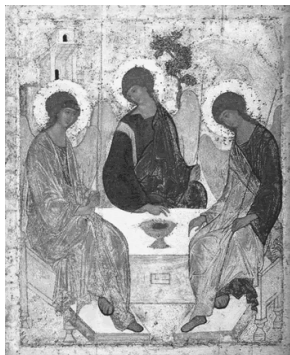




**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY:** Today's readings set before us two stories of hospitality. Abraham welcomes three strangers and insists on providing them with a meal. In reality he is welcoming God himself in the form of three angels and God will bless him and Sarah with the child they long for. Rublev's famous icon of the Holy Trinity depicts this truth. The three angels represent the Trinity gathered round a table on which is the bread and chalice for the Eucharist – in the background the oak of Mamre. In the Gospel Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home. Martha busies herself providing for their needs while Mary sits at the Lord's feet listening to him. Martha's hard work is well intentioned but her focus is on practical details rather than her guest. Hospitality must be centred on the guest (*hospes* in Latin) rather than the practical arrangements. The same thing can happen with wedding receptions or any human celebration when we become more focussed on the setting or catering than the reason for the celebration. What matters most is the person at the centre and listening to him or her, giving them our time and attention. The same thing can happen at Mass. Almighty God is our guest. Do we allow ourselves to become distracted – unaware of his presence and so unreceptive to his blessings?



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Patrick Stynes, Anne Phillips, Margaret O'Leary, Bob Hastie, Margaret Parker** and **Mary Cooper** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Helen Felgate, Marion Ingram, Isobel Kersey, Julie Trueman, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** & any unknown to us.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Myles John Harry Chevalier** baptised on Saturday.

**WE REGRET:** To announce the death of Wendy Dickson's mother **Mrs Patricia Ramm** after a short illness. Her funeral will take place at Kelvedon on Friday at 11.00 a.m. followed by burial at the City of London. Cemetery.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** Our monthly Prayer breakfast takes place at Christchurch this Saturday 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome. Please sign the list for catering purposes.

**TIPTREE GARDEN:** The two families who offered have now cut and tidied the Tiptree lawn and garden and will continue to do so on a rota basis. If anyone else would like to be part of the team then please give your name to Fr. Gordon.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 14th July - £643.04**

**WITH THANKS:** My family and I are very grateful to Kelvedon church and Tiptree community for their expression of love and thought at the demise of Helen. We always enjoyed being members of the Tiptree parish, for the past 44 years, it was very special to us. We thank you especially Fr Gordon for attending Helen's requiem and con-celebrating with our parish priest, it was really special. As to members of the parish who travelled up to Peterborough, it was so unexpected and wonderful. Our only regret was that I was unable to spend more time with them. All this made things a little brighter for our family knowing that Helen was held in such high regard. Please thank everyone we were so touched . **Michael Norton.**

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAPLAIN:** The three Primary schools within the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon, are seeking to appoint a lay chaplain to continue the good work begun by our current chaplain. This role requires experience in Youth Ministry or Catechesis with primary age children, and we are looking for a creative and inspiring person to deepen the strong Catholic ethos in each school. Start any time from September and no later than January 2014. Salary £16,000 p.a. Closing date 16th September 2013. Application details from Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732 or [frdominic@basildoncatholics.org](mailto:frdominic@basildoncatholics.org)

**DISTANCE LEARNING WITH CONVENIENT STUDY DAYS:** Beginning Autumn 2013 Maryvale Institute and Sion Community are collaborating to facilitate **New Evangelisation and Ministry Courses**. Study at home with tutor support from Maryvale. Attend **Study Days in Brentwood**, Essex - one per term. This course will help deepen and develop your faith and bring increased confidence and skills in your ministry to others. Pathways offered: **Parish Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, Youth Ministry and Family Ministry**. Contact: Maryvale Institute, Tel. 0121 360 8118, email: [evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:evangelisation@maryvale.ac.uk), website: [www.maryvale.ac.uk](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk) 'Taster days' are available 24th - 25th August 2013 at Summer School, Buckfast Abbey. Contact: [artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:artassistant@maryvale.ac.uk)

**KOLBE'S GIFT:** 'Kolbe's Gift' is a play produced by the Catholic theatre company Ten Ten at The Leicester Square Theatre in the heart of the West End. It tells the story of St Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for another in the Auschwitz concentration camp, and the impact on Franek Gajowniczec, the man whose life was saved. Endorsed by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, the production provides an opportunity to deepen our faith and share it with others. It runs from 1st - 5th October. Tickets cost between £12.50 and £20.00. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or phone the theatre box office on 08448733433.

**EMERGENCY FOOD BANK:** Our nearest distribution point is at Witham and we liaise with the Church of England in Kelvedon on this matter. Three boxes of food were passed on this week and in future, goods for this worthy cause can continue to be left at the back of any of our churches. Items currently urgently needed: UHT Orange Juice (1 litre carton), Soup (Tins), Sponge Pudding (Tinned), Tinned Meat, Chocolate Bars and Oat Bars (multipacks). Donations should be well within their 'use by' date.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 21st July 16th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP Julia Ryan RIP J.J. Mulhern (ann.) & dec'd family
<b>MONDAY</b> 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Michael Pinot de Moira RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 24th July <i>St Sharbel Makhluf</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 25th July <i>St James</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Intention Rob and Anne Smith Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26th July <i>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Intention Dickson Family <i>Funeral Service: Mrs Patricia Ramm</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 27th July	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Liam O'Connor RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 28th July 17th Sunday of Year	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Violet Read RIP All Parishioners Patrick Collins RIP

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

<b>Liturgical Rotas 28th July</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Ann Ross Sean O'Leary	Neville Bridgman	Clare Gallant
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Tom McInally Patricia Short	Vivien Talbot	Sabrina Birch
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Sue Petchey	Marisa Orchard	Celia Butt