

SATURDAY 18th Solemn Mass
 17:00 Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 19th 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
 09:00 Solemn Mass *Our Parish Community*
 10:45 Solemn Mass *Siobhan Dampney – RIP (EH)*

MONDAY 20th Feria
 09:15 Mass *Barney Kline – RIP (EH)*

TUESDAY 22^{1st} Feria
 09:15 Mass

WEDNESDAY 22nd Feria
 09:45 Mass

THURSDAY 23rd Feria
 No Mass

FRIDAY 24th The Nativity of the Lord
 17:00 Solemn Vigil Mass *Marjorie Benson – RIP (KP)*
 20:00 Solemn Mass during the Night

SATURDAY 25th Christmas Day
 09:00 Solemn Mass
 10:45 Solemn Mass *Thomas Ravensdale Sr – RIP (Fr Jon)*

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

CONFESSIONS: Are heard as advertised on Christmas Services card

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: *Eva Mary Juskevicius (90); Winston Waters (90); Joyce O'Dowd (06); John D'eath (82); Teresa Lowrie (93); Encarna Raffo (93); Keith Mortiboys (00); Beatrice Mitchell (88); Theolohia (Nanna) De Carlo (04); Mary Luca (84); Vera Guiver (89); Beres Leokadia (17); Delia Dinsdale (19).* **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.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Expectant Mothers

Week beginning 19th December 2021

Mary's Child: The Prince of Peace

From the least of the clans of Judah, from Mary his lowly handmaid, God prepared a body for his Christ, who comes to fill the world with his spirit of peace.

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4
 Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm R/. **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews: 10:-5-10
 Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Gospel Acclamation. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
I am the handmaid of the Lord: Let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke: 1: 39-44
 Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



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.

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 a collection for our Christmas Flower decorations on Sunday 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 send a big thank you for all the donations of £80 and 80 KG of food and toiletries. Please keep these people in your prayers at this very difficult time. Ann

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Just to wish all the Ladies a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We hope to be able to meet sometime, next year, if everything goes well. For contact 826491. Maureen Bulmer

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: The Offertory Collection at all the Christmas Masses is, by tradition, the parishioners' personal gift to the Clergy. In this parish, Fr Jon is the beneficiary, since this collection forms the main part of his personal annual income.

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 £148.32, Donation £3,000.00 and Food Bank £80.00. 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.

CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: In accordance with Diocesan policy, our Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord [February 2nd] and these offerings will go to the (BCCS) Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022: are on sale in the Church Porch. These are very useful as they contain the liturgical calendar for the church year and information about all parts of the Diocese including Diocesan contact details, Parishes, Schools, Prayer Groups and other organisations and societies. Priced at £2.80

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

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>

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>.