

SATURDAY 25th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
 17:00 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass**

SUNDAY 26th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
 09:00 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass**
 10:45 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass** *Our Parish Community*

MONDAY 27th Feria
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass

TUESDAY 28th Feria
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass *Michael Hemming-Allen RIP*

WEDNESDAY 29th **St Martha**
 09:45 at Greenstead Mass *Alice Reid Int*

THURSDAY 30th St Peter Chrysologus, Bp, D
 NO MASS

FRIDAY 31st **St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr**
 19:00 at Greenstead Mass *Brian Gallagher RIP (MW)*

SATURDAY 1st **St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D**
 12:00 at Greenstead Mass

Because numbers are limited to 30 in the church, all parishioners need to pre-register their details and Mass preferences in writing to Fr Jon before attending.

MASS INTENTIONS: *Please feel free to contact Fr Jon at any time to 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: *Hilary Cotton (87); Adeline Mahoney (93); Douglas McDonall (18); Simon Boutflour (98); Angela Hannon (01); Connor Francis (03); Eleanor Morrell (86); John Ward (13); Elvira Golt (92); Dominic Hearne (69).*
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, Sophia, Jasintha Anton De Madonsa, Catherine Ford.

THE HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR JULY. Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week beginning 26th July 2020

The Treasure We Have Found

Solomon prayed for the wisdom to discern the true value of things. We scarcely need the wisdom of Solomon to realise that in finding the love of God we have found a treasure beyond price. It is in the joy of this realisation that we hold our celebration today.

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading: Book of Kings 3:5. 7-12
 You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

Responsorial Psalm R/. Lord how I love your law!

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:28-30
 God intended us to become true images of his Son.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew: 13:44-52
 He sells everything he owns and buys the field.



We would respectfully ask that you please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off while you are in church.

FR JON WRITES: Happily, I continue to receive further requests/registrations for Mass allocations as people feel more and more confident about returning to church. I am also pleased to say that a good number of those returning are people who were previously part of a 'Garden Communion' group. As the need for these groups diminishes (though some, of course, still continue) I am very much aware that there are those who are not yet ready, or able to come back **into** church. I am anxious that no one should be denied the opportunity to receive Communion. Accordingly, I am considering an outdoor, or 'open air' Mass, behind the church hall. This would be at 12noon on Saturdays. – As this would involve some financial expense, as well as considerable organisation, I invite those who think they would be interested in attending such an outdoor Mass to contact me, so as I may gauge the need/desire.

If you haven't yet made your request, or are unsure about returning to church, for whatever reason, I am happy to talk through any anxieties or questions. – I would remind those who just haven't got around to writing in that, in compliance with the Government's 'Track & Trace' requirements, it is mandated that people must register before they can attend. As I said in previous weeks, if you are not registered, you CANNOT come to Mass! So, please write or email your preference as soon as you can.

I believe I have contacted all those who have written or emailed their requests, confirming their Mass allocations, but if you have not received a reply from me, I'm sorry, just send me a reminder. Please note that families of up to 5, and living in the same house, may sit together on a single pew.

Notwithstanding all of the above, it is important to reaffirm that at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Also, Sunday and Weekday Masses are of equal significance.

Please note that all toilets will be closed. Also, you are requested to remain in your seat throughout Mass. Baskets for your offerings are placed at both the entrance and exit to the church.

Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19, or who has any reason to believe that they have been in contact with someone who has, should not attend church or volunteer in any capacity until they have received medical advice that it is safe to do so.

HOME COMMUNION: As the more vulnerable members of our parish will not be able to attend Mass in church due to shielding, Fr Jon will continue to bring Communion to groups of up to five, in open areas and private gardens (weather permitting).

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

OFFERTORIES: Last Sunday's offertory collections amounted to £892.03. We received £170 from the Art Group and £20 from the Befrienders.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP (Sacred Reading) meet on Mondays in Judy's garden/carport at 10.00a.m. for about 45 minutes to pray the following Sunday's Gospel. If you would like to join us there or spiritually from your own home phone Judy on 01206 869601 for details and to enable group numbers to be arranged in line with present rules.

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM begins **TOMORROW**, Monday 27th July – a full week of pilgrimage for all ages; Bishop Alan will preach at the 10.30am Mass on Monday and each day includes Morning Prayer, Mass, Rosary and Angelus, Afternoon Reflection, and Evening Prayer, with the week also including a Marian ("Torchlight") procession where the Hail Mary will be prayed in over 40 languages, as well as Stations of the Cross. A talent show offers a social element to the pilgrimage on Friday evening, and throughout the week there is a special programme for young people. Everything is on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys> and full details, plus liturgy handbook, are at <https://bcys.net/lourdes2020/>

CARITAS DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR: The Diocese is diverse, vibrant, and full of dedicated volunteers running projects which bring to life the Gospel mandate to recognise and serve Christ in the poor and those on the edges. If you have a heart for such work, and the skills to develop and strengthen it, this could be your perfect job! Full details <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentcoordinator> Deadline 2nd October 2020; Start January 2021

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING these charities: Cafod's coronavirus relief work at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal> Also Mary's Meals at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: We currently receive income from standing orders for which we are extremely grateful. You can make regular or one-off donations at any time at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=greenstead-with-ardleigh-and-mistley> where you can also find Gift Aid forms if you are a taxpayer. If you wish to set up a standing order email sjpchurch@btinternet.com for details.

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

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.