

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B)</b>
17:00		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Anne Chapman RIP</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B)</b>
09:00		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Michael A Sheehan RIP (IS)</i>
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4th</b>	Feria of Christmastide
09:15		Mass <i>Anne Chapman RIP (AB)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5th</b>	Feria of Christmastide
09:15		Mass <i>Teresa Riley Intentions</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
19:00		Mass <i>Anton de Madusa Family Intentions</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7th</b>	Feria of Christmastide
		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8th</b>	Feria of Christmastide
19:00		Mass <i>Frank Smith RIP (EH)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9th</b>	Feria of Christmastide
12:00		Mass <i>Pat &amp; Nora O'Shea RIP (EH)</i>

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact Fr Jon for a Mass intention for yourself or for your family.

**CONFESSION:** Is available by appointment.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021: Human fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**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: *Michael Sheehan (18); Lewellyn Jones (84); Roberta Letts (85); Thomas O'Malley (01); David Flack (88); John Killen (03); Bridget Teefey (07); Leslie Wolf (07); Michelle Kirk (87); Bill McCormack (00); Winifred (Mac) Prescott (16); Violet Amos (09).*

*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, Brian B, Steve F, Kay Shaw, Sophia, Jasinthia Anton de Madusa, 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.*



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (B)

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

### Christ, The Wisdom Of God

**We celebrate Christ, the incarnate wisdom of God who has come to dwell in our midst.**

*Entrance Antiphon:* When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*  
Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2. 8-12  
The wisdom of God has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

*Responsorial Psalm* **R/. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*  
St Paul to Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18  
He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus.

*Gospel Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans;*  
*Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world*  
**Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*  
John: 1:1-18  
The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.



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

### **FR JON WRITES:**

As I am sure you will all be aware, as of Boxing Day we, here in Colchester, were moved into Tier 4. As things stand at the moment, Places of Worship remain open and Communal worship can continue. However, in light of the virulence and transmissibility of the new variant, as compared to the previous strain, the need for extra vigilance in maintaining Covid-19 security is even more important.

Unless, and until further changes are announced, the current Government rules/guidance for attending places of worship remain basically the same whichever Tier applies. However, now that we are officially in Tier 4 people may only be seated in households. They may not mingle with anyone outside their household or with someone in a pre-established support bubble. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home#stay-at-home>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** You will note from the list of 'Services for the coming week' that The Epiphany is to be celebrated on Wednesday evening, at 7pm. Those wishing to attend that Mass will need to register in the usual way.

**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.*

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Anne Chapman RIP, who was a parishioner at Ardleigh, died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be at 1pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at St John Payne followed by a Committal at East Bergholt Cemetery. Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, the funeral service will be limited to immediate family members and a small number of invited friends. However, I am aware that Anne's family are keen to have a memorial Mass for her later in the new year.

Also, Pat Croucher RIP, a parishioner at SJP for many years, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be at 12:30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at St John Payne followed by a Committal at Colchester Cemetery

Our thoughts and prayers at this time will be for the family and friends of both Anne and Pat. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**OFFERTORIES:** Last Sunday's offertory collections amounted to £446.92

**FATHER JON** would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents, kind wishes over the Christmas period, and for the generous contributions to the Christmas Collection. Father Jon wishes everyone a Happy and Holy New Year.

**OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH** may be made through standing orders or posted to the presbytery (Cheques only). 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.

**THE BEFRIENDING AND SUPPORT GROUP** for those suffering any kind of loss is still active even though we can't meet at present.

Support can be offered by phone, in strict confidence, by contacting Judy on 869601.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP** members cannot meet under present Covid rules, but we are each praying the Gospel for the following Sunday in our own homes at the same time every Tuesday morning and are in contact by phone afterwards. A bit unusual, but it's working well until we can meet up again. If anyone would like to join us, please ring Judy on 01206 869601 for details.

**WRAP UP WELL:** Please remember to wrap up warmly when you come to Mass as due to the current situation, we are not yet allowed to put on our church heating.

**COAT DONATION:** Colchester Arts Centre is closed, but a coat donation initiative is underway, whereby people can drop off decent winter coats for us to then distribute to charities or other organisations who know where they might do the most good. For further information contact: [mickn1958@outlook.com](mailto:mickn1958@outlook.com)

**THE BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** is available here on the diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/christmas-pledge-gods-love-world-gods-hope-world/> Also you can read Bishop Alan's pastoral letter here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/personal-knowledge-jesus-brings-salvation-peace/> Also limited printed copies are available as you enter church.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** is on sale at the church entrance - price £2.80

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

**View newsletters online** at [www.stjohnpayne.org.uk/weekly-newsletters](http://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.*