

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> No Mass
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i> Solemn Mass <i>Alice Reid – RIP</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap</b> No Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bpp</b> Mass <i>Amy Phillips – RIP (EH)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>27th</b>	St Angela Merici, V Mass <i>Holy Souls (EH)</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D</b> No Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>29th</b>	Feria No Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>30th</b>	Feria Mass

**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: *Con Harrington (04); Norah Francis (96); Michael Carey (98); Cecilia Cook (09); Arthur Pilgrim (97); Michael Sabini (07); Des Fuller (00); Richard Stewart (15); Patrick Byrne (12); Ermens Francis Loi (01).*  
**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, Ann Mary B, Brian B, Steve F, Kay Shaw, Sophia, Jasintah de Madonsa, Catherine Ford, Joan Kerins, Beth Thompson, 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.*



## 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

(Sunday of the Word of God)

### The Lord Who Teaches Us His Ways

**Like Jonah, Christ was sent to preach repentance. He calls us to change our ways. We are not to become engrossed in the world, but to believe the good news and live for the kingdom of God.**

*Entrance Antiphon:* O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*  
Jonah 3:1-5. 10 The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

*Responsorial Psalm* R/. **Lord, make me know your ways.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*  
1<sup>st</sup> letter of St Paul to Corinthians 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

*Gospel Acclamation* **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.*  
**Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*  
Mark: 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.



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

**FR JON WRITES:** The following is a brief summary of the **Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force meeting** held 18 January. The Catholic Church was represented by Cardinal Nichols and Professor Jim McManus along with Canon Chris Thomas.

### **The safety and opening of churches.**

1. Health professional research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. HM Government stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. They asked that each Place of Worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good Covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. This is to include (but is not limited to):
  - Sufficient stewarding and management of the venue
  - Sufficient cleaning after acts of communal worship
  - Maintaining good social distancing in the space available along with good ventilation
  - Factors affecting travel to and from the place of worship, such as public transport
  - The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything that is not necessary should be omitted.
  - Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the church. They should disperse immediately.
  - All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled.
3. The officials noted that keeping Covid secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.
4. The task force expressed with great clarity that the role of the Local Authority is one of enforcement of closure in particular circumstances on the basis of evidence of lack of COVID security.
5. Public Health England will conduct an exercise in mapping exposure risks from different venues across the country for better data.

Further information on current restriction may 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>

**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.*

**OFFERTORIES:** Last Sunday’s offertory collections amounted to £280.50 and Pax Christi £16.50

**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.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Alice Reid RIP, who was a parishioner at Greenstead for many years, died peacefully last Wednesday 20th January. Our thoughts and prayers at this time will be for Alice and her family. Details of her funeral will follow in due course. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**MARYS MEALS DOUBLE THE LOVE: There is still time.** Up until the end of January 2021, the UK Government is doubling contributions to Mary’s Meals! Every donation is very much welcomed Money (cheques) can be sent by post to Mary’s Meals, Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Argyll, Scotland PA33 1AR or you can donate online at <http://www.marysmeals.org.uk> Please consider helping this very worthy cause at this time of particular need.

**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.

**BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021:** This year we will be running our sponsored sleepout with a difference! Instead of hosting at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, we are encouraging people to “come together, whilst apart” and join in from wherever and with whoever they are able, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March in one big diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout. As before, the money raised will be split between Caritas homeless charities & supporting the BCYS. All information can be found at <https://bcys.net/events/sleepout2021/> & donations at <https://bcys.net/donate/>

**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 Parish Newsletters and Fr Jon’s Sunday Homilies 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.*