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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR

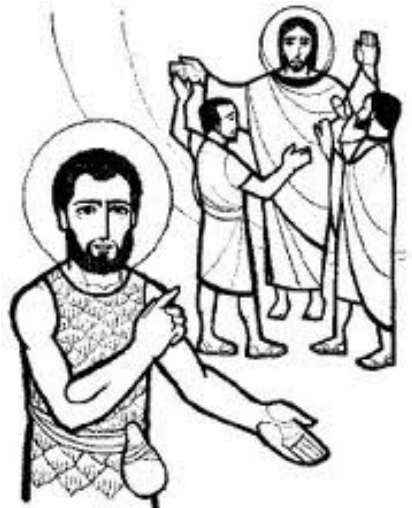
Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

First Reading: Is 49:3.5-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2.4.7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34



SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR: In a sense today's Gospel reprises last Sunday's feast of the Baptism of the Lord. St John the Baptist makes the formal identification of Jesus as the one who was to come after him to baptise with the Spirit and fire. He also points him out as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Sacramentally the sin of the world is taken away through baptism with water and the Holy Spirit. However, St John is doing more than unpacking the mystery of baptism. He is hinting at the outset of Our Lord's public ministry that this will culminate in the sacrifice of the cross. Our first reading from Isaiah is chosen to help us reflect more widely on the role Jesus is to fulfil. From the moment of the Annunciation, when the human and divine are united in the Incarnation of the Word, he has been destined to be the Servant-King or Messiah, and not just a servant or king for the people of Israel, but "the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." For the rest of this year the 'ordinary' Sundays will follow the Lord in accomplishing this mission through St Matthew's Gospel.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Ada Trim, Patricia Field, Margaret Nicholas, Sr Mary Paul Chard, James Powell, Bishop Doubleday** and **Charles Stanley** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Julie Hillyard, Kay Smith, Halina Pieckielon, Helen Felgate, Isobel Kersey, 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This runs 18th - 25th January each year. For **TIPTREE** the arrangements are as usual, that people from the different Churches are invited to attend a service or meeting in each other's Churches rather than a separate 'United Service'. The schedule is:

Sunday 19th 7.00 p.m. Tiptree URC – Bible Study

Monday 20th 8.00 p.m. Orthodox Monastery, Tolleshunt Knights – Night Prayer

Tuesday 21st 11.00 a.m. St John Houghton – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 22nd 8.00 p.m. Tiptree URC – meeting led by Kingsland Church

Thursday 23rd 10.00 a.m. St Luke's – Eucharist.

The format will be at the discretion of the 'Tiptree ladies' – I had hoped to lead this time of prayer but now have to attend a funeral at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. There will be a united service in **Coggeshall** this afternoon. This will take place at Christchurch at 6.00 p.m.

MASS VARIATIONS: No Mass this Tuesday because of the funeral mentioned above.

CONFIRMATION: We now have a date for Confirmation – unless a new Bishop makes changes – Wednesday 2nd July 2014. Would anyone interested in receiving the sacrament on this occasion please contact me so that we can arrange preparation in due course.

PRAYER BREAKFAST - COGGESHALL: The usual prayer breakfast takes place at Christchurch this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. If you intend coming please sign the list in the porch for catering purposes.

PEACE SUNDAY: Today is designated 'Peace Sunday'. Those with Gift Aid Envelopes will find a special envelope in your pack. Others will find some envelopes from Pax Christi in the porch. These can be placed in the offertory collection as usual and will be forwarded in due course. Several copies of Pope Francis' message for Peace Sunday are available the back of the Church. At 7 A4 pages it was too long to include as an insert.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TIPTREE – BARN DANCE: Following the success of our last effort to bring the Churches together informally for a social occasion, there will be another Barn Dance on Saturday 8th February 2014 in St Luke's Church Extension, starting at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are £5 for adults but those aged under sixteen may attend free of charge but with a ticket as we need to know numbers. Tickets are available at the back of the Church at Tiptree. Refreshments will be on a 'bring and share' basis. Any tickets not taken up today will be passed on to St Luke's where there is a waiting list.

TIPTREE GOOD FRIDAY ACT OF WITNESS: I know Good Friday is still three months away but this year the plan is to have a decorated cross in the Centre. Because it will be very late to use daffodils coloured pieces of ribbon will be used instead. This is an appeal to the ladies to look in their sewing boxes and let me have any odd bits of ribbon – colour and width do not matter as long they are not more than half an inch wide and at least twelve inches in length. Shorter pieces would be fiddly to loop around the wire mesh. Please leave any offerings of ribbon in a bag or envelope at the back of one of the churches over the next few weeks.

CES R.E. ADVISER VACANCY: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is seeking to appoint an RE Adviser (P/T) to provide advice to the CES on Religious Education; to help develop CES responses to issues facing RE in schools and colleges; to build relationships with diocesan colleagues, the National Board of Religious Inspectors and Advisers (NBRIA), relevant government officials and others. Salary: c £25K per annum for 17.5 hrs per week. The role will be based in the Eccleston Square office in Victoria, London SW1 but may require travel to other areas within England and Wales. Applicants should forward a full CV and covering statement to: ewilliams@catholiceducation.org.uk Closing date for applications is Friday 14th February 2014.

VACANCY FOR VICE PRINCIPAL: Vice Principal required for Sept 2014 at St Benedict's Catholic College, Colchester. Closing date: Monday 27th January 2014. For information please contact Mrs Diane Hilliard, PA to the Principal: Telephone 01206 516842 or e-mail d.hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk;

FINANCE: Offertory collections for **Sunday 12th January - £560.00.**

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

SUNDAY 19th January <i>Second Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Peter Eary RIP Thomas Wall RIP
MONDAY 20th January <i>St Fabian & Sebastian</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Mgr Ralph Brown RIP
TUESDAY 21st January <i>St Agnes</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	NO MASS 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	<i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 22nd January <i>St Vincent</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Old Brotherhood of the English Secular Clergy
THURSDAY 23rd January	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Intention Clark Family Private Intention <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 24th January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
SATURDAY 25th January <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Hannah Wall RIP
SUNDAY 26th January <i>Third Sunday of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners J.J. Mullen & family deceased Maria Melton (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 26th January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Lanette Bridgman Neville Bridgman	Jill Hinds	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Valerie Bartlett Patricia Short	Tom McNally	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Mary Mann	Marisa Orchard	May Branney