

SATURDAY	26 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass <i>Geoffrey Tuckwell – RIP (NT)</i>
SUNDAY	27 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)
09:00		Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>John Prager – RIP (PP)</i>
MONDAY	28 th	Feria
09:15		Mass
TUESDAY	29 th	Feria
09:15		Mass
WEDNESDAY	30 th	St Andrew, Ap, Patron of Scotland, Feast
09:45		Mass
THURSDAY	1 st	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	2 nd	Feria
19:30		Mass
SATURDAY	3 rd	St Francis Xavier, Pr, Mm
12 Noon		Mass
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass

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: *Millie Germain (97); Cyril Bell (07); Nicole Scott (96); Teresa Murray (79); Dorothy Perkins (85); Maureen Waller (17); Annie Webb (99); Eileen Murphy (20).* **May they 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, Kay Shaw, Grace Gosling-Campbell, Jasinthia Anton de Madonsa, Joan Kerins, Beth Thompson.

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

27th November 2022

The Day Of The Lord

Today we rejoice that the night of our long pilgrimage to God's eternal city, the new Jerusalem, will soon be over. The Lord's unending Day is dawning. Already, in the words of Isaiah, we see 'the mountain of the Temple of the Lord' etched against the eastern sky. Let us wake up and stand ready.

Entrance Antiphon: *To you, my God, I lift up my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.*

1st Reading:
Isaiah 2:1-5
The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm *R/. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.*

2nd Reading:
Romans 13:11-14
Our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 24:37-44
Stay awake so that you may be ready.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Sunday of the month between 4 – 5pm, beginning with Evening Prayer, we have a Holy Hour of hymns, prayer, and readings before the Blessed Sacrament, *'the source and summit of our faith'*. Next Date: **4th December 2022.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: the preparation programme for anyone in school year 3 and above continues on **Saturdays at 10am** in the SJP Church Hall. Please contact Grace on tel. 07917 784232.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: It is Fr Jon's custom to pray as part of his Daily Office for the souls of departed loved ones during the month of November. If you would like a loved one included, please take one of the envelopes provided and return it to Fr Jon.

HELPING THOSE IN UKRAINE AND UKRAINIAN REFUGEES. Caritas Brentwood: welcoming those who are fleeing Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/>
If you are willing to consider opening your home to Ukrainian refugees, Caritas Social Action Network has more information here: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE.

We pray for the laying down of weapons and true peace in that land.

THE REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards are on sale from 27th November.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWER DECORATIONS: if you would like to contribute please place your gift in an envelope marked 'Christmas Flowers'. Thank you and God Bless! Ann Roughan

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: 1st December 10:30-11:30am. Pre-Christmas meeting to firm up numbers for our Christmas Afternoon Tea at Sip and Tuck on East Hill on 8th December at 2:30pm. Please pay me when booking: the price is £20. Contact Maureen on 826491.

COLCHESTER FOODBANK: The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 11th December, or to donate at any other time please contact me on 07582 502188. Many thanks! James

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS: Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by Wednesday evening) to: greenstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org

OFFERTORIES: Last Week's offertory collection amounted to £245.69 (20th November). Second Collection £224.41 (World Youth Sunday). **Thank you!**

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 – 10.45. Come and join this friendly group as we pray the Gospel Reading for the following Sunday. Copies of the reading are supplied. There is usually a bit of social time afterwards. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 01206 869601.

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE: We will soon submit our application to the Home Office under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, and will then be matched with an Afghan family. Any further donations will provide for essentials for the family pending their receipt of benefits. Cheques should be made payable to: "BRCDT Colchester Community Sponsorship". Email sjprefugeeproject@gmail.com - or speak with Lindsay or Clarice Francis after mass or on tel 07977917554. Please continue to pray for the success of this project and for the safe arrival in due course of the refugee family.

CALAIS LIGHT REFUGEE CONVOY TO CALAIS: December 9th -11th. This charity, based within the Diocese, provides meals, sleeping bags and clothing to refugees who are living in increasingly desolate conditions in Calais. Many have relatives in the UK and legitimate asylum claims, but there are no facilities to claim UK asylum from within France: the perilous channel crossings are a direct result of this policy. Full details and bookings at www.calaislight.com. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

ADVENT MASS READINGS: a full presentation of all the [Mass readings for Advent](#) with commentary by Fr Adrian Gruffy is now available. Just visit www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

THE FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL are raising funds towards the cost of replacing the sanctuary floodlighting in Westminster Cathedral with a new system which will be easily maintained and save electricity. There is a unique opportunity to do this through The Big Give where donations made online after 12:00 noon, Tuesday 29 November 2022 to 12:00 noon, Tuesday 6 December 2022 are matched by generous matched funders. Please use the link to give online:

<https://tinyurl.com/FriendsBG22>

FREE JESSE TREE BOOKLET: a wonderful resource for families to prepare for Christmas during Advent, telling the story of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the ancestors of Jesus Christ. A free, printable Jesse Tree booklet containing daily short scripture passages, simple reflections and prayers, as well as tree ornaments are available for all families in the Diocese of Brentwood by following this link: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/

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