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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

First Reading:	Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19
Second Reading:	1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel:	Mk 13:33-37



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Where is God? Some fifty years ago, when Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space he reported back to Moscow that he could not see any sign of God, yet in today's first reading Isaiah prays, "Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" God is not a resident of inner or outer space – the realm of the spirit is all around us, like a fourth dimension. God is never absent however much we may feel him to be. Isaiah's plea is not for God to move from one place to another but for him to make himself known to us – for us to feel his presence in our lives. But the 'coming' of God is a challenge. It brings us face to face with our inadequacies and his perfection and glory. Advent is a time we look forward to his final coming in glory. We prepare for this by reflecting on his first coming at Christmas where he demonstrates that he comes to us in love so as to transform us and make us ready for his final coming. In between these comings we must live by faith and not by sight in the knowledge that he is present to us through the sacraments and in prayer, his face hidden by a thin veil that can be lifted by love.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Delia Cooch, Kay Smith, Julie Trueman, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Hani Kyan, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Sr Mary Teresita OP, Marlene Kennedy, Josephine Grima, John Wood, Kathleen Lee, Margaret Farley, Lucy Challis, Mary McGonagall, Enid Whitaker* and *Neville Parkin* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ADVENT: The usual Advent reflection booklets are available. The booklets for adults, 'Walk with me' and 'My day by day' cost £1.00. The children's booklets cost £0.55.

THE BIGGER BREAKFAST: The next prayer breakfast for Churches Together in Kelvedon and Feering takes place this Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. at **St Mary Immaculate**.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN COGGESHALL: Advent Service this evening at Christchurch 6.30 p.m.

MASS VARIATIONS: Thursday morning Mass will be at 9.00 a.m. due to clergy day of recollection at Chigwell. There will be no Mass on Friday – I have an early start with a school governors' meeting at St Benedict's College at 8.30 a.m. On Saturday there is the usual first Saturday Tridentine Mass at 12.15 p.m. with Exposition and Confessions 11.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon. Please remember in your prayers **Brother Stephen Morrison** of the Norbertine community in Chelmsford who will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday morning.

FINANCE: Offertory collection for **Sunday 23rd November £713.20**.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY: Copies now available at the back of the Church for £2.75 – full of information about the Diocese and with a liturgical calendar for 2015 for those who like to know the details for each day.

BRENTWOOD NEWS: Latest number is now available. Please do take one – they are free!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: If your child would like to join us in the children's Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve then please email me on yewers@myway.com so I have an idea of numbers. Many thanks, **Yvonne Ewers**.

PARISH WASSAIL EVENING: **Bernard's Church, Coggeshall, Sunday 14th December, 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.** Pre booking essential for catering purposes. Please see registration form at the back of the church.

E-MAILS TO PARISHES: The Diocesan server has recently undergone a serious viral contamination from a zip file. As a result in future all e-mails with an attached zip file sent to any ...@dioceseofbrentwood.org address will be blocked. Should anyone wish to send such a file to the parish, please send an e-mail without the attachment so that I will now that I need to contact the diocese about it. The message reads: There are a lot of Zipped attachments going around, that contain a very harmful Virus within them, so as from this morning to protect emails sent to Parishes through our Domain name **dioceseofbrentwood.org** I have placed a rule in our spam server that will block all zip attachments. This will be in place until further notice, **as this is a very costly virus to repair the damage caused. To summarise –** Anyone sending a zip file to anyone@dioceseofbrentwood.org will be blocked by our Spam Server. If you need someone to send an attachment to you that needs to be zipped up, we can still retrieve the Blocked Zip email. From our spam server. **All you need to do is email me itsupport@dioceseofbrentwood.org with the email address of the person sending the zip file and I will release it.**

THE PASSAGE: Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. If you **donate** through **The Big Give** website just after **10.00 a.m.** on **4th, 5th or 6th December** every **£1** is worth **£2** due to matched funding. There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 5th December, Friday 6th December or Saturday 7th December. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open longer on that day. The link is http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage

WAR DIARY 1914-1918

On account of the great troubles and afflictions affecting the whole world the Cardinal has dispensed us from Fasting and Abstinence on the Wednesdays* of Advent.

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[*Fridays in Advent remained days of fasting and abstinence at this stage]

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

SUNDAY 30th November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Sr Teresa Geogahan RIP Dec. relatives of Antzcak Family
MONDAY 1st December <i>Bl. John Beche</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	William Joseph Hutley RIP
TUESDAY 2nd December	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30 p.m.	Fr Thomas Varley RIP <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 3rd December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Ellen & John Quigley RIP
THURSDAY 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	9.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Louise Grant RIP Private Intention
FRIDAY 5th December	NO MASS		
SATURDAY 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	Kelvedon Kelvedon	10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m.	Intention of Brother Stephen Morrison, O. Praem. James Cuff RIP
SUNDAY 7th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	John & Mary Wood (anniv) All Parishioners Barbara Kewell (anniv)

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

Liturgical Rotas 7th December	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Welcome
COGGESHALL	Ann Ross Clare Gallant	Desmond Crone	Molly Blackwell
KELVEDON	Pat Richardson Patricia Short	Elizabeth Maxted	Angie Hart
TIPTREE	Isobel Kersey	Eileen Roberts	Mary Branney