

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SUNDAY 26th December <i>The Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Winnie MacPherson anniversary Altar Servers All Parishioners
MONDAY 27th December <i>St John the Evangelist</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY 29th December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
THURSDAY 30th December	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
FRIDAY 31st December <i>St Sylvester</i>	Kelvedon	NO MASS	
SATURDAY 1st January 2011 <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Family of Alan and Jackie Elvidge RIP
SUNDAY 2nd January <i>Epiphany (transferred)</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners John Barrett (anniversary)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 2nd January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Jill Hinds	Marlene Kennedy
KELVEDON	Pat Short Doris Eary	Jadwiga Smith	Elizabeth Maxted
TIPTREE	Sue Petchey Valerie Bartlett	Michael Wigley	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Tom McInally & Sean O'Leary		

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THE HOLY FAMILY

*Take the child and his mother and
escape into Egypt.*

First Reading: Si 3:2-6.12-14

Responsorial Psalm PS 127:1-5

Second Reading: Col 3:12-17

Gospel: Mt 2:13-25.19-23



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: The Sunday after Christmas is kept as the Feast of the Holy Family, this year displacing that of St Stephen. It is a time for us to reflect on family life in our country today, and our own family life. How can we strengthen it? Family life has always faced challenges and threats – from poverty and disease if nothing else. There has always been family breakdown. My father's parents separated when he was about thirteen and the younger children went into children's homes – that was in 1900! However, family life and stability were recognised as the ideal in a way that is not so true today. Stable and happy family life calls for commitment and self-sacrifice whereas today there is great emphasis on individual self-fulfilment. It is about interdependence rather than independence. As we enter 2011 do we have our priorities right? Is family life an area where we might make useful resolutions?

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Diane Batten, Hanni Kyan, Danny Mullane, Sarah Costello, Dorothy Dodd, Donovan Buahin, Mike Gibson, Elliot Chisholm, Maria Hoefft, Dwight Page, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holden, May Brown, Eric Bell, Paul Brittain, Audrey Hopwood, Karen Kelly, Daniel McDermott** and any unknown to us.

MASS VARIATIONS: There will be no Mass this week Tuesday to Friday. Mass on New Year's Day will be at 10.00 a.m. as usual on a Saturday.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 19th December - £665.74.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Frank Poeciecha, Edna McGuire, Miles Swinburne, Bernard Vesmilio, Rachel Evans, John Barratt, Leonard Chamberlain, Michael Vickers, Ted Godden** and **Joan Shepherd** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

BEREAVEMENTS: We offer our sympathy to Jo Austin, whose husband John died last week. The funeral of **John Need** has now been finalised. The funeral service will take place in **St Peter's, Coggeshall, on Tuesday 4th January at 12.00 noon.**

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN: In this country altar servers are under the patronage of St Stephen, the first Deacon, and most are enrolled in the Arch-confraternity or Guild of St Stephen after a suitable period of probation. This is marked by the conferring of a bronze medal with the Chi-Rho symbol representing Christ, and the motto 'cui servire regnare est' – 'to serve Him is to reign'. As well as assisting the priest at the altar it is a very good way for children who have made their First Communion (and for that matter adults) to come closer to Christ and be more involved in the Liturgy of the Church. We owe a great debt to all our servers and especially Gareth Talbot our parish Master of Ceremonies. I would also like to thank the parents for their support and encouragement.

KELVEDON PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group will resume again on **Thursday 6th January at 8.00 p.m.** in St. Dominic's Room. All are welcome.

ADORATION AND ROSARY: The Tuesday evening Adoration at Kelvedon and the Tuesday morning Adoration and Rosary at Tiptree will resume in the new year.

ONE DAY SEMINAR: 'Starting Justice & Peace from the Grassroots' - a one day seminar for Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster parishes. **Wednesday, 26th January, 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.** at **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, London SE1.** Stephen Kearney and Julia Olsen from RE:generate explain a tried and tested approach renewing our parish witness to Social Justice. Tea, coffee and lunch provided - suggested donation towards costs £10.00. To book a place contact CJSR by email: cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265290.

COLCHESTER DEANERY YOUTH GROUP: Will be holding a Ten Pin Bowling evening for school year 9 or above at Colchester Bowling Alley, Cowdray Avenue on **Sunday 30th January** from 6.00 p.m. £6 buys you 2 games and a meal. If you would like to attend then speak to Fr Gordon before the 9th January.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: A Mass to pray with and for those training for Priesthood, and those considering Priestly vocation. All are very welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD, at 11.30am on **Wednesday 29th December.** For more details, or to enquire about vocation, please contact **Fr Dominic Howarth** – frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org. Holy Trinity Church is close to Basildon station, on the c2c line, and also easily reached from the A13 or A127.

SENIOR SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNICIAN: Required for January 2011 at St Bonaventure's Catholic Comprehensive School, Forest Gate: term time + 2 weeks; salary scale £21,375 pro rata. For details see school website: www.stbons.org. Closing date 12th January 2011.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: The period begins on Christmas Day and ends on the feast of the Epiphany. The song was written by some 'wily Jesuits who were playing a dangerous game in 16th century England' where anything Catholic was banned and any practice of the Catholic faith was severely punished. Indeed, many believers, Jesuits among them, were martyred for the public acknowledgement of their faith. But many practised underground, and in an effort to encourage the faith of Catholics in a time of peril and danger, some Jesuits wrote the song. It's in code and was intended to be sung out loud as an outline of basic beliefs of the faith and as a proclamation during this season of the heart of God's love for all.

"*My true love gave to me*" is God speaking to the anonymous Catholic. "*Twelve drummers drumming*" are not, as you might guess, the twelve Apostles, but rather the twelve beliefs outlined in the Apostles Creed. The "*eleven pipers piping*" are the eleven apostles - Judas having left - who pipe the faith in an unbroken tradition. The "*ten lords-a-leaping*" are The Commandments. The "*nine ladies dancing*" are the nine choirs of angels. The "*eight maids a-milking*" are the eight beatitudes. The "*seven swans a-swimming*" are, of course, the seven sacraments; the "*six geese a-laying*" are the six precepts of the Church, the "*five golden rings*" are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible; the "*four calling birds*" are the four gospels that sing the Good News; the "*three French hens*" are the three gifts the Magi brought; the "*two turtle doves*" are the Old and the New Testaments; and finally, the "*partridge in a pear tree*" is the resplendent Christ reigning from the cross.