

SUNDAY	25th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
09:00		Solemn Mass
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Claire McGarry - Int (EH)</i>
MONDAY	26th	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM
		No Mass
TUESDAY	27th	Feria
09.15		Mass <i>Michael Hemming-Allen - RIP (JH-A)</i>
WEDNESDAY	27th	Feria
09.45		Mass
THURSDAY	29th	St Martha
		No Mass
FRIDAY	30th	Feria
		No Mass
SATURDAY	31st	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr
12:00		Mass

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

CONFESSION: Is available by appointment.

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: *Philomena Jones (05); Hilary Cotton (87); Elvira Golt (92); Adeline Mahoney (93); Angela Hannon (01); Francis Connor (03); Eleanor Morrell (86); John Ward (13); Douglas McDonall (18); Simon Boutflour (98).* **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

Our prayers for the Sick & Suffering include:

Angela L, Barry S, Kerri H, Betty B, Maura G, Sid B, John F, Gary R, Lily Dopson, 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, 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.



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Week beginning 25th July 2021

Christ who feeds us

We celebrate today the new Elisha who feeds his people and makes us one body, one spirit, in himself.

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

1st Reading:
Kings: 4:42-44 They will eat and have some leftover.

Responsorial Psalm R/. **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desire.**

2nd Reading: Letter to the Ephesians:
4: 1-16 One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
John: 6: 1-15 Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.



It is respectfully asked that you please ensure all mobile phones are switched off while you are in church.

FR JON WRITES: Following the Government's decision to remove most of the Covid restrictions as of 19th July. I am setting the following protocols. As I explained in last week's Newsletter, the easing of restrictions isn't necessarily good news for everyone, particularly not for the most vulnerable amongst us. There are a significant number of our parishioners who have deep and valid concerns, not least, with the 'optional' wearing of face masks. I am very much aware that some, setting aside their own personal anxieties and returning to Mass, have done so because they have felt safe and reassured by the measures previously in place in church.

In the Newsletter of 11th July, I called our, thus far, absent brothers and sisters to likewise return to celebrating the Mass as a part of our 'gathered community' in church, in God's House. However, I have a concern. Now that the wearing of face masks is no longer a legal requirement, but merely an 'optional' self-discipline/courtesy to others, I fear that, not only would some of those I encourage to return to church feel uncomfortable, even unable to do so, but that some of those who have returned may no longer feel it safe enough to continue attending the Mass.

Weighing up the pros and cons in this, I decided that the wearing of face masks would continue in church. However, I am also mindful that, for equally good and valid reasons, some people have considerable difficulties with face masks and are keen to be free of them. That being so, I have designated the vestibule (small meeting room) a 'face mask free area', whilst asking people in the main body of the church to continue to wear them.

A Reminder of the 'Post-Relaxation' protocols:

- The Holy Water stoups are not refilled. People wishing to receive holy water may bring a small container which can be filled and taken home.
- The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- Altar Servers may return to duty.
- Advance registration for Mass is no longer required. Those attending are now asked to **sign-in** and **sanitize their hands** on entering church.
- Restrictions on Social distancing is removed. However, people should respect each other's personal space.
- Seating in church is now 4 people (or one family of up to 6) per pew.
- Votive candles may be lit (only 1 person at a time at the Votive stand).
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and distributed in the hand (not directly to the mouth).
- The 'One Way' system will no longer be used for exiting the church.
- Readers no longer need to sit on an assigned seat.
- Those with 'symptoms' or who receive a National Health notification are not to attend Mass and should self-isolate until tested negative.

OFFERTORIES: Last Sunday's offertory collection amounted to £197.55. Thank you.

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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2021: This falls on Sunday 25th July. Pope Francis has given it the theme: "I am with you always" from the Gospel of Matthew [28.30]. The Holy Father reminds us that we should cherish the elderly and recognize that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. Please remember our elderly and all grandparents in your prayers.

BCCS RELAY 100: Parishioner Mark Healy is taking part in the BCCS Relay 100. Mark plans to run 3 legs in total. On 07/08/21 (leg 79) starts at St Joseph's then onto St James the less, St John Payne, University of Essex Chapel and finally St Monica's Wivenhoe (8 miles). On 15/08/21 he is running (leg 76) from Our Lady of Heaven, Harwich to St Mary & St. Michael, Mistley and finally on 22/08/21 (leg 75) from Sacred Heart and St Francis, Frinton to Our Lady Queen of heaven, Harwich (13.2miles). Please lend your support and encouragement to Mark as he takes on this challenge. You can sponsor Mark at: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Relay100>

LIVING LAUDATO SI': Online Retreat on 15th - 18th October 2021. Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE CRY OF CREATION - A STUDY DAY ON LAUDATO SI: As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato si'*, on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark and associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to www.whatgoodnews.org - the event is scheduled for **11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4th September**. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

BCYS: "LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL": Colchester Deanery, Tuesday 27th July. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website: www.bcys.net/events

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