

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 3 (4 from WEDNESDAY)			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19th February <i>7th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Joan Hart & family Kathleen Turner (anniversary) All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 20th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mrs Bruxby RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21st February	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Int. Siobhan & Kevin Mattimoe <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22nd February Ash Wednesday <i>Fast &amp; Abstinence</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	All Parishioners Private Intention Daniel McDermott RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23rd February	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Maya Newhouse RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eddie Wall RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy New Common Fund
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Joan Rhodes All Parishioners Private Intention
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 26th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	Sean O'Leary	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Helena McNally	Edna Morgan
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Isobel Kersey	Jean Mullane	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tom McNally		

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.*

First Reading: Is 43:18-19.21-22.24-25

Responsorial Psalm Ps 40: 2-5. 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Cor 1:18-22

Gospel: Mk 2:1-12



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR:** Capernaum figures prominently in the Gospels. It was Simon Peter's home town where we heard the beginning of Jesus' healing ministry three weeks ago. Meanwhile he has been travelling around other parts of Galilee. His reputation has grown and when he returns to Capernaum the crowds are so great that friends bringing a paralysed man have no choice but to lower his stretcher through the roof. This time Jesus' response is indirect. He says, "My child, your sins are forgiven." Such an action has no visible signs, and so when the crowd inwardly question his words, he gives them a sign they can see – the man gets up and walks away. In a similar way Christ established for us the outward sign of forgiveness in the sacrament of penance so that we might be sure our sins are forgiven. Without that sign we might remain in doubt as to whether our sorrow was sufficient. The Church reinforces this message by presenting us with today's first reading from Isaiah. "No need to recall the past...I am doing a new deed...I it is who must blot out everything and not remember your sins."

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Anna Murphy, Ron Everitt, John Bell, Isabel Chittock, Anrzej Matrejek, Kathleen Boyton, David Fox, Doris Samuels, Frances Taylor, Martha Fairweather** and **Jean O'Neill** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

**LENT:** The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. **Ashes** will be imposed at all three Masses – **Kelvedon at 10.00 a.m., Coggeshall at 6.00 p.m. and Tiptree at 7.30 p.m.** Shrove Tuesday is not simply 'pancake day' – 'shrive' means 'absolve' and was a day when people made their confession so as to benefit more fully from the Holy Season approaching. Its other name – implied in the pancakes – is Carnevale ('farewell to meat') and reminds us that formerly we were bound to abstain from meat and dairy products for the whole of Lent. Today the **obligation** is just to **abstain** from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and **Fridays** throughout the year (unless it is a liturgical 'solemnity'). Equally **fasting** (only one meal and two snacks) applies only on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** rather than all week days in Lent, and those under eighteen or sixty plus are exempt.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** As far as possible **Stations of the Cross** will take place before Mass on **Sunday** evenings at **Tiptree**, **Wednesday** evenings at **Kelvedon** and **Thursday** evenings at **Coggeshall**, but please check each week as there will be a number of exceptions, e.g. next Sunday when I have to be at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election.

**COGGESHALL CHURCHES TOGETHER Prayer Breakfast:** We are hosting this month's prayer breakfast at **St Bernard's** on **Saturday 25th February 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.** All welcome – please sign the list at the back of the Church for catering purposes.

**LENTEN STUDY GROUP: COGGESHALL: Monday** evenings at 7.30 p.m. starting **Monday 27th February**. This year there will be a series of presentations on the mission of the Christian Church in different parts of the world. These will take place at **Christchurch**. **27th February - ZIMBABWE Speaker: Mrs Mary Sachikony. 5th March - JAPAN Speaker: Miss Eileen Warner. 12th March - KENYA Speaker: Mrs Hannah Cooper. 19th March - ISRAEL + PALESTINE Speaker: Revd Mones Farah. 26th March - INDIA Speaker: Mrs Jane Crone.**

**TIPTREE:** There will be Bible study looking at some of the events leading up to the Passion; this will take place at the **URC** on **Tuesday** evenings at 8.00 p.m. repeated at **St Luke's** on **Thursday** mornings at 11.00 a.m.

**KELVEDON: Tuesday** evenings 7.30 p.m. at the **URC**. The format will be a 'York Course' with a study booklet. "Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace especially in Asia (including China), Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow and perhaps even to survive. In this course we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer."

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>A Christian Country? (FEBRUARY 28TH)</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>A Secular Society? (MARCH 6TH)</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>A Beleaguered Church? (MARCH 13TH)</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Competing Creeds? (MARCH 20TH)</b>
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Handing on the Torch (MARCH 27TH)</b>

Do consider taking part in one of these study courses along with our friends from the other Churches as part of your Lenten spiritual growth.

**FINANCE:** The Offertory collection for **Sunday 12th February - £620.95.**

**TIPTREE URC MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB:** On 25th February we welcome **Rev Mark Ambrose** who will be talking about his work as Chaplain at St Helena's Hospice. This follows our usual Full English Breakfast at 8.30 a.m. for which a minimum contribution of £2 is requested. We are pleased at the recent increase in numbers, but we always have spare capacity for any friends you may wish to bring. Just ring 01621 817135.

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN LECTURE:** 7th March at 7.30 pm **Fr Christopher Jamison OSB**, writer, broadcaster and former Abbot of Worth: ***The Real Big Brother: monks, religion and the media.*** 14th March at 7.30 pm **Rev. Peter Judd**, Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral: ***Huts or Temples: The Church as a Sacred Space.*** 21st March at 7.30 pm **Fr James Mackay**, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral: ***Male and Female he created them: a meditation on human relationships in God's plan of salvation.*** All lectures are free. Everybody very welcome

**APF BOXES:** If you have one of the red collection boxes can you please submit it for counting.