

SATURDAY 23rd 18:30 at Mistley
SUNDAY 24th 09:00 at Greenstead
 10:45 at Greenstead
MONDAY 25th 09:15 at Greenstead
TUESDAY 26th 09:15 at Greenstead
WEDNESDAY 27th 09:45 at Greenstead
THURSDAY 28th 09:15 at Greenstead
FRIDAY 29th 19:30 at Greenstead
SATURDAY 30th 12:00 at Greenstead

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
NO MASS
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SOLEMN MASS *Our Parish Community*
St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D
 Mass *Terry Quinlan RIP*
St Philip Neri, Pr
 Mass
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bp
 Mass *Steven Zouvanis RIP*
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NO MASS
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 Mass *Fr John Duckett RIP*

MASS INTENTIONS: *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: *Paul Christopher Rose (91); Evelyn Arber (05); Terence Quinlan (08); Bernadette Ann Sheil (90); Steven Zouvanis (14); Rosemary Morris (18); Charles Bernard Thorpe (93); Gladys Gosling (85); Hannah Hart (87).*
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, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Week beginning 24th May 2020

(World Communications Day)

The Spirit Of Prayer And Praise

Christ prayed in the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the source of the prayer and praise of the whole Church. The Spirit of God is resting on us as we offer this sacrifice of praise today.

Entrance Antiphon *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
 of you my heart has spoken:
 Seek his face;
 hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

1st Reading:
 Acts of the Apostles: All joined in continuous prayer.
 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm *R/. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
 in the land of the living.*

2nd Reading:
 1st letter of St Peter It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the
 4:13-16 name of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!**
*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
 I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading:
 John: 17:1-11 Father, glorify your Son.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS: Fr Jon will continue to celebrate Mass in church, but without the faithful, at the normal advertised times. Please continue to send in your Mass Intentions and prayer requests.

The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church. Liturgical resources for those at home, including those for making a "Spiritual Communion" with the priest, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/prayer-and-worship-at-home/>

CARDINAL NICHOLS: In response to the Statement on "Our Plan to Rebuild – the UK Government's COVID-19 recover strategy" The following statement has been prepared regarding the Government document which has been posted on the Bishops' Conference website:

The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government's document and statements fail to recognise this.

The Government's position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with 'stakeholders' in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship.

In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.

Cardinal Nichols spoke about the importance of opening Catholic churches on the Today programme. A report of this can be found at: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/14/catholic-churches-should-be-allowed-to-reopen-before-others-england-wales-coronavirus>

RECENTLY DECEASED: Veronica Campbell, a parishioner who attended Mass at Ardleigh, died on Friday 8th May. Veronica's funeral will be held on Friday 29th May at Ipswich Crematorium. It has been agreed that 12 members of her immediate family will be allowed to be present. Please keep Veronica and her family in your prayers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: During this lockdown, our parish continues to incur expenses. Several parishioners have made their weekly offering, sometimes in an envelope hand-delivered, others have posted cheques. Thank you. We continue to receive standing orders for which we are extremely grateful. If you wish to set up a standing order email sjpchurch@btinternet.com for details and help to set it up. You can also make regular or one-off donations at any time through our website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=greenstead-with-ardleigh-and-mistley> where you can also find Gift Aid forms if you are a taxpayer.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EXTRA PRAYER DURING LOCKDOWN? Why not join us in spirit from your own home, each Tuesday at 10.00a.m. for 40-45 minutes, to pray the Gospel Reading for the following Sunday. To find out more about this Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) phone Judy on 01206 869601

PENTECOST SUNDAY, 31st May, 10.30am Mass for Confirmandi. With a special message from Bishop Alan at the start of Mass, and music recorded by soloists and groups of young people from across the diocese, as well as Intercessions read by young people, this Mass is especially for those who would have been confirmed today and it will be offered for you. We are BrentwoodCYS on both YouTube and Instagram and details of the Mass are at: <https://bycs.net/events/pentecost/>

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: the focus this month from Ascension to Pentecost is through art. Fleur Dorrell takes us on a visual journey from Ascension to Pentecost using four paintings for individual and group reflection. Explore what Scripture and Tradition tell us about Christ's journey back to God and the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/focus/> Also, **make a Dove from Above:** and they were filled with the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:4a Colour in this beautiful dove, cut it out and hang it in your home or place it in your window next to your NHS rainbow. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/Dove-activity-sheet.pdf>

NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY 9AM-9PM PENTECOST SUNDAY Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to pray the Rosary in their family homes during the month of May, especially when the Pandemic is making us aware of the value of our families and making it possible for us to pray together in lockdown at home. He encourages simple Rosaries and joining online Rosary initiatives to pray to Our Lady for deliverance from Covid-19 You are invited you to join in an initiative next Sunday that follows on the Pope's request, **The Pentecost Sunday National Rosary Initiative**, from 9am-9pm across Scotland, England and Wales. Our Diocese has been asked to pray a Rosary Hour at 11am and you are warmly invited to take part at any time between 11am and midday.

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

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

View newsletters online at www.stjohnpayne.org.uk/weekly-newsletters Why not print out this newsletter and drop it into the letterbox of any Catholic neighbours who might like to be kept in touch.

Fr Jon's prayer for the whole parish:

**May Our Lady's love embrace us;
May St Michael guard and protect us;
May St John Payne, and all the saints pray for us;
And may Almighty God bless us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**