY 26th December <i>The Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie MacPherson anniversary Altar Servers All Parishioners
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation for Christmas: FRIDAY 9.30-10.00 a.m. KELVEDON; 10.30-11.00 a.m. COGGESHALL; 11.30-12.00 noon TIPTREE</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 26th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Sean O'Leary	Edwina Abram
KELVEDON	Jadwiga Smith Steve Smith	Audrey Thurlow	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Audrey Thurlow	Mary Branney

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

First Reading: Is 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm PS 23:1-6
Second Reading: Rm 1:1-7
Gospel: Mt 1:18-24



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The readings today focus on the role of Our Lady. God could have chosen to appear among us in human form but without truly sharing our human nature – a kind of vision or apparition like those of the pagan gods. He could have chosen to rescue us and restore us to favour by decree. However, this was not his choice. He chose to take our human nature to himself – to become as all human beings are except for sin. For this to happen he needed the co-operation of a woman to be his mother. Mary's role guarantees that Jesus is truly human. At the same time, if Jesus had a natural human father, in what sense would he be son of God? So that his divinity should not be questioned God fulfils the sign promised to Ahaz. Mary will conceive Jesus in a miraculous way through the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us. If you know of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

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

JOHN NEED RIP: We regret to announce the death of Mr John Need of Queen Street, Coggeshall. Because of the involvement of the coroner and the closeness to Christmas it is likely that his funeral will not take place until the New Year.

CAROL SERVICES: All are welcome to join carol services this afternoon at Tiptree URC (4.00 p.m.) and St. Peter's, Coggeshall (6.00 p.m.). There will also be carol singing in Kelvedon tomorrow evening starting at the station at 5.45 p.m. and moving up the High Street.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: If you are on our records you should have received a Christmas card with full details – if not please let me know so we can update our records. You will also find details of Christmas Eve confessions and Christmas Services on the back of this Newsletter.

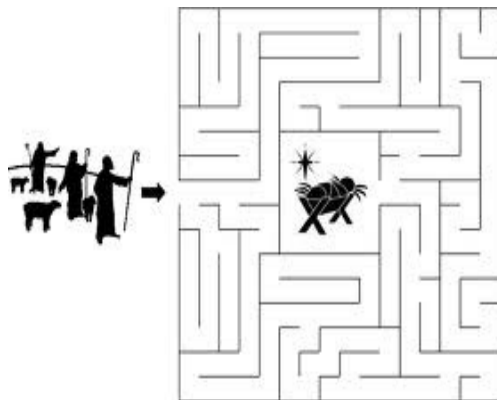
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS: There will be a short practice for the children involved in acting out the Christmas story tomorrow morning (Monday) at 10.00 a.m. in Kelvedon Church.



WORLD YOUTH DAY: Two weeks in Spain; a stay with a Spanish host family; world class hostel accommodation in central Madrid; 1.5 million young people – and Pope Benedict XVI. The cost is **£895** but there will be fundraising support towards this cost. **Just nine places remain** on the BCYS trip to be part of this amazing experience. August 10th – 23rd 2011. Initial meeting for the group is 3rd January, so please register interest now – form can be printed from www.bcys.net. Open to all in school year 12 up to young adult.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: A Mass to pray with and for those training for Priesthood, and those considering Priestly vocation. All are very welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD, at 11.30am on **Wednesday 29th December**. For more details, or to enquire about vocation, please contact **Fr Dominic Howarth** – frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org. Holy Trinity Church is close to Basildon station, on the c2c line, and also easily reached from the A13 or A127.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 12th December - £843.31.**



EMMANUEL

Source of divine Light, Emmanuel,
God-with-us,
your radiant love illuminated
our waiting world
with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth.
Each year since then we celebrate
this astonishing event,
rejoicing in your coming anew, not
as a newborn Babe,
but as the hidden presence of divinity
contained within each of us.
To our astonishment, we have become
your dwelling place.
We are now your Bethlehem.

Now you are Treasure birthed in the
secret place of our soul.
Now you are Light gleaming through
our gestures of generosity.
Now you are Hope radiating inside
the core of our courage.
Now you are Joy shining into the
dark caves of our gloom.
Now you are Peace glowing quietly
in the crevice of our anxiety.
Now you are Love brilliantly reflected
within our kindness.

O Christ, Light of all lights, Star of all
stars, dweller within these
human homes of ours,
open our wandering minds
and hesitant hearts
so your endless goodness radiates
more completely in us.
We welcome you again and again,
with gratitude and trust,
not only in this Christmas season
of remembrance and celebration
but all through the new year
that awaits us.