

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS			
Psalms for Morning Prayer: Week 1			
SUNDAY 28th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Kathleen Mason RIP Intention Gladys Campling
MONDAY 29th November	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Intention Rymer Family <i>Mothers' Prayers Prayer Group</i>
TUESDAY 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Benjamin Camilleri RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 1st December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Intention Judy Grey <i>Bl. John Beche</i>
THURSDAY 2nd December	Kelvedon Coggeshall Tollesbury Kelvedon	9.00 a.m. 9.30-10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.	William Joseph Hutley RIP <i>Church open for Prayer</i> Private Intention <i>Prayer Group</i>
FRIDAY 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Anthony O'Dowd RIP
SATURDAY 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Louise Grant RIP
SUNDAY 5th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John Wood RIP All Parishioners Barbara Kewell (anniversary)
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.</i>			

Liturgical Rotas 5th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Sue Harrison Phil Harrison	Jill Hinds	Clare Gallant
KELVEDON	Pat Short Doris Eary	Peter Morgan	Maura Banks
TIPTREE	Mary Mann Sue Petchey	Eileen Roberts	Celia Butt
FINANCE TEAM	Tony Hinds & Tom McInally		

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay awake that you may be ready.

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm PS 121:1-2.4-5.6-9

Second Reading: Rm 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The theme of the readings today is 'watchfulness'. Despite the dire warnings and preparations of Noah, the Great Flood took everyone else by surprise. The same goes for a visit from a burglar. This week we have much to be grateful for, not least the watchfulness of neighbour or a passer-by at Tiptree who spotted the beginnings of a fire and alerted the Fire Brigade. We were fortunate that the alarm was raised quickly and the fire station located just a few hundred yards down the road. If the fire had spread sideways or caught the roof we should be looking at a smouldering shell. As it is a section of timber wall about six foot wide was burned through from floor to roof line. Apart from water damage to the sanctuary carpet there was very little damage to the interior and so the building is still usable. I must pay due credit not only to the promptness of the fire brigade but also to the Diocese. They contacted the insurers immediately. A loss adjuster has already been and I have received the claim forms. A structural engineer has been briefed to check out the damage and prepare a schedule for repairs ready to put out to tender. However, it is difficult to say how long it will take for the repairs to be effected. The watchfulness of which the Scriptures speak is of a different kind – just as flood or fire can take us by surprise, so can the coming of the Lord at the end of time or at the end of our lives. Advent is above all a time of preparation and readiness – not just for Christmas but for meeting the Lord face to face.

MASS VARIATIONS: Mass on Thursday this week will be at 9.00 a.m. The evening Mass will be at Tollesbury.

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. If anybody knows of names to be added to or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember **Ernest Bell, Frances Browney, Christopher Edwards, Sr Mary Teresita OP, Josephine Grima, Joan Wood, Kathleen Lee, Margaret Farley** and **Lucy Challis** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ADVENT AIDS: A reminder that booklets of daily reflections are available at £1.00 for adults or £0.55 for the children's versions.

THE BIGGEDR BREAKFAST: The next prayer breakfast for Kelvedon and Feering takes place at Kelvedon URC on Saturday 4th December 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Many thanks to all who helped with and supported yesterday's bazaar, not least in the difficult circumstances of the recent fire. More details will be given next week or in a flyer.

RED MISSION BOXES: Danny Mullane asks that, if they have not been emptied recently, you bring them to church over the next couple of weeks so that they can be emptied and the money sent off.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 21st November - £746.94.**

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY: A Nativity Play will be performed during the 6.30pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass in Kelvedon. If your child would like to take part in it, please contact Agness O'Brien by email agnessobrien@hotmail.com with your contact details or call 01376 573694.

PRAYER GROUP: Please note that the Prayer Group at Kelvedon now takes place at 8.00 p.m. on **THURSDAY.**

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: The next Praise & Worship Evening at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on today **Sunday, 28th November, 7.30pm to 9.00pm.** Everyone welcome.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: For men between 18 and 35 years of age - Friday 17th December at 6pm – Sunday 19th December mid-afternoon. Location: St John Fisher House 17, Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 5RU. Limited overnight accommodation: please book now. **Programme:** Spiritual conferences, socials, Holy Mass each day (Extraordinary Form of the Roman rite), silent prayer, private talk with Fr de Malleray, FSSP. Fr de Malleray will explain what is a vocation in general and to the priesthood in particular. **Cost:** no set price for students or unemployed – any donation welcome; others: £50 suggested. For further details contact Tel: 0118 966 5284; Email: malleray@fssp.org or visit www.fssp.co.uk/england

UGANDA APPEAL 2010: We will be closing down and making a payment in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to make a contribution and haven't already done so there are spare envelopes at each church.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: 29th December, Most Holy Trinity Church, Wickhay, Basildon, SS15 5AD. Everyone is welcome to join seminarians and those discerning vocation to Priesthood and Religious Life for **Mass at 11.30am.** December 29th is the Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, who is the Patron Saint of Pastoral Clergy in England. Please pray for vocations; for those interested in discerning vocation you will find lots of helpful information and links on www.brentwoodvocations.org along with contact details for the Vocations Director, Fr Dominic Howarth.

CATHOLIC SINGLES: Is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

TEACHING VACANCY: We are looking for suitably qualified applicants for the post of KS2 Class teacher at St Philomena's Catholic School in Frinton-on-Sea. This is an Independent School catering for pupils of all denominations, aged 3 – 11. Starting date end of February 2011. Further information and an application pack can be obtained from Paul Barnett, School Administrator on 01255 674492. Email generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com.

DIARY DATE: Senior Parishioners' Christmas meal, Saturday 22nd January 2011. Further details to follow.