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**PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE THE HOLY ARCHANGELS  
KELVEDON, ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL, ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE,  
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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**9th December 2012**

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### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

**Responsorial Psalm 126:1-6**

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** “On this Sunday the liturgy presents to us the Gospel passage in which St Luke prepares the scene in which Jesus is about to enter and begin his public ministry. The evangelist focuses the spotlight on to John the Baptist, who was the Precursor of the Messiah, and with great precision outlines the space-time coordinates of his preaching. The Evangelist evidently wanted to warn those who read or hear about it that the Gospel is not a legend but the account of a true story, that Jesus of Nazareth is a historical figure who fits into that precise context. After this ample historical introduction, the subject becomes ‘the word of God’ presented as a power that comes down from Heaven and settles upon John the Baptist.” Pope Benedict XVI.

**ECUMENICAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT:**

- Kelvedon URC 2.30 p.m. **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Women’s Fellowship Carols
- Tiptree URC 4.00 p.m. **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Ecumenical Carol Service
- Coggeshall St Peter’s Church 6.00 p.m. **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS:** Coggeshall - The leaflets containing details of the three Churches in Coggeshall will be available this weekend. Please help to distribute to those roads for which we have responsibility.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS:** These will be available for you to collect next Sunday – those not collected will be posted. If you do not receive one this suggests you are not on our parish data base – so please provide us with your address for future reference.

**ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION:** This will take place at 7.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Fr Tom Lavin will be helping with confessions. If you are unable to make this you might like to avail of the service at Lexden, which will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m.

**DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS:** These are now available at the back of the church: £2.75. They contain a mine of information about the Diocese and also a full liturgical calendar at the back.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember **Richard Farley, John Need, Bertha Beasley, Kenelem Bourfield, Hilda Davey, William Neary, Anthony Said** and **Agnes Bamford** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially **Roland Birch, Marion Simmons, Colleen Furse, Audrey Thurlow, Hayley Hetzel, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Hawes, Pam Loath, Hani Cyan, Sheila Faulkner, Karen Kelly, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Eddie Price, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Holder, Paul Britain, Audrey Hopwood** and any unknown to us. If anybody knows of names to be added or deleted from the sick list please let Fr Gordon know.

**THE PASSAGE AND THE BIG GIVE:** Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. Donate through The Big Give website between 10.00 a.m. on 6 December and 19 December and every £1 can be worth up to £2. 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 6 December, Friday 7 December or Saturday 8 December.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY:** St Mary's Primary in Tilbury are seeking a new Headteacher to start in April or September 2013. The closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> January, please contact the school for an application pack, we welcome informal visits, please contact Mrs Alison Bishop at the school to arrange a visit. Tel: 01375843254 [admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk)

**FINANCE:** The Offertory collection for **Sunday 2nd December - £596.19.**

**POST BAZAAR GOOD NEWS:** The winner of the £75 prize in "Tom's Lucky Pound" draw donated the sum to the Uganda Appeal.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**  
**Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9th December <i>2nd of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners Ellen & John Quigley RIP Barbara Kewell (ann.)
<b>MONDAY</b> 10th December	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Fr Augustine Davidson RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b> 11th December <i>St Damasus</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree Kelvedon	8.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30-8.30p.m.	Int . Elizabeth Abbott <b><i>Rosary &amp; Eucharistic Adoration</i></b> <b><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i></b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadeloupe</i>	Kelvedon	7.30 p.m.	Private Intention
<b>THURSDAY</b> 13th December <i>St Lucy</i>	Kelvedon Coggeshall	10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Fr Thomas Varley RIP Private Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> 14th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 15th December	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Int. Deasey Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 16th December <i>3rd of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Frank Joyce RIP All Parishioners Private Intention

***Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30-11.00 a.m.  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction***

<b>Liturgical Rotas</b> 16th December	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ministers of Welcome</b>
<b>COGGESHALL</b>		<b>Maria O'Leary</b>	<b>Mollie Blackwell</b>
<b>KELVEDON</b>	<b>Helena McInally</b> <b>Steve Smith</b>	<b>Giovanna Austin</b>	<b>Sabrina Birch</b>
<b>TIPTREE</b>	<b>Celia Butt</b>	<b>Jean Mullane</b>	<b>Jude Cody</b>