

SATURDAY	6th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B) No Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	7th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Victor Mould RIP (EH)</i>
MONDAY	8th	Feria No Mass
TUESDAY	9th	Feria Mass <i>Alice King</i>
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	10th	Feria Mass <i>Ann Cox RIP (SS)</i>
09:45		
THURSDAY	11th	Feria No Mass
FRIDAY	12th	Feria No Mass
SATURDAY	13th	Feria Mass <i>Nina Diaferia RIP (TD)</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 MARCH - Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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: *Edwin Miller (97); Florence Andrews (92); George Rowley (87); Jimmy James (00); Pat Clements (14); May Humm (09); Christine Evans (93); Mgr Michael Corley (17); Anna Norfolk (14); Sister Catherine CRSS (18); Norah Woods (89).*
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.

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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 LENT (B)

Week beginning 7th March 2021

Christ, The Wisdom Of God

Today, we celebrate the foolishness of God that is wiser than any human wisdom; the utter folly of his love that allowed the destruction of the temple of the body of his Son. And we dedicate ourselves anew to the Law of the Lord which gives wisdom to the simple.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

1st Reading:
Exodus 20:1-17 The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm R/. **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

2nd Reading:
1st letter of St Paul to Corinthians 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel Reading:
John: 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



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

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.**

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS FOR LENT 2021: Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

CARITAS DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR: Last Friday we held the long-postponed interviews for the Caritas Development Co-ordinator. I am pleased to let you know that we appointed Sian Thomas into the role, and she will begin from Monday 12th April. Sian will work from home, with the role intentionally designed for her to be able to travel around the Diocese, to meet those involved in extraordinary and wonderful charitable projects in your parishes, reaching to the margins. She will enable those working locally to network with others running similar projects; expand the website to help those seeking to volunteer, and those providing volunteering opportunities; as well as help with training and grant applications and inspiring those who want to begin projects but are not sure where to start. This will all be part of this exciting new role, funded by legacy money given specifically for this purpose within the Diocese. At a time when the effects of the pandemic will begin to show themselves more and more in economic hardship, the work of Caritas is vitally important. Please do keep Sian in your prayers, and please offer her any support and encouragement that you can once she begins after Easter. Fr Dominic Howarth

OFFERTORIES: Last Sunday's offertory collections amounted to £132.95 and Lent Fast Day £74

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.

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.

LENT REFLECTIONS from Walsingham each Sunday in Lent 9.00pm are broadcast by EWTN. Fr Henry, Mgr Moger, the Friars and Fr Michael (Rear) are sharing these Reflections. The link is: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/specials/len>

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: Join us in “giving” rather than “giving up” this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The NewWay Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 & if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email: gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

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

View Parish Newsletters and Fr Jon's Sunday Homilies 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.*