

**SATURDAY 14th** THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
 17:00 at Greenstead **NO MASS**

**SUNDAY 15th** THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
 09:00 at Greenstead **NO MASS**  
 10:45 at Greenstead **SOLEMN MASS** *Our Parish Community*

**MONDAY 16th** **St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp**  
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass *Fr Jon's Int.*

**TUESDAY 17th** St Elizabeth of Hungary, Rel  
 09:15 at Greenstead Mass *Christina Wraight – RIP (MW)*

**WEDNESDAY 18th** Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, App  
 09:45 at Greenstead Mass

**THURSDAY 19th** Feria  
 NO MASS

**FRIDAY 20th** Feria  
 19:00 at Greenstead Mass

**SATURDAY 21st** **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 12:00 at Greenstead Mass

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

**PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSION:** Are both available by appointment.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER – Artificial Intelligence:** We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

**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: *Ann de Smith (99); Evalina McCrea (86); Wladyslaw Luczyz-Wyhowski (88); Bob Wilson (96); Elizabeth Dean (04); Edward Chapple (87); Richard Amos (87); John Arber (03); Phyllis Wightman (00); Lucy Colley (04); Louise White (86); Michael Johnson (00); Joseph Findlay (93); Peter Divers (04).*  
*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, Sid B, Betty B, Maura G, John F, Gary R, Marjorie S, Elaine S, Genette F, John W, Teresa H, Noel K, Dean K, Christopher D, Carmelo S, Peter W, Gina O, Samantha B, Jenny C, John, Isaac Nelson, Alice Reid, Ann Mary B, Anne Chapman. Brian B, Steve F, Kay Shaw, Sophia, Jasinthia Anton de Madonsa, Catherine Ford, Joan Kerins, Margaret Snelling.

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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.*

### 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

(World Day of the Poor)

### Christ, The Head Of His Household

**Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings to him the talents of a good wife, devoted sons and faithful servants.**

*Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*

Book of Proverbs A perfect wife – who can find her?  
 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

*Responsorial Psalm R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*

1<sup>st</sup> letter of St Paul Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.  
 to the Thessalonians  
 5:1-6

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life*  
**Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*

Matthew: 25:1-13 The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

**MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

I cannot really add anything to the comments I made in last week's Newsletter. Like you, I am feeling at something of a loss, unsure about what more can be said. I am aware that following the Governments' directive on the closure of all places of worship, Cardinal Vincent Nichols petitioned the Government earlier this week, asking it to reconsider that decision. I am also aware that a number of you sent in your own petitions to your Member of Parliament. However, and it should come as no surprise, those pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

And so, we continue to pray. We continue to pray for the Church; that her doors may be reopened; that we may again, be able to celebrate God's Sacraments together. We continue to pray for each other; for our loved ones, and for our neighbours. We continue to pray for the anxious and the lonely. We continue to pray for the sick and the vulnerable, and for those who care for them. We continue to pray for all who work in the medical profession, especially for those working to find a vaccine. We continue to pray for an end to this most awful pandemic. And we continue to pray for a return to the joys of normality.

In all of this, I leave you with the wonderfully consoling, reassuring words of Saint Julian of Norwich:

*"All shall be well,  
And all shall be well,  
and all manner of  
things shall be well."*

May almighty God bless you ✠  
and keep you from all harm.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr Jon.

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/>

#### **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:** Your offerings may still be made through standing orders, or posted to the presbytery (Cheques only).

You can make regular or one-off donations at any time. By going to the following 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. To set up a standing order please email [sjpchurch@btinternet.com](mailto:sjpchurch@btinternet.com) for details.

**THE BEFRIENDING AND SUPPORT GROUP** for those suffering any type of loss is unable to meet at present because of the latest Covid rules and the worsening of the weather. Support will continue by phone. Anyone who would like to become part of the group please ring Judy on 01206 869601 for details.

**THE LECTIO DIVINA** (Sacred Reading) PRAYER GROUP who pray the Gospel Reading for the following Sunday are not able to meet physically at present because of the latest Covid rules. The colder weather prevents garden meetings. Instead we will each pray in our own home at 10.15 every Tuesday morning for about half an hour, joining together spiritually. I will send the reading out as usual. For details if you would like to join us please contact Judy on 01206 869601

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY: 22<sup>nd</sup> October on the Feast of Christ the King.** From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November there will be a daily series of short (90 second) videos on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter where young people, young leaders, parents and catechists speak about "What the BCYS means to me." There is a lot of depth and insight in what they share, and I encourage you to have a look at them. As always, information can all be found on our website at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) as well as on our social media accounts and YouTube channel which can all be found by searching @brentwoodcys. An A5 flyer is also attached with this newsletter.

**NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK AGM & NETWORKING DAY:** Saturday 21st November 11am - 3pm via Zoom. If you are interested in justice and peace issues, come and join us without leaving the comfort of your armchair. A good way to hear about the excellent work going on elsewhere in the country. Please register here: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/njpn-agm-networking-day-tickets-121751701617?aff=ebdssbeac&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/njpn-agm-networking-day-tickets-121751701617?aff=ebdssbeac&keep_tld=1)

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#### **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.*