

**WELCOME TO THE
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON
ST. BERNARD COGGESHALL & ST JOHN HOUGHTON TIPTREE
(Twinned with St Joseph's Mission, Besters, KwaZulu-Natal)**

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2023

13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

First Reading	2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 88
Second Reading	Romans 6:3-4.8-11
Gospel	Matthew 10:37-42



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"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me". Hospitality is an important virtue – especially in a desert climate. However, Jesus is not simply praising hospitality in general but making the point that if we see God in the person we encounter, then we will receive God's blessing. A human act of kindness is taken to a higher level. The Church has chosen our first reading to emphasise this point in a practical way. A childless woman recognises the holiness of Elisha and offers a spare room for his use whenever he passes. In return Elisha promises her the blessing of a child. The presence of God in those we encounter is often not so obvious. Indeed it may be well hidden by their human characteristics. Yet we are all made in the image and likeness of God. The story of St Christopher may be legendary but it tells of a Christian convert who was tall and strong, and counselled by a hermit to offer his assistance to those seeking to cross a dangerous river. After Christopher had performed this service for some time, a little child asked him to take him across the river. During the crossing, the river became swollen and the child seemed as heavy as lead, so that Christopher could scarcely carry him and found himself in great difficulty. When he finally reached the other side, he said to the child: "You have put me in the greatest danger. I do not think the whole world could have been as heavy on my shoulders as you were." The child replied: "You had on your shoulders not only the whole world but Him who made it. I am Christ your king, whom you are serving by this work." The child then vanished.

FIRST COMMUNION

We ask God's blessing on three children from Coggeshall who make their 1st Communion at our 11.00 a.m. Mass today: Leo Ralphs, Isabelle and Amelia Flynn. We thank their parents for the support they give them and our catechist Yvonne Ewers who has helped to prepare them over the past few months.

NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to Neville Bridgman for this final edition under his editorship. Future items or requests should be sent to Fr Gordon. Neville has provided guidelines and templates for the next month. We will probably retain the current format as it is easier to set out as four pages on two sides of A4 than a simple 2 page document with boxes for Mass times etc. Anyone willing to take on this role please contact Fr Gordon.

SUMMER TEA PARTY

Many thanks to all who supported and helped to organise our parish tea party at Tiptree last Saturday.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for Mgr Gordon Read: Kelvedon Catholic Church

We are changing our address to kelvedon@brcdt.org

Please update our contact details. Mail sent to @dioceseofbrentwood.org will be forwarded in the short to medium term.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick, in hospital or housebound.

ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Julie Hillyard, Jimmy Pachowski, Catherine Trim, Susan Praynall, Paul Wilson, Edith Kenney, Jozsefa Matrejek, Margaret Durell, Emmett O'Reilly, Roma Palmer, Elsie Mason** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note - the next coffee morning has been pushed back by a week and will be held on **Thursday 13th July** from 10:30-11:45am at **Forget-Me-Not tearooms, Maldon Road, Tiptree**. Coffee/tea and cake/scones etc costs between £6.50- £7.00.

If you would like to attend, please contact **Viv Talbot** on **07840 492307** or **viviennetalbot52@hotmail.com**

If you would like to come along, but don't have transport, please don't worry as we will attempt to arrange transport for you.

PARISH CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

RETREAT II: ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL WHEN LIFE IS DIFFICULT will take place on **Saturday July 22 from 10 am – 4 pm** in St Dominic's Room as before. Booking lists are now available at the back of each one of our churches. Children are welcome but we need to know numbers and ages to make sure we provide suitable care for them. All welcome. If you couldn't attend the first retreat, do not miss this one. Please, contact **Angie Hart mahart66@outlook.com** for further information. Thank you!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

8 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: **5th -12th November 2024** led by Fr. Nixon Gomes.
For details please contact **Yoly Stephens** (organizer) on **01376 521186/07985176117** or **All Saints Travel** on **0179388116**.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS
Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 1

SUNDAY 2nd July <i>13th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	All Parishioners Celia McStay (anniversary) Private Intention
MONDAY 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Intention
TUESDAY 4th July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 5th July <i>St Antony Mary Zaccaria</i>	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Intention
THURSDAY 6th July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	Kelvedon	10:00 am	Private Intention
FRIDAY 7th July	Kelvedon	9:00 am	Private Intention
SATURDAY 8th July	Kelvedon	10:00 am	Private Intention
SUNDAY 9th July <i>14th Sunday</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Private Intention Maria Reilly RIP All Parishioners

*Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 10:30-11:00 am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION