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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**29th November 2015**

### ***FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

*Your liberation is near at hand.*

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Jr 33:14-16</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 24.4-5. 8-9. 10. 14</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>1 Thess 3:12-4:2</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Lk 21:25-28. 34-36</b>



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** As our thoughts turn to the coming of Christ and its meaning for us Pope Francis directs our thoughts towards the Lord's Mercy and his invitation to open our hearts towards his forgiveness with the forthcoming 'Year of Mercy' which begins on 8<sup>th</sup> December – the feast of the Immaculate Conception. During the Jubilee, the Sunday readings for Ordinary Time will be taken from the Gospel of Luke, the one referred to as "the evangelist of mercy". Dante Alighieri describes him as "*scriba mansuetudinis Christi*", "narrator of the meekness of Christ". There are many well-known parables of mercy presented in the Gospel of Luke: the lost sheep, the lost coin, the merciful father. In the ancient Hebrew tradition, the Jubilee Year, which was celebrated every 50 years, was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. In addition, the Jubilee Year was a reminder to the rich that a time would come when their Israelite slaves would once again become their equals and would be able to reclaim their rights. "Justice, according to the Law of Israel, consisted above all in the protection of the weak" (St. John Paul II, *Tertio millennio adveniente* 13). The Catholic tradition of the Holy Year began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Boniface VIII had envisioned a Jubilee every century. From 1475 onwards – in order to allow each generation to experience at least one Holy Year – the ordinary Jubilee was to be celebrated every 25 years. However, an extraordinary Jubilee may be announced on the occasion of an event of particular importance. The Catholic Church has given to the Hebrew Jubilee a more spiritual significance. It consists in a general pardon, an indulgence open to all, and the possibility to renew one's relationship with God and neighbour. Thus, the Holy Year is always an opportunity to deepen one's faith and to live with a renewed commitment to Christian witness. With the *Jubilee of Mercy*, Pope Francis focuses attention upon the merciful God who invites all men and women to return to Him. The encounter with God inspires in one the virtue of mercy. The initial rite of the Jubilee is the opening of the Holy Door. This door is one which is only opened during the Holy Year and which remains closed during all other years. Each of the four major basilicas of Rome has a Holy Door: Saint Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major. This rite of the opening of the Holy Door illustrates symbolically the idea that, during the Jubilee, the faithful are offered an "extraordinary pathway" towards salvation. The celebration in our diocese will begin with a special **Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on 8th December 7.00 p.m. All are welcome.** You can also see details of events during the Holy Year on a poster at the back of the Church.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Helena Dawson, John Dodd, Gerald Pinder, Canon Martin Hancock, Margaret Banyard, Percival South, Angela Gummatt, Minnie Pachowski, Parval Piekieron, Susan Masters, Ernest Bell, Frances Browney, Christopher Edwards, Sr Mary Teresita OP, Marlene Kennedy, Josephine Grima, John Wood, Kathleen Lee and Margaret Farley* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**FATHER ARTHUR:** Parishioners who have kept in touch with Fr Arthur and perhaps exchange Christmas cards will want to know that he has recently moved from The Presbytery in Dovercourt to St Michael's Convent, 93 Marine Parade East, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 6JW: e-mail [arthurbarrow99@yahoo.com](mailto:arthurbarrow99@yahoo.com)

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Many thanks to all who contributed in so many ways to making our annual Bazaar a successful and enjoyable occasion.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To the following children baptised in the past week: **Alexis Maxime Jucobin** at Kelvedon last Sunday and **Isabelle Rose Flynn** at Coggeshall yesterday.

**MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS:** This Saturday 12.15 p.m.

**THE BIGGER BREAKFAST:** The monthly Prayer Breakfast for Kelvedon & Feering takes place at the URC this Saturday 8.00 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

**PARISH WASSAIL EVENING:** Bernard's Church, Coggeshall, Sunday 13th December, 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE: Change of date for this event from Sunday 6th December to Sunday 13th December.** Pre booking essential for catering purposes. Please see registration form at the back of the church. This is a fun **FREE** afternoon of music and Christmas carols for all the family.

