

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A)</b> <b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>
17:00		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
09:00		
10:45		<i>Solemn Mass Our Parish Community</i>
16:00		<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bp, Dd, Mm</b> Mass <i>Bernard Roughan – RIP (AR)</i>
10:00		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> Mass
09:15		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmastide</b> Mass
09:45		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmastide</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
09:15		
19:30		<b>Solemn Mass</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmastide</b> Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>

**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: *Eileen Bradbrook (07); James Trinnaman (96); Mary Morrison (07); Michael Sheehan (18); Lewellyn Jones (84); Roberta Letts (85); Winifred Prescott (16); David Flack (88); John Killen (03); Bridget Teefey (07); Leslie Woolf (07); Violet Amos (09); Thomas O'Malley (01); Michelle Kirk (87).* **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, 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.*



## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A)

### (Octave of Christmas)

### 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

### Mary, Through Whom The World Would Be Blessed

We too bless God for Mary, who bore for us the Child she named Jesus; the Saviour.

*Entrance Antiphon: A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.*

*Responsorial Psalm R/. O God, be gracious and bless us.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 4:4-7 God sent his son, born of a woman.*

*Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. R/. Alleluia!*

*Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21 They found Mary and Joseph and the babe...When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.*



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:** Let us pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month between 4 – 5<sup>pm</sup>, 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 Dates: **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**; 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**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.

**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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A READER?** We are looking for people to join the Readers Rota for our Masses. This is a great service to the Church and helps you to get to know and understand the Scriptures better yourself. If you are interested, please have a chat with Father Jon for more information.

**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.

**COLCHESTER FOODBANK: Thank you for your generosity during the past year!**

The next collection from SJP will be on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. You can donate at any time, just contact me on 07582 502188. Many thanks! James

**CHRISTMAS READINGS FROM THE LECTIONARY:** The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 8<sup>th</sup> January. Text and commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy on all the readings for Mass is now available free of charge on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Go to 'Scripture Readings'.

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

**OFFERTORIES:** Week ending 11<sup>th</sup> December: Offertory £245.75; Colchester Foodbank £60.00; Church Christmas flowers £15.00; National Youth Sunday £5.00. Week ending 18<sup>th</sup> December: Offertory £270.96; National Youth Sunday £10.00; Colchester Foodbank £20.00; Church Christmas flowers £25. **Thank you!**

**REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE:** The group currently comprises about 16 volunteers from the parishes of SJP, St Teresa's (Lexden), and St Mary Immaculate (Kelvedon and Coggeshall). Our lead sponsor is Fr Dominic Howarth. We are now preparing to submit our application to the Home Office under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, and we will then be matched with an Afghan family. We are particularly looking for **interpreters / translators who speak either Dari or Pashto** (the main languages of Afghanistan).

If you can help, or know anyone who can, please speak with Lindsay or Clarice Francis after mass or on tel 07977917554.

Further monetary donations will provide essentials for the family pending their receipt of benefits, and will help to pay for accredited "English for Speakers of Other Languages" tuition, which is a Home Office requirement. Cheques should be made payable to: "BRCDT Colchester Community Sponsorship". Email [sjprefugeeproject@gmail.com](mailto:sjprefugeeproject@gmail.com). Please continue to pray for the success of this project and for the safe arrival in due course of the refugee family.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023:** The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome. There will be support for those with medical needs. For further information, please call Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

#### **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.*

**FR JON WISHES YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.** He also thanks you all for all the cards (and, of course, for the several bottle-shaped gifts!).

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<https://stjohnpayne.org.uk/newsletter>.