

SATURDAY	11th	Solemn Mass	
	17:00	Vigil Mass	<i>George Pollard – RIP (KP)</i>
SUNDAY	12th	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)	
	09:00	Solemn Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
	10:45	Solemn Mass	
MONDAY	13th	St Lucy, V, M	
	09:15	Mass	<i>Charles + Alice Reid – RIP (LM)</i>
TUESDAY	14th	St Ambrose, Bp, D	
	09:15	Mass	
WEDNESDAY	15th	St John of the Cross, Pr, D	
	09:45	Mass	
THURSDAY	16th	Feria	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	17th	Feria	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	18th	Feria	
	12Noon	Mass	

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

CONFESSIONS: Are heard on Saturdays between 11:15 - 11:45am or by appointment outside these times.

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: *Pauline Budd (88); Leo Jolley (14); Margaret Meclenburgh (88); Gregory Fincham (17); Siobhan Dampney (17); Anne Chapman (20); Thomas Arnold (97); Christopher Bonn (08); Eileen Murphy (20); Hannah Hart (87); Barney Kline (87); Donnell Bowring (10); Patrick Hagan (94); Mary Gilmer (17); Doris Harwood (87); Wladyslaw Malinowski (88); George O'Brien (89); Rosemary Stephens (16). 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, Peter W, Gina O, Carmelo S, Samantha B, Jenny C, John, Isaac Nelson, Ann Mary B, Brian B, Steve F, Kay Shaw, Jasintha Anton de Madonsa, Catherine Ford, Joan Kerins, Grace Gosling-Campbell, 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.



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

'Gaudette' Sunday

Week beginning 12th December 2021

The Joy of Festival

Today we sing and shout for joy with Christ, the Lord of the Dance, who brings us the Good News of our redemption, and renews us by his love.

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

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18 The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm R/. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading: Philippians: 4:-4-7 The Lord is very near.

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: Luke: 3: 10-18 What must we do?



Please note that face masks must be worn in church unless proof of exemption has been established



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is on Sundays during the 10:45_{am} Mass. Also, names are still being taken for the 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. For further information please contact Grace on 07917784232.

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Diaries etc. are now in stock. Hence the Repository will be open following the 10.45 Mass on Sundays. It does mean we all must proceed with caution which allows one customer wearing their mask inside the Repository at any one time. Father Jon requests this to be the way forward for the present time. Thank you.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022: now available at £2.80 per copy.

THE LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday at 10.00-11.30 in the Parish Hall. Come and join us in praying the Gospel for the following Sunday to hear what it is saying to each of us. It is not as difficult as it sounds so why not join our friendly group to give it a try. Details from Judy after Mass or on 01206 869601.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: There will be collections for our Christmas Flower decorations on both Sundays 12th & 19th December however you may wish to place your gift into the Slot marked Flowers which is on the wall in the front entrance of our Church. Either way Thank you for contributing. Ann Roughan.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: There will be a collection on Sunday. Some Christmas items would be appreciated as well as the usual necessities. I will be outside the church at 8.40_{am} and 10.30_{am} as usual and look forward to seeing you. Ann

FR BERHANE has recently sent an email thanking us for the £2,500 sent to him last year - local conditions continue to worsen due to the continuing war in Ethiopia and the Covid problems. Communications are extremely difficult due to power supply problems and he has asked for our continued prayerful support - we shall be sending him a further £1,000 shortly - this will be sent via his Cappucine Order in Milan who will ensure that the money reaches him in Eritrea

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY - OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER: Coming together with loved ones this Christmas will have a special significance after the past year. Life has changed and perhaps there are things we see differently now. During Advent we are asked to listen to one another and to God as the Catholic Church worldwide embarks on our Synodal Pathway - Our Journey Together. To find out more please visit: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/synod-2021-2023/>

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: Due to recent scamming attempts, our 'SJP...' email address is no longer to be used. Please send **all** future correspondence and Newsletter items (by Wednesday evening) to: greenstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org

OFFERTORIES: Last Sunday's offertory collection amounted to £185.85 and Donation £50.00. 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.

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS: On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org

YOUNG ADULT ADVENT RETREAT: The FCJ Sisters are holding an Advent Retreat for young adults (people aged 18-35) on Saturday 18th December from 10.30_{am} to 2.30_{pm} at the FCJ Spirituality Centre in Somers Town. The day will include some input, a time of prayer, reflection, and sharing with others on the theme of Advent. To book your place, email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

ADVENT SERVICE VIDEO is available to watch on youtube. "The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty." *Pope Francis* Go to *Thresholds of Hope* on youtube or copy <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: *What does the Incarnation of Christ mean?* takes place by Zoom **today** Sunday 12th December, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr David Pearce. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk.

YOUTH 2000: Why not try something NEW this New Year? Join Youth 2000 at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green. NEW will be a weekend filled with fun, friendship, inspiring talks and, of course, lots of praise as we welcome in 2022. The retreat will run from Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January 2022. For info & booking www.youth2000.org/new<<http://www.youth2000.org/new>>

FAITH TALK ON THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: As Christmas draws closer we shall be reading the sections of the gospels commonly known as 'infancy narratives' with their stories of the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. The three parts of this talk consider Matthew chapters 1-2, Luke chapters 1-2 and John chapter 1. The videos are available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org They are given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

View Parish Newsletters and Fr Jon's Sunday Homilies online at: <https://stjohnpayne.org.uk/newsletter>.