**FINANCE:** Offertory collection for **Sunday 22nd November - £599.35.**

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Group 1, NOR 112), Dovercourt, Harwich are seeking to appoint a Headteacher from April 2016. The school is pleasantly located in the town of Harwich, close to the sea and attractive coastal areas. The school has a 'Good' Ofsted and Diocesan ratings. Visits to the school are welcomed. Closing date 4th January 2016 at 12 noon. Please contact Gill Colley on 01255 503493 or [admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk) Application packs can be downloaded: [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)

### War Diary 1914-1918

Please pray for Lance Corporal Cowley and all killed in the War.

#### Parish Notices 21<sup>st</sup> November 1915

The amount collected last Sunday for the Polish Relief Fund was £3/5/-\* which was received and acknowledged with thanks by the Committee.

#### Parish Notices 28<sup>th</sup> November 1915

\*This would amount to 3 weeks' wages for a labourer at that time - perhaps £300+ in today's terms.

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN:** A great opportunity for our children to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, have fun and win a prize! The Children's Ministry team is organising a Christmas Prayer Competition for children of school age: *Who would you ask Baby Jesus to help this Christmas?* To take part, all you have to do is to decide to whom you would like to devote your prayer and then write a short prayer to baby Jesus. For example, you can pray for someone you know who is sad or ill, for children all over the world or for people that are persecuted for their faith. It is your choice! All we ask you is that you limit your prayer to no more than 150 words. Then just post your prayer in the prayer box at the back of your church by December 18th.

**CALL TO ALL CHILDREN!** Christmas is only few weeks away and the Liturgy Team is calling on all children who would like to take active part during the **Children's Mass** in **Kelvedon** on **December 24th** to come forward now! If you would like to do a **reading**, a **bidding prayer**, **welcome people**, take the **offertory** or just to **sing in the choir**, please talk to **Angie Hart** or ask your parents to contact **Yvonne Ewers** on 01621 893534, mobile 07711703600 or email her at [ewers@outlook.com](mailto:ewers@outlook.com) and let us know what you would like to do. The Mass is much more fun when you take part!

**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 are curious or interested, why don't you come and observe one of the sessions to see what it entails? Materials and weekly topics are provided...all you need to do is to follow the instructions in the book and prepare the materials needed prior to leading the group. It is good fun! For more information please contact Angie Hart after Mass or Yvonne Ewers on [ewers@outlook.com](mailto:ewers@outlook.com) or just have a chat with Fr Gordon after Mass.

**GOOD COUNSEL ON TV:** Clare McCullough talks about the inspiring Pro-Life work of The Good Counsel Network that is bringing hope to women and saving countless babies' lives from abortion. You can watch episode 5 of Three Wise Women on EWTN at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 30th November, 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd December or at 00.30 a.m. Saturday 5th December 2015. You can watch EWTN on Sky 589 or online [www.EWTN.co.uk](http://www.EWTN.co.uk)<<http://www.EWTN.co.uk>>. For more information about The Good Counsel Networks life changing and lifesaving work see; [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)<<http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com>

**PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING:** SION Community, Sawyers Lane, Brentwood, today **Sunday 29th November, 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** Everyone welcome.

**MIDNIGHT MASS:** Brentwood Cathedral, Thursday 24th December at 11.00 p.m. **LIVE** Broadcast of MIDNIGHT MASS for BBC Radio 4.

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

<b>SUNDAY</b> 29th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Intention Sabu Family Dec'd Moran, Kilbane, Bradley, Tierney & Mullen Families All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Holy Souls
<b>TUESDAY</b> 1st December	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 2nd December	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	William Joseph Hutley RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b> 3rd December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	James Sheldrake RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b> 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Louisa Grant RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5th December	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention Deasy Family <i>Tridentine: Private Intention</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 6th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Teresa Hall RIP Barbara Kewell (anniversary)

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

Liturgical Rotas 6th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
<b>COGGESHALL</b>	Sean O'Leary Clare Gallant	Desmond Crone	Maria O'Leary
<b>KELVEDON</b>	Tom McInally Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
<b>TIPTREE</b>	Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney