

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b> Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>St John of the Cross, Pr, D</b> Mass <i>Dick Fox – RIP (AF)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>15th</b>	Feria Mass <i>Lucy Walker &amp; Family int (SS)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>16th</b>	Feria Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>17th</b>	Feria NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>18th</b>	Feria Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>19th</b>	Feria Mass

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

**CONFESSION:** Is 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: *Gregory Fincham (88); Siobhan Dampney (17); Arnold Thomas (97); Margaret Mecklenburgh (88); Hannah Hart (87); Donnell Bowring (10); Eva Mary Juskevicius (90); Doris Harwood (87); Patrick Hagan (94); Wladyslaw Malinowski (88); Mary Gilmer (17); George O'Brien (89); Rosemary Stephens (16); Winston Waters (90); Joyce O'Dowd (06). 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.*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

('Gaudete' Sunday)

### Our Joy In Christ

**We celebrate our joy in Christ's redeeming work among us, realising that he who is to come is indeed already with us, 'unknown to us.'**

*Entrance Antiphon:* Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*  
Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11 I exult for joy in the Lord.

*Responsorial Psalm* R/. **My soul rejoices in my God**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*  
1<sup>st</sup> letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord

*Gospel Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*  
**Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*  
John: 1:6-8. 19-28 There stands among you – unknown to you - the one who is coming after me.

### **FR JON WRITES:**

Please note that there is one correction to be made to the 'Christmas Services' Card. - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December should read: **12noon Mass and 5pm Solemn Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**. I am sorry for any confusion caused by this omission.

### **LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS:**

The Christmas Eve Masses are now fully subscribed. However, there are still a few places available for the Christmas Day Masses, especially at 10:45am. Anyone wishing to attend should apply for registration by letter or email as soon as possible.

It should be noted that this year, the Bishops' Conference has decreed that attendance to ANY Mass during the Christmas Octave is deemed sufficient in fulfilling ones 'Christmas Obligation'.

**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's requiem Mass will be in St John Payne on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm, followed by Committal at Colchester Cemetery. - Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, a maximum of only 15 people may attend. Therefore, and very sadly, the service will be restricted to immediate family members. However, I am aware that Norma and the family are keen to have a memorial Mass later in the new year.

Geoffrey was a long-time parishioner and faithful Altar Server at Greenstead. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for Norma and the family.

**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.

**OFFERTORIES:** Last week's offertory collections amounted to £533.90 and National Youth Sunday £12.00

**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.

**MARYS MEALS DOUBLE THE LOVE!** Up until the end of January 2021, the UK Government is doubling contributions to Mary's Meals! Every donation is very much welcomed and in this period, your £15.90 will feed 2 children for a whole school year! Money can be sent either by post to Mary's Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, Scotland PA33 1AR or online at <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk> Please consider helping this very worthy cause at this time of particular need. Terry

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** CAFOD's range of virtual gifts makes a real difference to families living in poverty throughout the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk> or ☎0808 14 000 14 to order before 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS:** Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared a series of reflections on the 'Christmas gospels', the gospel passages read from 17<sup>th</sup> December until 6<sup>th</sup> January. Video of the talks can be accessed by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**ADVENT CAROL CONCERT ONLINE:** available throughout Advent. You are warmly invited to pull up a chair with a cup of tea –or beverage of your choice –and join us from the Walsingham House at Abbotswick chapel as we present a beautiful concert of carols and readings for Advent, led by very talented young musicians. The direct link is [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQteQkyUx0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQteQkyUx0) and there is more information at [www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols](http://www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols) including a booklet with the words of the carols, so you can sing along at home! The concert is free and donations are welcome to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and the Trussell Trust.

**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)

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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.*