

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 23rd September <i>25th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Parents of Edwina Abram All Parishioners Private Intention
<b>MONDAY</b> 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 25th September	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Conrad Smith RIP <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 26th September <i>Sts Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 27th September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. NO MASS 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>St Wenceslaus</i> 28th September	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 29th September <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	Intention Deasey Family <i>Baptism: Ana Cristina Mead</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 30th September <i>26th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Daniel McDermott (anniversary) Private Intention
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 30th September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	John Dann	Colleen Furse
KELVEDON	Tom McNally Steve Smith	Vivienne Talbot	
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.*

First Reading: Ws 2:12. 17-20

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8

Second Reading: Jm 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY:** One of the criticisms directed at the current approach to education, not only exams but also in sports, is that 'everyone must have a prize' – competition is seen with disfavour. Elitism is a dirty word. Today's Scripture readings can be seen as asserting the very values criticised. St James castigates jealousy and ambition and praises a sense of compassion that makes for peace. In the Gospel Jesus knows the disciples have been arguing about which of them is the greatest. He responds by telling them that the one who would be first must be servant of all. However, what is criticised is not striving to do one's best but a self-centred motivation that creates rivalry and envy. Our achievements and skills are God's gift – a gift to which we have perhaps responded by putting all our effort in – and it is this we should acknowledge rather than focussing the glory on ourselves. Humility in success does not play down our achievements but does help to defuse jealousy. It shows itself in a willingness to recognise and appreciate the qualities and achievements of others. Knocking others is a symptom of jealousy and one that reflects more on us than the person we knock!

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Muriel Norton, Glenys Mayer, Eileen Alderton, Win Oliver, Clement Gottelier** and **Daniel McDermott** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Bushing, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST – COGGESHALL:** We host the next prayer breakfast at St Bernard's on Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. Many thanks to those who have offered to help Jane Crone with the catering. Please do sign the list so she knows how many to expect.

**HARVEST SUPPER – KELVEDON & FEERING:** In place of the former monthly Ecumenical Service we now have three joint events a year. Our next event takes the form of a 'bring and share' Harvest Supper at St Mary's Primary School Hall on Saturday 29th September at 7.30 p.m. Admission tickets cost £1 (from Fr Gordon) – the proceeds will go to provide beehives for the Third World.

**MASS TIME VARIATIONS:** Please note that due to various meetings **Mass** this **Wednesday** and **Thursday** will be at **9.00 a.m.** and there will be no Thursday evening Mass at Coggeshall.

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS:** A training session for leaders of small faith sharing groups will take place on **Thursday 27th September** at **7.30 p.m.** in the Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. **Facilitator:** *Sr Nuala Gannon*. Tel: Adult RE office on 01277 265219 or email [srnuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:srnuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 16th September** - £665.35.

**BISHOP MICHAEL ROWLAND:** As we go to press, Bishop Michael Rowland, retired Bishop of our twinned Diocese of Dundee in South Africa, is in his last hours. As you know Bishop Thomas has asked me to represent him at the funeral. I am not sure of the time scale for such arrangements in South Africa, but I am likely to have to fly out in the next two or three days. Should I be away for next weekend I will arrange supply priests to cover the Sunday Masses and Saturday's baptism, but weekday Masses and confessions will be cancelled during my absence. I hope to be able to give details on Sunday. Please remember Bishop Michael in your prayers.

**DAYS FOR MINISTERS:** A time of prayer and reflection has been advertised between now and Christmas for Ministers of Welcome, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. So far the take up for each session has been no more than half a dozen. Unless more decide to take up the offer we shall have to rethink. In fact only nine out of the forty two possible attenders have responded. It would be helpful if those who are not planning to attend would let Fr Gordon know why. Does the problem lie with the format or timing or with the idea of continuing formation?

**FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE:** 40 Days for Life, has saved a good number of babies from abortion since it arrived here in England two years ago. Over five thousand lives have been saved Worldwide and more than 20 abortion 'clinics' have closed down. It is quite simple, Christians are asked to pray, fast and witness for 40 days for the end of abortion. You are asked to come and peaceful pray at the abortion 'clinic'. At the Whitfield St abortuary in London it there will be a peaceful presence 24 hours a day 7 days a week from Wednesday 26th September until Sunday 4th November.

**SOCCE RAID 2012 AUCTION - LAST CHANCE:** The Parish has been kindly donated a **SoccerAid 2012 football** by **Dermot O'Leary**. The ball has been signed by all the players who took part, including **Robbie Williams, JLS, Ben Shepherd, Gordon Ramsey, David Seaman, Teddy Sheringham** and **Bradley Walsh** to name but a few. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter all parishioners have had the opportunity to bid for this prestigious item first. We have set a reserve price on the ball and are asking for sealed bids to be sent to Father Gordon. The bids will be kept sealed and will all be opened together **TODAY Sunday 23rd September**. The person pledging the highest bid, over the reserve price set, will receive the ball. If the reserve price is not met then the ball will be auctioned on e-bay. Contact **Fr Gordon** or **Helena McNally** on **01206 562469**.

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING:** At SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 30th September, 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.** Everyone welcome. For those who can come earlier, there will be **Adoration 7.00 p.m. –7.30 p.m.**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE:** Each month The Good Counsel Network calls for a National day of prayer and fasting for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. This month's day is Friday 28th September which is chosen because it is the vigil of the feast of St Michael the Archangel. Please pray and fast on this day. For more information please see [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)