

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SUNDAY 26th August <i>21st of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Brian Kennedy RIP All Parishioners Intention Pablo (Deasey Family)
MONDAY <i>St Monica</i> 27th August	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY <i>St Augustine</i> 28th August	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 29th August <i>Beheading of St John the Baptist</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 30th August <i>Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. NO MASS	Canon John Sloane (anniversary)
FRIDAY 31st August <i>St Aidan & Sts of Lindisfarne</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY <i>St Sebbi</i> 1st September	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 2nd September <i>22nd of Year</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Maggi Barrett (anniversary) All Parishioners Winifred Ryan RIP
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 2nd September	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Derek Hand	John Dann	Maria O'Leary
KELVEDON	Pat Ezra Patricia Pike	Tom McNally	Marie Sullivan
TIPTREE	Celia Butt Mary Mann	Valerie Bartlett	Celia Butt

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF YEAR

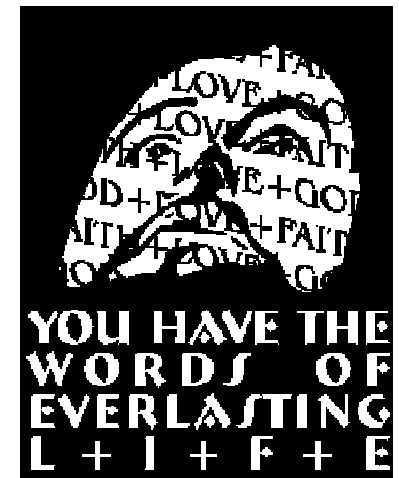
*Whom shall we go to? You have the message
of eternal life.*

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23

Second Reading: Eph 5:25-32

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY: From earliest times the Christian community had to counter pagan claims that they were cannibals, as we know from a letter written by Pliny the Younger, governor of Bithynia in Asia Minor, to the Emperor Trajan in 112 AD. Writing in the middle of the Second century, St Justin Martyr says: "For not as common bread or common drink do we receive these things but just as our Saviour Jesus Christ, being Incarnate through the word of God, took both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too we have been taught that the food over which thanks have been given through a word of prayer which is from him, from which our blood and flesh are fed by transformation, is both the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus." To accept this requires faith, but at the conclusion of his explanation of the Bread of Life Jesus found that many of his hearers walked away. Yet Our Lord did not call them back and say, "You have misunderstood me – I am just using symbolic language." In the Sixteenth Century, while Luther accepted a real presence of Christ but alongside the substance of bread and wine, others such as Zwingli rejected this. They argued that after the Ascension the body of Christ was in heaven and could not be on earth at the same time. Any presence of Christ was purely subjective – the outward symbols of bread and wine invite us to remember the Last Supper and Calvary with faith. This is the view taken by most Protestant Churches although there are various positions in the Church of England with some accepting that shared by Catholics and Eastern Orthodox. This is the basic reason why, while the Catholic Church allows Orthodox Christians to receive Communion in our Church – although this is not usually reciprocated – Communion with Anglicans and members of Reformed Churches is shared only under very limited conditions such as the unavailability of their own minister and provided the individual does have a Catholic understanding of the Eucharist. For the same reason, and because of the effects that a changed understanding has had on the handing on of holy orders, Catholics are not permitted to receive the Eucharist in Anglican or Reformed Churches. We pray for the day when a recovery of shared faith in this area may enable these obstacles to greater unity to be overcome.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Nellie McMahon, Agnes Hinchliffe, Maggi Barrett, Canon John Sloane, Hanna Wickard** and **Eduardo Menditta** 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 Entwisted, 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.

WE REGRET: To announce the death of Mr Mel O'Brien, father of Michael, and offer our condolences and support to his widow Janet and all the family. His funeral will take place at Three Counties Crematorium on Tuesday 28th August at 1.30 p.m.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 19th August - £735.40.**

ECUMENICAL STUDY COURSE: St Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon, will be hosting a study course to which members of other Churches will be most welcome. The course will run on 5 Wednesdays beginning on 26th September and finishing on 24th October – time not stated by I presume about 7.30 p.m. The course will be led by Canon Jenny Tomlinson and is entitled 'Care and Share'. The Care and Share course has been designed to help train and support those involved in caring. It can be used with pastoral visitors and with any who want to understand and deepen their caring. 'We love because he first loved us' 1John 4:19. God alone is the source of our caring skills, abilities and gifts. We are called to discover, affirm and develop the gifts he has given us so that we learn to give and receive care in all our relationships, whether in the church or in the community where we live and work. Aims of the course:

- To show pastoral visitors that they are valued. It is one way of indicating that the role which carers play is appreciated by the church. Carers need caring for too. Showing that carers are valued will encourage them and give them more confidence.
- To enable people to pick up ideas and insights by sharing experiences with others.
- To help people deepen their understanding of pastoral care.
- To allow people to reflect on their role and see how this might be developed.

ST PAUL SUNDAY MISSAL: If you would like to purchase a copy of the St Paul Sunday Missal for 2013 please put their name on the list at the back of the Church or ring **Patricia Short** on **01621 815764.**

THE PACKHORSE BRIDGE SOCIETY: To celebrate the restoration of the Bridge and the 700th Anniversary of a Charter there will be a Fair in Kelvedon. Over the weekend of the 8th/9th September the Packhorse Bridge Society will be opening the bridge as part of the Heritage Open Days Scheme from 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. At the same time, in association with "The Merrie Companie", the Society would like to invite everyone to join then in celebrating of the restoration of the bridge by stepping back in time to meet our ancestors at a Medieval Fair. On the 28th May, 1312 – 700 years ago this year – Kelvedon was granted two Charters by King Edward II to John Filiol to hold a market and a fair. Medieval and Tudor folk will be camped at the bridge over the weekend, showing various crafts, cooking medieval food and will happily talk to visitors about their day to day lives. Visitors will be able to handle many recreated objects, ask questions and take part in the "Blessing of the Bridge" while listening to music from a bygone age, and watch a puppet show. Access to the bridge will be free of charge under the Heritage Open Days Scheme, but there will be a charge of £2.50 per adult, accompanied children free (full members of the Packhorse Bridge Society £1.00) to the Medieval Fair. No unaccompanied children can be allowed on the island where the Fair will be taking place. The Packhorse Bridge Society request that as there is no parking at the bridge, if visitors park their vehicles either in the car park at the railway station or in the car park behind the Conservative Club/The Institute in the High Street.