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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**27th December 2015**

### ***HOLY FAMILY***

***Jesus is found by his parents sitting  
among the doctors***

**First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10**

**Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2. 21-24**

**Gospel: Lk 2:41-52**



**HOLY FAMILY:** .As we rejoice with Jesus, Mary and Joseph and give thanks to God for the support and encouragement the example of the Holy family gives us in our own family life, let us reflect on the following words addressed by Pope Francis to Vatican employees just before Christmas:

“There is another thing I wish to say to you, possibly the most important: I encourage you to take care of your marriage and your children. Look after them, do not neglect them. Marriage is like a plant. It is not like a cupboard that you put in a room and perhaps dust every now and then. A plant is living and must be cared for every day. ... Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple must never be taken for granted, in any phase during the progress of a family. Let us remember that the most valuable gift for children ... is their parents' love. And I do not mean only the love of parents for their children, but also the love between parents themselves, that is, the conjugal bond. This is good for you and for your children.”

“Therefore, first and foremost cultivate the plant of marriage, as spouses, and at the same time take care of the relationship with your children; here too, focus on the human relationship rather than material things. Focus on mercy in your daily relations, between husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters; and take care of grandparents. The Jubilee must be lived also in the domestic church, not only in major events! The Lord loves those who practice mercy in ordinary situations. This is my wish for you: to experience the joy of mercy, starting with your family. Happy Christmas!”

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk (senior), Denis Wood, Kay Smith, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Paul Britain, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Bernard Vesmilio, Rachel Evans, John Barrett, Ted Godden, Leonard Chamberlain, Michael Vickers, and Patricia Carr* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS:** Many thanks to all who helped and gave of their time and energy in the preparations for Christmas, cleaning and adorning our churches and assisting in various ways with the liturgy. Boxing Day is the Feast of St Stephen, patron saint of the guild of altar servers. Several servers will be enrolled at Mass over the Christmas period as they have completed their probationary year. On a personal note, many thanks for your kind greetings and gifts. Every blessing for the New Year.

**MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS:** This Saturday 12.15 p.m. As usual Confessions and Exposition will extend from 10.30 a.m. till 12.00 noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Ranulph Piotr Armstrong** baptised at Kelvedon last Sunday.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for Sunday 20th December - £732.13.

**YEAR OF MERCY - SPRING EVENTS:** Launch of Year of Mercy for Schools - Thursday 14th January, 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Bishop Alan Williams SM *Spirituality of Mercy*. Saturday 23rd January, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Bishop Alan Williams, SM Catholic Schools as Centres of Mercy. Thursday 28th January, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Fr Martin Boland *Year of Mercy Reflection Morning for Schools*. Thursday 11th February, 10.00 a.m. Bishop Alan Williams, SM *Meeting the God of Mercy through the Sacraments*. Saturday 13th February, 10.30 a.m.- Fr Martin Boland *The Lord never tires of forgiving*. Saturday 27th February, 10.30 a.m. - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahon. All events take place at Cathedral House Brentwood. Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email:lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry is looking for one or two new members to strengthen their team. This is a ministry suited for parents with young children or young adults who in addition to working for 30 minutes during Mass once every 4-6 weeks, can give an hour during that week to prepare the material. If you would like to know more, why don't you come and observe one of the sessions to see what it entails? Materials and weekly topics are provided. For more information please contact Angie Hart after Mass or Yvonne Ewers on ewers@outlook.com or just have a chat with Fr Gordon after Mass.

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family.

Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love.

Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm.

Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you.

Help us to be instruments of peace.

Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

**Amen.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS:  
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 27th December <i>Holy Family</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Altar Servers John Barrett RIP
<b>MONDAY</b> 28th December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Pro-Life Movement
<b>TUESDAY</b> 29th December <i>St Thomas a Becket</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	8.00 a.m. 12.00 noon	Private Intention <i>Baptism: Finn David Martin</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30th December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 31st December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1st January 2016 <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	All Parishioners
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2nd January <i>Sts Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Peter Eary (anniversary) <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3rd January <i>Epiphany [transferred]</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Stella Bushell RIP David Bartlett (anniversary) All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation: This Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon  
With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.*

Liturgical Rotas 3rd January	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Lanette Bridgman Jane Crone	Neville Bridgman	Mollie Blackwell
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Tom McNally Patricia Pike	Helena McNally	Gloria Streat
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Michael Wigley	Sue Petchey	Jude Cody