

SATURDAY 1st **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
 17:00 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass**

SUNDAY 2nd **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
 09:00 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass** *Paula Collins & Family - Int (SF)*
 10:45 at Greenstead **Solemn Mass** *Our Parish Community*

MONDAY 3rd Feria
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass

TUESDAY 4th **St John Mary Vianney, Pr**
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass

WEDNESDAY 5th Feria
 09:45 at Greenstead Mass

THURSDAY 6th **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
 NO MASS

FRIDAY 7th Feria
 19:00 at Greenstead Mass

SATURDAY 8th **St Dominic, Pr**
 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: *Jimmy Quinlivan (10); Paula Welch (08); Michael Mahoney (10); Mary Huckle (15); Arnold Otter (03); John Michael Donnelly (90); Ronald Allen (94).*

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 FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST. The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week beginning 2nd August 2020

The Lord Who Feeds Us

Today we celebrate the great love of God that not only gives us life, but also sustains that life with the food of the eucharist, the love of God made visible in Christ our Lord.

*Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me!
 You are my rescuer, my help;
 O Lord do not delay.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 Come and eat.

Responsorial Psalm R/. You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:35. 37-39 No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessing on the king who comes,
 in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
 Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew: 14:13-21 They all ate as much as they wanted.



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 aware there are those who are not yet ready, or able to come back **into** church. I am anxious that no one is denied the opportunity to receive Communion. Last week I said that I am considering an outdoor, or 'open air' Mass (behind the church hall) at 12noon on Saturdays. I also said, such a Mass would involve both financial cost and considerable organisation. To date, I have received only one response. However, to give people every opportunity to also respond, I will hold off making my decision until next week.

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, As of next Sunday, facemasks must be worn in church. Also, once you have been allocated a seat, you must remain there 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 £223.30 and £9.00 2nd collection.

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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY AT 74 HOWE CLOSE CO4 3XD: Tel 01206 867296. Annually, we have a Week of "Summer Fun" for children on our estate Involving different activities and Lunch. In previous years friends have supported this venture BUT none of this is possible in 2020 due to the present restrictions. SO, this year the Summer Fun Plan is to provide Picnic Party "Hampers" for 30 families with Primary age children. Our plan is to distribute the "Hampers" on 11 August. If you can help provide any of the contents, we would be most grateful. We need New Large Gift Bags, New: Puzzle/ Activity Books, Scrap books, Games, craft material, etc Everything would need to be NEW and suitable for Primary age children. Each hamper will also include Party food!

Any offers of these Items or any queries please contact us this week on 867296 or dianawmi@hotmail.com or teresalenahan@hotmail.co.uk Please also tell your friends and neighbours - before we start buying what is still needed for these "Hampers!" **MANY THANKS** and from the Families.

BEFRIENDING AND SUPPORT GROUP for those suffering any type of loss will meet on Tuesday 4th August at 10.00a.m. -12.00 noon in Judy's garden/ carport. At this strange time there are so many different kinds of loss, we support each other through them with friendship. Confidentiality is stressed. If you would like to join us or would like to chat on the phone please call Judy on 01206 869601

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.