

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 4			
SUNDAY 24th June <i>Birthday of St John the Baptist</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 2.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Patrick Hughes RIP Tricia Parkin RIP 1st Communion Children All Parishioners
MONDAY 25th June	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Intention Clark Family
TUESDAY 26th June	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30 –8.30pm	Edmund Ward & Family <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 27th June <i>St Cyril</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Fr John Gallagher RIP
THURSDAY 28th June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. NO MASS 8.00-9.00 p.m.	Intention Maureen Savage (sick) <i>Parish Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 29th June <i>Sts Peter & Paul</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tiptree	10.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	All Parishioners Private Intention Intention Elizabeth Hardy
SATURDAY 30th June <i>1st Martyrs of Rome</i>	Kelvedon	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 1st July <i>13th of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP Cecil Hillyard (anniversary) All Parishioners
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Immediately after Saturday Mass</i> <i>NO Exposition Benediction because of Parish Fete.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 1st July	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Teresa Hall Sean O'Leary	Simon Hall	Mollie Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Patricia Pike	Michael Wigley	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Sheila Barralet Isobel Kersey	Jean Mullane	Jude Cody

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th June 2012

BIRTHDAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

His name is John.

First Reading: Is 49:1-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138:1-3. 13. 15

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Lk 1:57-66. 80



BIRTHDAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: The official entrance antiphon for Mass combines words taken from Jn. 1: 6-7 and Lk.1:17: "A man was sent from God whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord." St John the Baptist is such an important figure in the history of salvation that, along with Our Lady, his birthday is celebrated as well as the day of his death, or 'heavenly birthday'. Moreover this feast day is granted precedence over the liturgy of the Sunday. The very fact of his conception is the sign granted to Our Lady to confirm the message of the Archangel Gabriel. His birth and naming is surrounded by mystery. The Gospel of the Vigil Mass gives us the first part of the story – how the Angel appears to Zechariah in the sanctuary at the offering of incense to tell him their prayer for a child has been answered. This is depicted in one of the windows of the church at Kelvedon. The Gospel at the Day Mass gives us the sequel: Zechariah's power of speech returns when the child is given the name assigned by the Angel – 'John'. Only when he becomes an adult and begins to preach his message of repentance will the importance of his role become clear



ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Pamela Coverley, Frank Joyce, Joan Hare and Cecil Hillyard** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Hayley Hetzel, Bill Sullivan, Deborah Lee, Hilda Hawes, Pam Lowth, Hanni Kyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Sarah Costello, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Brittain, 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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS: Today we congratulate **Krzysztof Antczak, Albert Holland, Lachlan Irvine, Heather Lyons, Toby Nee, Annaise O'Brien, Annabelle Staines** and **Melanie Green** who will make their First Communion at a separate Mass at 2.00 p.m. Please remember all of them in your prayers.

FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL: This falls on Friday, one of those not transferred to the Sunday, and is a Holy Day of Obligation with Mass at the usual times: Kelvedon 10.00 a.m.; Coggeshall 6.00 p.m.; Tiptree 7.30 p.m. Since it is a liturgical 'solemnity' the obligation to abstain from meat does not apply on that day.

SATURDAY MORNING MASS: Because of the Fete this will be at 9.30 a.m. Should the weather necessitate using the church building for the Fete Mass will be celebrated in the Presbytery.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE: From 24th July the road between Tiptree and Feering will be closed for bridge repairs for at least a month. The official diversion sign will take you via Colchester, so I suggest you might prefer to use the route past Braxted Park instead, either following the wall to emerge at Maldon Road, Kelvedon (by The Angel) or via Rivenhall.

MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST - COGGESHALL: This Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. at St Peter's – please sign the list at the back of the church for catering purposes.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 17th June - £982.68.**

ONE HUNDRED DAYS FOR PEACE: As part of this initiative to remember the role of the Olympics and Paralympics in fostering peace among the nations the Diocesan Commission for Justice and Social Responsibility has made available 100 wrist bands in the Olympic colours – they are free, so please take one! I suspect they will appeal to children and young people more than our senior parishioners, so please do take one for friends at school. **100 DAYS OF PEACE CD:** New CD, produced by Heart Gives Unto Heart Catholic Radio, is now available. The CD brings together Catholic artistes performing their songs for Peace and is HGUH Radio's contribution to the 100 Days of Peace Movement which was formed to bring a lasting legacy for Olympics London 2012. If you would like to buy a CD then use the order form at <http://www.hguh.co.uk/index.htm/files/cd-order.pdf> and £1 will be donated to Pax Christi.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: This will be held at 8.00 p.m. after the evening Mass at Kelvedon this coming Wednesday. There are a number of important matters on the Agenda including the results of the recent Parish Finance appeal.

PARALYMPIC WISDOM AT HOME & ABROAD: Two exciting events are planned, led by the Catholic community, to ensure that the wisdom and insight contained within the Paralympic Games are fully embraced. These are: **Everybody has a Place** – a one-day international conference at Westminster Central Hall, London SW1 on Monday 2nd July between 10:30am and 4:00pm with internationally renowned speakers addressing topics linking disability, theology and sport. **Welcome - Now is the Time to be Friends** – a national day of celebration around disability hosted by HCPT, Faith and Light and other leading disability agents, to take place at Aylesford Friary, Kent on Sunday 8th July for all people of varying disabilities, plus their families and friends. For more information on both these events see casagangemi@blueyonder.co.uk

VOLUNTEER VACANCY - BCYS FINANCIAL ADVISOR: Good with figures? Wanting to use your business experience to make a difference? Interested in helping the Diocesan Youth Service to thrive? We are looking for a volunteer to be involved in giving financial advice, budget management support and costings advice for events, pilgrimages and retreats. In the first instance please contact Sarah Barber, Diocesan Youth Director, for an informal chat on 01277 265286. Hours negotiable. Expenses paid.