

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Morning & Evening Prayer: Week 2			
SUNDAY 5th December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	All Parishioners James Sheldrake RIP Private Intention
MONDAY 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
TUESDAY 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	Private Intention <i>Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration</i>
WEDNESDAY 8th December <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
THURSDAY 9th December <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Derek Hand RIP
FRIDAY 10th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	Kelvedon	9.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SATURDAY 11th December <i>St Damasus I</i>	Kelvedon	10.00 a.m.	Private Intention
SUNDAY 12th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete'</i>	Coggeshall Kelvedon Tiptree	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Private Intention All Parishioners Private Intention
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction			
OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 21st November - £611.00 Sunday 28th November - £618.30			

WELCOME TO THE
PARISH OF ST MARY IMMACULATE & THE HOLY ARCHANGELS KELVEDON
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All mankind shall see the salvation of God.

First Reading	Bar 5:1-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 1254
Second Reading	Ph 1:4-6.8-11
Gospel	Lk 3:1-6



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Today St Luke, having spoken of the birth of Jesus in his first two chapters, turns to his public ministry and explains the role of St John the Baptist. In a comment on this passage Pope Benedict XVI notes the great trouble St Luke goes to over the date in order to show this is not just a legend but an historical event. There was no generally accepted system of dates and so he refers to the regnal years not only of the Roman Emperor, but also of local rulers and the high priests. John's role is to be the voice of the Spirit proclaiming that the day of salvation has dawned and the Saviour is close at hand. It is a time of hope and joy but before that the Spirit must transform human lives and remove the obstacles to divine grace.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Lucy Challis, Graham Murray, Enid Whitaker, Neville Parkin, Beatrix Joyce, Lorna Dowell* and *John Need* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE – TIPTREE: There will be a Carol Service on Windmill Green opposite The Factory Shop next **Sunday 12th December** at **4.00 p.m.** All welcome. Refreshments will be available for purchase afterwards.

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: This Advent there will be a Service of Reconciliation for the Western part of Colchester Deanery at **St Teresa's, Lexden** on **Friday 17th December** at **7.00 p.m.** Do take advantage of the opportunity to prepare for Christmas by confession. Several priests from across the Deanery will be taking part.

COVID PRECAUTIONS: We have not received any notification putting us in the same category as shops so the presumption is that face coverings remain voluntary but are strongly encouraged.

ASK YOUR MP TO END 'DIY' ABORTION: The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: These will be distributed shortly with details of Christmas Masses. Some will be hand-delivered by energetic parishioners who have kindly volunteered and the remainder will be posted as last year.

ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY, REDBRIDGE: **Learning Support Assistants (3 posts). Three permanent posts to support children with high needs. LBR scale 3 Salary £22,185 - £22,985 per annum pro rata according to hours/weeks worked.** Hours of work: 8.45 a.m. - 5.15 p.m. Monday and 8.45 a.m.–3.30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday (29.25 hours per week/43.26 weeks per year). For more information contact Sophie Russell, 01277 265216 or email sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org

FAITH TALK ON THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: As Christmas draws closer we shall be reading the sections of the gospels commonly known as 'infancy narratives' with their stories of the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. The three parts of this talk consider Matthew chapters 1-2, Luke chapters 1-2 and John chapter 1. The videos are available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org They are given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY: Our Journey Together. Coming together with loved ones this Christmas will have a special significance after the past year. Life has changed and perhaps there are things we see differently now. During Advent we are asked to listen to one another and to God as the Catholic Church worldwide embarks on our Synodal Pathway - Our Journey Together. Reflecting on journeys in the Christmas story: What was on the mind of Mary and Joseph as they made their way to Bethlehem? What did the shepherds say to one another after the angels left them? What did the wise men discuss as they followed the star? Similarly, we would like you to embark on Our Journey Together and tell us about your faith journey. To find out more please visit: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/synod-2021-2023/>

LAUNCH OF THE COMMITTEE FOR BROTHER MICHAEL'S CAUSE: At **3.00 p.m.** on **Tuesday 7th December**, the Committee for Brother Michael Strode's Cause (CMBC) will launch the preparatory stage for the Cause for the canonisation of HCPT's founder, when the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, Leo Cushley, will be the principal celebrant at a Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church in Kensington, London. The launch of the Cause itself is envisaged for January 2025, shortly after the fifth anniversary of Brother Michael's death. The Mass is being celebrated for an unusual and very special reason, which CBMC hope will ultimately lead to Brother Michael being recognised as a modern-day English saint. You can watch it live: visit the church website www.Ourladyofvictories.net and scroll down to click on "Mass and Confessions". Once opened, scroll down again to the live-feed, and click on the button, which at 3.00 p.m. will lead you directly into the live broadcast. Alternatively, the event will be listed on that website for a month and can be downloaded to watch at your convenience. At the end of Mass our Chairman, Richard King KSG, will briefly explain the process and the need for testimonies.