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KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th December 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

***Why should I be honoured with a visit from
the mother of my Lord?***

First Reading:

Mi 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

Second Reading:

Heb 10:5-10

Gospel:

Lk 1:39-45



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Today's readings remind us that the birth of Jesus was only the beginning of God's plan of salvation. The Lord comes down not just to be born but to accomplish the Father's will and purpose. He will be a shepherd to lead his flock. He will manifest the majesty of God's name, extending his rule to the ends of the earth and be the source of peace. He will seal this work by surrendering himself into the Father's hands on the cross. As the Christmas season unfolds there are little reminders of the shadow of the cross – the shedding of a drop of blood at the Circumcision, the gift of myrrh for his burial, the massacre of the Innocents and flight into Egypt. In his divine nature the Son of God knew all this and yet accepted it as part of the package of becoming one with us in our human flesh for no motive but love. May our own love this Christmas may be more than sentimentality and embrace all the difficulties and challenges that arise in any human relationship. A happy and peaceful Christmas to all of you.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Alice Lewry, Johanna Swaffield, Nuala Peddell, Joan Shepherd, Mark Kyan, Anthony Farley, Robert Pinder, Adrian Scott, Sheila South, Frank Pieciecha, Edna McGuire and Miles Swinburne* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND CONFESSIONS: There will be confessions in each church on Christmas Eve: **Kelvedon 9.30-10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 10.30-11.00 a.m.; Tiptree 11.30-12.00 noon.** There is a **Vigil Mass** for families at **Kelvedon on Christmas Eve at 6.30 p.m.** As usual a **Mass for Midnight** will be celebrated in **St Mary's C of E Church in Tollesbury at 9.00 p.m.** **Midnight Mass** is at **Kelvedon** preceded by **carols from 11.30 p.m.** On **Christmas Day** there will be **Mass at Coggeshall 9.00 a.m. (Dawn Mass)** and **Tiptree 11.00 a.m. (Day Mass).** There will also be **Mass** in the **Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)** at **Kelvedon on Christmas afternoon at 4.00 p.m.**

WASSAIL – THANKS: Many thanks to all who helped organise a most enjoyable social occasion last Sunday. Some fifty people attended.

CRIB OFFERINGS: A reminder that each year the crib offerings go to support the work of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: Join priests, seminarians, and those discerning vocation to priesthood and the religious life at a special Mass for Vocations on the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, the Patron Saint of Diocesan Priests, **Tuesday 29th December at 11.30 a.m.** The Mass will be celebrated at the **Ursuline Sisters' chapel, at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY,** and all are very welcome.

NO ROOM AT THE INN: There are now 7,500 refugees in Calais, living in very basic and squalid conditions. They are being helped only by volunteer goodwill and in January a group from Our Lady and All Saints Parish, Basildon, will be taking insulation for the wood and tarpaulin shelters that are gradually being built. To read more please go to www.basildoncatholics.org where there are photos and reports from visits over the last four months; if you would like to donate, the details are in the December report. Please pray for all those sleeping far from home this Christmas.

War Diary 1914-1918

No Midnight Mass but in addition to Masses at 8.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. a Mass at Earls Colne Hospital at 9.30 a.m.

Parish Notices 19th December 1915



Liturgical Rotas 27th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Sean O'Leary	Jill Hinds	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey	Tracey O'Donnell	Mary Branney

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 4**

SUNDAY 20th December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 1.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Intention Hall & Bartleet Families <i>Baptism: Ranulph Piotr Armstrong</i> Dec'd Antezak & Jasinska Families
MONDAY 21st December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 22nd December	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 23rd December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 24th December Christmas Eve	Kelvedon St Mary's Tollesbury Kelvedon	6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. Midnight	<i>Vigil Mass for families:</i> Kathleen & Frank Mason RIP <i>Mass of Midnight:</i> Adrian Scott (anniversary) <i>Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30 p.m.:</i> All Parishioners
FRIDAY 25th December Christmas Day	Coggeshall Tiptree Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	<i>Mass of Dawn:</i> Private Intention <i>Day Mass;</i> Sheila Barralet RIP <i>Day Mass - Tridentine:</i> Private Intention
SATURDAY 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Altar Servers
SUNDAY 27th December <i>Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Altar Servers John Barrett RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Christmas Eve
9.30 - 10.00 a.m. Kelvedon;
10.30 - 11.00 a.m. Coggeshall;
11.30 - 12.00 noon Tiptree; none this Saturday