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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

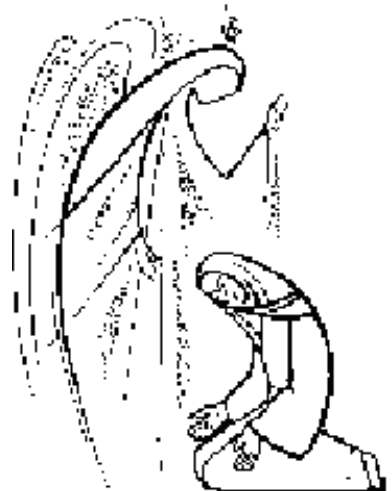
Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son.

First Reading: 2 S 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5.27.29

Second Reading: Rm 16:25-27

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT : “The Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Advent proposes to us the account of the Annunciation, the mystery to which we return every day in reciting the Angelus. This prayer makes us relive the decisive moment at which God knocked at Mary’s heart and, having received her ‘yes’, began to take flesh in her and from her. The Collect of today’s Mass is the same as the one we recite at the end of the Angelus. With only a few days until the Feast of Christmas, we are invited to fix our gaze on the ineffable mystery that Mary treasured for nine months in her virginal womb; the mystery of God who is made man.” *Pope Benedict XVI.*

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially ***Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, 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.

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

THE ANGELUS: If you are not familiar with the ‘Angelus’ Prayer mentioned by Pope Benedict XVI, you will find it below. The custom is to say it first thing in the morning, at midday and six in the evening to keep the mystery of God taking on our human flesh in our thoughts throughout the day.

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

℟. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

℣. And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of the Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MASS DETAILS: You will find these on the back page but should also have received a Christmas card – if not then please let us know so that our address list can be updated. As usual there will be confessions in all three churches on Christmas Eve: Kelvedon 9.30-10.00; Coggeshall 10.30-11.00; Tiptree 11.30-12.00 noon.

ST STEPHEN'S GUILD FOR ALTAR SERVERS: We are most grateful to all our altar servers, and especially Gareth Talbot our MC, who puts so much time and effort into training and organizing them. Mass will be offered for their intentions on Friday – the Feast of St Stephen, and it is intended that the 'probationer' servers who have been serving regularly over the past year will be enrolled in the Guild at 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 14th December £690.61.**

PARISH WASSAIL SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER: Some thirty to forty parishioners had a most enjoyable occasion last Sunday. We sang Christmas carols of old and Christmas songs new; all led entertainingly by Michael Wigley. Agness O'Brien had obviously not slept since the Christmas Bazaar as we were also treated to Christmas Bingo, Christmas Anagrams (fiendishly difficult) and a raffle to boot. In between carols there were sausage rolls, mince pies, cakes and munchies lubricated by mulled wine and soft drinks. Our heartfelt thanks go to all who helped organize this event, especially Agness for pulling it all together and giving us such a good time; thanks to Gloria and Agness for their lovely cakes; thanks to Michael for the music and poems; and thanks to everyone for coming and making it a fun time. There are some pictures on the parish website.

BESTERS (BLUE) BOXES: Are now due for counting. Please put your name on the box and the Mass centre e.g. Kelvedon, Tiptree or Coggeshall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: LAST APPEAL - if your child would like to join us in the children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve then please email me on yewers@myway.com so I have an idea of numbers. Many thanks, **Yvonne Ewers.**

Liturgical Rotas 28th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Clare Gallant Sean O'Leary	Benedict Crone	Ann Ross
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Jadwiga Smith	Patricia Short	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Valerie Bartlett	Tracey O'Donnell	Mary Branney

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

SUNDAY 21st December <i>4th of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Dec'd Kilbane, Bradley, Moran & Tierney Families Private Intention
MONDAY 22nd December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
TUESDAY 23rd December	Kelvedon	8.00 a.m.	Private Intention
WEDNESDAY 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Kelvedon St Mary's Tollesbury Kelvedon	6.30 p.m. 9.00 p.m. 12.00 midnight	<i>Family Mass - carols from 6.00 p.m.:</i> Special Intention <i>Mass of Midnight:</i> Private Intention <i>Carols from 11.30 p.m.:</i> All Parishioners
THURSDAY 25th December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Coggeshall Tiptree Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	<i>Dawn Mass:</i> M.F. & Peg O'Leary RIP <i>Day Mass:</i> Gladys Campling RIP <i>Day Mass - Low Mass in Extraordinary Form</i> <i>[1962 Missal in Latin]</i>
FRIDAY 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Altar Servers
SATURDAY 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Intention Fr Rory & Wendy Alec
SUNDAY 28th December <i>Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winifred McPherson (ann.) All Parishioners John Barrett (ann.)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Christmas Eve - Kelvedon 9.30-10.00 a.m.;*
Coggeshall 10.30-11.00 a.m.; *Tiptree 11.30-12.00 noon;*
Saturday Kelvedon 10.30-11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed
*Sacrament & Benediction.***