

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2			
SUNDAY 20th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kazimierz Jezierski RIP <i>Baptism: Lucas Austin Gibbons</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Desmond Kewwell (anniversary)
MONDAY 21st March	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Mothers' Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 22nd March	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 23rd March	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
THURSDAY 24th March	Kelvedon Coggeshall Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Private Intention
FRIDAY 25th March <i>The Annunciation</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 26th March	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 27th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Manuel Issa RIP
<p><i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. in sacristy: NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction because of the Parish 'Be Still Day' in Church starting at 9.30 a.m.</i></p>			

Liturgical Rotas 27th March	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Simon Hall	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Short Doris Eary	Peter Morgan	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey Sheila Barralet	Audrey Thurlow	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun.

First Reading: Gn 12:1-4
Responsorial Psalm PS 32:4-5.18-20.22
Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: During cycle A of the readings (St Matthew's Gospel) the Lent Sundays focus in a special way on those preparing for Baptism at Easter and on certain Sundays there are special prayers and blessings that may be used for them. Today's first reading sets before us Abraham's journey –setting out into the unknown on the basis of a promise from God. The Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration – enlightenment as to who Jesus really is. In his Lenten message for 2011 Pope Benedict says, "The Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John 'up a high mountain by themselves' (Matthew 17:1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. He desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf. Hebrews 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord."

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Teresa Taylor, Larry Kelly, Martin Dann, John Oliver, Catherine Upson Michael Matrejek** and **Edith Waite** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

EXPLORING THE FAITH: The next session of our 'Evangelium' course on Friday evening at 8.00 p.m. will look at the Incarnation.

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

EASTER SACRAMENTS: Each year I am privileged to take part as Chancellor in the Rite of Election at the cathedral on 1st Sunday of Lent. At this ceremony the Bishop welcomes many of those who will be baptised or received into full Communion this Easter. This year there were over 370 candidates. This was followed by a second ceremony for 240 former Anglicans who will be enrolled in the new 'Ordinariate'. Please pray for our own candidates **Asa** and **Nicola Howard** (their twins will be baptised a little later), **Martin Birch** (with son **Matthew**) and **Mia Carvell** (with son **Harrison**).

PRAYER BREAKFAST – Coggeshall: Our next prayer breakfast at Coggeshall takes place this Saturday, 26th March, once again in the meeting room at St Peter's Church 8.00-9.00 a.m. All welcome – but please sign the list at the back of the Church.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE – Kelvedon & Feering: This afternoon 4.00 p.m. at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon. The focus will be the great Northern saint, Cuthbert.

LENTEN COURSE: "Life to the Full" Thursday 24th March at 7:00 p.m. in St Dominic's Room.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: *Seen through children's eyes and retold by children's hearts.* The parish children invite you to this beautiful Lenten tradition **Friday 25th March, 6.30 p.m.** at our **Kelvedon** church. All are welcome.

'BE STILL DAY' - Saturday 26th March: If you would like to join us for a quiet day in our Kelvedon Church on Saturday 26th March 9.30 a.m.-3.00 p.m. please sign the clipboard at back of church.

BRES Spring Lecture by Rev Dr Adrian Graffy on the theme of '**The Word of God for the Church and for the World: an exploration of the Synod document on the Bible (*Verbum Domini*)**' on Thursday 24th March 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Conference Centre. For bookings phone: **BRES 01277 265285**. Copies of the document will be available.

I CALL YOU FRIENDS: A new resource for children attending non-Catholic schools- 5-11 year olds. Cathedral Conference Centre, 7.30pm. This will be of particular interest to Priests and Catechists. The evening will be led by **Mgr George Stokes, Sr Victoria Hummell, Dr Bridie Stringer** and **Sr Nuala Gannon**.

LENT TALK: With Sr Helen Costigan, SHCJ. '**What does it mean to forgive and to be forgiven?**' Tuesday **5th April** Cathedral Conference Centre, 7.30pm. **Cost £5 per person.** For booking all events please contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265255 or email arefm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

FINANCE: Offertory collection for Sunday **13th March - £663.51.**

Depaul UK CANTERBURY PILGRIMAGE 11th-13th June: Founded by Cardinal Basil Hume in 1989, Depaul UK is now the largest youth homelessness charity in the country. Our mission is to offer homeless and disadvantaged young people the opportunity to fulfil their potential and move towards an independent and positive future. Over three days you will cover 50 miles, following in the path of hundreds of pilgrims before you along the beautiful North Down's Way, taking in the historical Pilgrim's Way. A Priest will join us throughout the journey to offer prayers and guidance and the whole experience will culminate in a private Mass at Canterbury Cathedral. £150 registration fee includes: A welcome pack for participants with training advice, fundraising tips and further information, a souvenir t-shirt, two nights' accommodation, all food including snacks and refreshments, route maps for each part of the walk, luggage transfer (you just carry your day-time essentials). To download our information pack and sign up for the event go to: www.depauluk.org/pilgrimage

MEDITATION: There will be an interview advertising our performance of "*The Journey*" at the Brentwood Theatre, on behalf of CAFOD, going out on Phoenix Radio around 7.00 p.m. tonight. Phoenix 98FM broadcasts over a 5 mile radius to the Brentwood areas so you may like to listen via the internet at 222.phoenixfm.com

ST BERNARD'S COGGESHALL: Is open for prayer Thursday mornings between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.