

SATURDAY	28th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	
	17:00	NO MASS	
SUNDAY	29th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	
	09:00	NO MASS	
	10:45 at Greenstead	SOLEMN MASS	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
MONDAY	30th	ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland	
	09:15	Mass	<i>Geoffrey Tuckwell – RIP (AB)</i>
TUESDAY	1st	Blessed John Beche, Ab, M	
	09:15	Mass	<i>Des Stott – RIP (IS)</i>
WEDNESDAY	2nd	Feria	
	09:45	Mass	<i>Maureen Waller RIP (CB)</i>
THURSDAY	3rd	St Francis Xavier, Pr	
		NO MASS	
FRIDAY	4th	St John Damascene, Pr, D	
	19:00	Mass	
SATURDAY	5th	Feria	
	12:00	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 DECEMBER – For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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: *Maureen Waller (17); Dorothy Perkins (85); Terence Perkins (89); Nicole Scott (96); Teresa Murray (79); Cyril Bell (07); Annie Webb (99); Audrey Prior (03).*
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Our prayers for the Sick & Suffering include:

Ellen Kirby, Violet Felton, Lily Dopson, 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, Jasintha 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Week beginning 29th November 2020

Waiting For The Lord

Christ is a king on the model of the homeric kings who called themselves 'shepherds of the people'. As a royal shepherd he is leading us to the Kingdom of his Father.

Entrance Antiphon: *Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all his glory. We wait with longing and with 'joyful hope', for his Spirit is with us, and we know that God is faithful to his promises.*

1st Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17;
64:1. 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Responsorial Psalm

***R/. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.***

2nd Reading:

1st letter of St Paul
to Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for Our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.*
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark: 13:33-37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

FR JON WRITES: The ending of the second national lockdown and the Government's decision to place us here in Essex into Tier Two (a summary of which is set out below) and more specifically, its announcement that Places of Worship may reopen, is very welcome news. What this means for us at St John Payne is that we may, once again, worship as a community, albeit under the prescribed conditions/restrictions.

That being so, I am pleased to say that, as from the weekend of 6th–7th December, we will simply pick up from where we left off prior to the current lockdown. – Masses between 2nd–5th December will be said privately in the presbytery Oratory, whilst some necessary work is being carried out in church.

For simplicity's sake, all Mass registrations that had previously applied will be reinstated. However, anyone wishing to amend or withdraw from their previous Mass allocations should let me know as soon as possible, and preferably before the 6th.

The social distancing rules, as well as the various health & safety measures, such as the wearing of face coverings, the use of hand sanitizer on entering and exiting the church, and the deep cleaning protocols after each service etc, will continue to apply. – **In all cases, people are asked to follow the directions of the stewards.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS: Along with this Newsletter I am including a 'Christmas Services' card, which details the times of all the services for the Christmas period. With specific reference to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, people wishing to attend Mass on these days will need to apply for registration by letter or email.

I am aware that demand for these Masses may well exceed our permitted capacity, in which case, I will consider appropriate additional Masses, so as to ensure that no one is prevented from receiving the Blessed Sacrament at this most holy time.

TIER TWO: HIGH ALERT

- **Meeting friends and family:** No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.
- **Bars, pubs, restaurants:** Pubs and bars must close unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Last orders 10pm, close 11pm
- **Open:** Retail, entertainment, accommodation, Personal care, e.g., hairdressers, beauty salons and nail bars, indoor leisure, e.g., gyms and swimming
- **Travelling:** Reduce journeys where possible. Avoid travel into tier three areas (except where necessary)
- **Overnight stays:** Permitted, with household or support bubble only
- **Work and business:** Everyone who can work from home should do so
- **Education:** Open all tiers. Childcare permitted
- **Places of worship:** Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble
- **Weddings and funerals:** 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals
- **Exercise:** Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but not indoors between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue
- **Large events:** Open to the public, but limited to 50 per cent capacity or 2,000 outdoors/1,000 indoors (whichever is lower)

ONLINE MASSES: Liturgical resources for those at home, including those making a "Spiritual Communion" may 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.

GEOFFREY TUCKWELL - RIP: Geoffrey, a long-time parishioner and Altar Server at St John Payne, sadly died in the early hours of Thursday 26th November with his family at his side. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Norma and the family.

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

You can also 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 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.

REPOSITORY: Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, we are unable to provide the usual facility of offering Christmas cards for purchase from our repository this year. Please do make a special effort to purchase Christian themed cards as well as religious stamps which are now available to buy from the post office. For ease, details of Catholic charities where cards can be purchased online are as follows:

CAFOD – <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk> ☎ 0191 491 0855

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/christmas-cards

Aid to the Church in Need - <https://acnuk.org/shop/> ☎ 0345 241 6068

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.