

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> No Mass	
17:00			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>	<i>Patrick Gallagher – RIP (MW)</i>
09:00			
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b>	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8th</b>	Feria No Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9th</b>	Feria Mass	<i>Ellen Kirby – Int (KP)</i>
09:15			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>St Scholastica, V</b> Mass	<i>Kevin Mayhew – RIP (SC)</i>
09:45			
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> No Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12th</b>	Feria No Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>13th</b>	Feria Mass	<i>Alice Reid – RIP (HB)</i>
12:00			

**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 FEBRUARY - Violence against Women:** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**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: *Harold Hellenbrand (06); Frank Keegan (77); John Adam (19); Ivy Quy (84); Robert Huntsman (87); Patrick Gallagher (82); Patrick Fahie (90); David Beech (95); Piroska Andicsu (11); Violet Pilgrim (09); Margaret Lake (05); Ann Poxon (14); Marjory Savile (06); Bridget Hammond (16); Catherine Philpott (04); Yvonne Cooper (97).*  
**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, Tim Francis.

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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.*



## 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

### Christ Who Makes Us Free To Serve

**Without Christ our lives would be pure drudgery. We would be like slaves, or like workmen with nothing to look forward to but our wages. But the healing power of Christ has transformed our lives: now we are free to make ourselves like him, the slaves of everyone, offering men the good news without asking for anything in return.**

*Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Book of Job 7:1-4. 6-7 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.*

*Responsorial Psalm R/. Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23 I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.*

*Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

*Gospel Reading: Mark: 1:29-39 He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.*



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

**FR JON WRITES:** We have literally only just ended Christmastide with the feast of **The Presentation of the Lord**. But before we can even take stock of all that it has meant in this most unusual and testing of years, we must now turn our thoughts to Lent, which is a mere 11 days away, beginning on **Ash Wednesday** (17<sup>th</sup> February). I have received the following guidance from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (12 January 2021) concerning the **Imposition of Ashes**:

“The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: ‘Repent, and believe in the Gospel’, or ‘Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return’.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.”

[Robert Card. Sarah Prefect]

And so, at the appointed time, the Ashes will be blessed in the usual way. The faithful will then be invited to come to the table in front of the altar, in the same way as one normally comes to receive Communion (whilst maintaining 2 meters distance) but still wearing a face covering. Ashes will be lightly sprinkled on the uncovered, and slightly bowed head of each person in turn. This will be done in silence, and with no response being made by the individual recipient.

Please be aware and, moreover, be reassured that following the above ‘Letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship regarding the Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday’ Prof. Jim McManus discussed the issue with colleagues in Public Health England. It was noted that it is ‘highly unlikely’ that ash would be on a person’s head long enough to pick up enough contaminated fluid bearing the virus [should there be any] from skin to then infect someone

**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 £347.68. Racial Justice £17.90

**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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** a second collection will be taken this Sunday to support the Shrine in Lourdes, which is suffering financially because of the pandemic restrictions. The annual pilgrimage in July has been cancelled for this year. However, some form of alternative experience of Lourdes in the diocese is being planned. Further details will follow.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP:** as members cannot meet currently, we are each praying the Gospel for the following Sunday in our own homes at the same time each Tuesday morning & are in contact by phone afterwards. Unusual, but it’s working well until we can meet up again. To join us, please ring Judy on 869601 for details.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Alice Reid RIP, who was a parishioner at Greenstead for many years, died peacefully last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. A Requiem Mass for Alice will be celebrated here in Greenstead on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon. The Mass will be followed by the Committal at Colchester Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time will be for the repose of Alice’s soul, and for God’s comfort for family. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

**CAFOD** is working to help eradicate the COVID 19 virus in vulnerable communities around the world. We are all aware that this disease has to be tackled worldwide and that perhaps there are areas where the vaccines are not readily available. To respond to an appeal from CAFOD for prayer and donations please visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) thank you, Ann Bates [ann.bates36@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.bates36@btinternet.com)

**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.*