

SATURDAY 2nd **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**
 18:30 at Mistley **NO MASS**
SUNDAY 3rd **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**
 09:00 at Greenstead **NO MASS**
 10:45 at Greenstead **SOLEMN MASS** *Our Parish Community*
MONDAY 4th **THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass
TUESDAY 5th Feria
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass
WEDNESDAY 6th **St John Payne, Pr, M**
 09:45 at Greenstead Mass
THURSDAY 7th Feria
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass
FRIDAY 8th Feria
 19:30 at Greenstead Mass *Michael Morris RIP (AB)*
SATURDAY 9th Feria
 12:00 at Greenstead Mass

MASS INTENTIONS: *We have only one Mass intention for this week. Please feel free to contact Fr Jon at any time and ask for a Mass intention for yourself or for your family.*

Chantry List for the coming week:

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Collette Stover (03); Charlotte Firman (96); Frederick Goldsworthy (03); Lloyd Elsum (00); Maisie Bigg-Wither (85); Rose Ward (05); Bobby Everett (10); Joan Smith (10); Denis Patrick Conway (02); Ivan Garrock (05).*
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Our prayers for the Sick & Suffering include:

Ellen Kirby, Violet Felton, Lily Dopson, Pat Croucher, Angela L, Barry S, Kerri H, Betty B, Sid B, Maura G, John F, Gary R, Marjorie S, Elaine S, Genette F, John W, Teresa H, Noel K, Christopher D, Dean K, Carmelo S, Peter W, Gina O, Samantha B, Jenny C, John, Isaac Nelson, Ann Mary B, Veronica C, Alice R, Brian B, Steve F, Kay Shaw.

THE HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR MAY: For Deacons.

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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St John Payne Catholic Parish

Greenstead, Ardleigh and Mistley

We of St John Payne Catholic Parish seek to reflect the joyful life-affirming power of Christ's Living Presence among all where Essex meets East Anglia.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
 Week beginning 3rd May 2020
 (World day of Prayer for Vocations)

The Shepherd And Guardian Of Our Souls

Today we rejoice in the Lord, our Shepherd, who calls us to himself.

<i>Entrance Antiphon</i>	The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth: by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
<i>1st Reading:</i> 2:14. 36-41	<i>God has made him both Lord and Christ.</i>
<i>Responsorial Psalm</i>	<i>R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
<i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 st letter of St Peter 2:20-25	You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.
<i>Gospel Acclamation</i>	Alleluia, alleluia! <i>I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i>
<i>Gospel Reading:</i> John 10:1-10	I am the gate of the sheepfold.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The concept of Vocation – the God who calls us – is the business of the whole Christian people, from our baptism to our earthly death. Vocations can include specific roles within the church: priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and religious life. There are also those opportunities for Christian service which arise within marriage, the single life, and widowhood; at our work, in the home, and the local parish. All these states of life have their origins in the New Testament and emerged in the earliest days of the primitive church. Saint John Henry Newman wrote extensively on vocations. We are not in this journey of discernment alone: God calls us through our baptism to be a 'living cell' in the Body of Christ, the Church – to be an active member of this community, and so to learn from each other as fellow pilgrims on our journey through life. In his '*Parochial and Plain Sermons*', Newman considers what the 'Call of Christ' is and how we can discern what Christ is calling us individually to do:

"All through our life Christ is calling us. He called us first in Baptism; but afterwards also; whether we obey His voice or not, He graciously calls us still. If we fall from our Baptism, He calls us to repent; if we are striving to fulfil our calling, He calls us on from grace to grace, and from holiness to holiness, while life is given us".

When God calls us to some state of life, or to some aspect of ministry and service, then this is an extension of our baptismal calling in our own families and our Christian communities. He never calls us without giving us the graces necessary to fulfil the task, and that grace always adds to our nature – the raw material – the person whom he chooses.

Extract from booklet **Rosary for Vocations**, adapted by **The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham**

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O Father,
raise up among Christians abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood,
who keep the faith alive
and guard the blessed memory of your son Jesus
through the preaching of his word
and the administration of the sacraments,
with which you continually renew your faithful.
Grant us holy ministers of your altar,
who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist,
the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world.
Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation,
spread the joy of your forgiveness.
Grant, O Father,
that the Church may welcome with joy the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son
and, docile to his teachings,
may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood
and to the consecrated life.
Sustain the bishops, priests, and deacons,
consecrated men and women,
and all the baptized in Christ,
so that they may faithfully fulfil their mission
at the service of the Gospel.
This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Pope Benedict XVI, 5th March 2006

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: This Sunday we traditionally pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese. Usually on Good Shepherd Sunday the seminarians travel to parishes to speak about vocations. This year three of them, Michael Barwick, Jonathan Burden and Deacon Paschal Uche have recorded video messages in place of this. You can watch them here: <https://bit.ly/3aGVOp9> We continue to have evenings for those who would like to enquire about a vocation to the priesthood. At the moment these are being held online. Please get in touch with Fr Mark Swires at vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life and also that all of us may be able to hear what God is asking us to do.

SUNDAY MAY 3RD – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Livestream Mass with Bishop Alan, 10.30am. Bishop Alan was due to meet with more than 700 Confirmandi at Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd May. Instead he will now concelebrate and preach at the Mass at 10.30 am, streamed from Walsingham House at Abbotswick, and his homily will be especially for Confirmation Candidates. Details about the Mass, including how to access it, are at <https://bcys.net/events/confirmandi/>

THE BEFRIENDING AND SUPPORT GROUP for those suffering any kind of loss is still active, by phone, during the lockdown. Anyone who would like a chat please phone Judy on 01206 869601

THE GREENSTEAD PRAYER GROUP will be praying 'together' in spirit on Monday 4th May, evening from 7pm until 8 pm. If anyone would like to join in this effort to pray for the current pandemic & every aspect of it...please do join us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: Many thanks to those in the parish who have sent cheque donations through the post and we continue to receive standing orders for which we are extremely grateful. Even though there are no public services, with Fr Jon continuing to celebrate the daily Mass in isolation, the expenses of the Parish are not reduced, and we are very reliant on your weekly Mass offering. To enable you to continue to support your parish, we are pleased to announce that online donation is now available through our website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=greenstead-with-ardleigh-and-mistley>

LET IT BE: since our parish course SYCAMORE was cut short (to be recommenced later) we've arranged to be able to download CaFE's very popular Marian course, 'Let it Be,' for multiple parishioner use. We have a password, that we can send out to parishioners who request it, to download the series for home viewing. The 5-session course explores Mary's role in the Church, past and present, and considers how she helps us today. It's filmed on location in Walsingham, the Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Montserrat, Lourdes & Knock, with input from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Mgr John Armitage and Dr Mary Healy, among others. An inexpensive course book (£2.50 - to be paid when we meet again) is available to help you fully engage with the course, giving additional materials, daily prayer reflections, Marian prayers and follow up resources. It's easy to read and very useful. I'm happy to post these out to people. This proved to be a very popular course when we ran it two years ago in the parish so we can personally recommend it to you. It's well presented and very interesting. If you'd like the download password please contact me at: clarecongdon@gmail.com Please remember to request a course book if you'd like one and your address. Clare Fox

NEWSLETTER: Send items for next week's newsletter by Wednesday evening to Carol Batchelor in the Church Office at sjpchurch@btinternet.com

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