

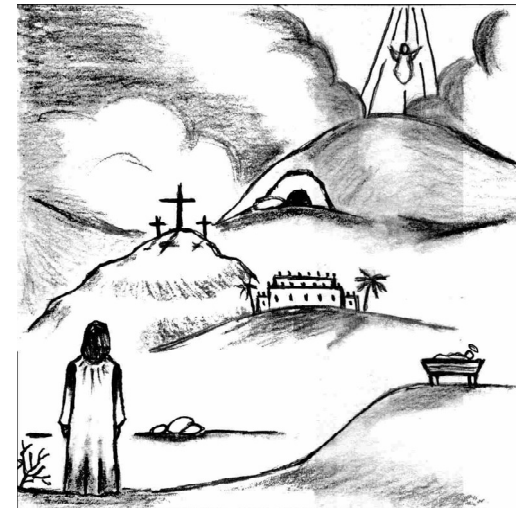
MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 2 (Thursday + week 4)			
SUNDAY 21st February 1st Sunday of Lent	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Jacqui Young All Parishioners <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Fr Jack Clifford RIP
MONDAY 22nd February <i>Chair of St Peter</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Eddie Wall RIP
TUESDAY 23rd February	Kelvedon Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 7.30–8.30 p.m.	Fr Cornelius Moynihan RIP <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 24th February	Kelvedon Kelvedon	7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> Intention Throckmorton Family
THURSDAY 25th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Pat Knight RIP
FRIDAY 26th February	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Brian Godden RIP
SATURDAY 27th February	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Secular Clergy Common Fund
SUNDAY 28th February 2nd Sunday of Lent	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	Oliver Robin Jackson Clark RIP Phyllis Chine RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i> All Parishioners
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction			

Liturgical Rotas 28th February	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Rosemary Gallant	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Ezra Patricia Pike	Pat Short	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Celia Butt	Danny Mullane	Mary Branney
FINANCE TEAM	Sean O'Leary & Tony Hinds		

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Parish Newsletter

21st February 2010



First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was lead by the Spirit through the wilderness

First Reading	Jer 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 1:1-4.6
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:12.16-20
Gospel	Lk 6:17.20-26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Co 6:2) Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15) In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism (Acts 2:38) that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life. Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, (is) at once holy and always in need of purification, (and) follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." (LG 8) This endeavour of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first. (1 Jn 4:10) Let us fix our eyes on Christ's blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance. (From a letter to the Corinthians 7, 4 by Saint Clement, pope) The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one's neighbour, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one's neighbour, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity "which covers a multitude of sins." Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, and revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Marissa Orchard, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Frank Joyce, Maria Hoeft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Sophie, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott, Bert Winch** & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Kathleen Boyton, David Fox, Doris Samuels, Frances Taylor, Martha Fairweather, Jean O'Neill, Olive Rivers** and **Maureen O'Keefe**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' BOOKS: Several have now turned up but there are still 16 missing copies. Please look around at home. We have enough for this year's group now but they do cost £10 each to replace.

THANK YOU: Edwina Abram would like to give heartfelt thanks to Fr Gordon and the congregation at Coggeshall for their understanding, caring and support on the death of her mother.

2010 COGGESHALL LENT LECTURE SERIES: This year's lectures series will have an inter-faith theme to them, following the success of a similar series in 2005. Speakers from Buddhist, Christian, Islamic and Jewish perspectives will share something of their faith journey with a special reference to the environment and creation. These should again prove to be excellent events: Monday evenings, starting with our Islamic speaker on 22nd February at Christ Church, Stoneham Street: 7.30 pm refreshments; 8.00 pm talk & questions; 9.00 pm depart.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Tiptree. As last year there will be Bible Study Groups during Lent on Tuesday evenings at the URC 8.00-9.00 p.m. and on Thursdays at St Luke's 11.00-12.00 noon (repeating Tuesday's subject). You can mix and match from one week to another. This Lent the subject will be a selection of parables from the Gospels.

KELVEDON LENT COURSE: Prayer. This will take place on Tuesday evenings 8.00-9.30 p.m. starting 23rd February. It was to have taken place at St Mary's, but has been transferred to the URC. A book is available price £3.99. if you would like a copy, please phone Sarah Openshaw: 01376 570381.

THURSDAY LENT LUNCHESES: At Christ Church Stoneham Street on Thursday 25th February from 12 noon £3.50 per person: please support this annual *Churches Together in Coggeshall* initiative. Proceeds to Christian Aid.



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY HOUSEHOLD: Two cats (sisters) aged seven months have come to take the place of George, who died just before Christmas.

They are **Bailey** (black & white) and **Chloe** (white & black). They need a month to settle in before they are allowed out, so keyholders are asked to be careful when they open the door and callers are asked to be patient when waiting on the step as I may have to secure them before answering.



MONTHLY ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Kelvedon & Feering. This afternoon 4.00 p.m. at St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon. All welcome.

MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST: Coggeshall. Next Prayer Breakfast at the usual venue this Saturday, 27th February, 8.00-9.00 a.m. If you would like to attend please sign the list in the porch for catering purposes.