

SATURDAY	3rd	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass	<i>Sheena and William Murphy – RIP (EM)</i>
SUNDAY	4th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
09:00		Solemn Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Solemn Mass	
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration	
MONDAY	5th	Feria	
09:15		Mass	
TUESDAY	6th	Feria	
09:15		Mass	
WEDNESDAY	7th	St Ambrose, Bp, D	
09:45		Mass	
THURSDAY	8th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	9th	Feria	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	10th	Feria	
		<i>No Mass at 12 noon today</i>	
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: *Terence Perkins (89); Audrey Prior (03); Bernard Donovan (97); Queenie Matthews (95); Fr Liam Hayes (14); Thady Fallon (86); Bernard Roughan (03); Audrey Cavanagh (07); Margaret Brazier (92); Sharon Ford (04).* **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, Jasinta 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

4th December 2022

Our Baptism With The Holy Spirit And Fire

May the Lord who gave us this baptism purify us in our celebration today; for he can brook nothing that lacks integrity and truth. Then, through the Spirit of our baptism, united in heart and voice, we will be able to give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: *People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.*

1st Reading:
Isaiah 11:1-10 He judges the wretched with integrity.

Responsorial Psalm *R/. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.*

2nd Reading:
Romans 15:4-9 Christ is the saviour of all men.

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.



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 DECEMBER: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Sunday of the month between 4 - 5^{pm}, 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.

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 now on sale.

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

COLCHESTER FOODBANK: Thank you all for last month's donations. The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 11th December: as I will be in Calais with Calais Light on that day, Lindsay Francis will collect the items and I will deliver them as usual to the Foodbank on Monday 12th December. Winters are particularly harsh on people and many have been struggling with the cost of living crisis. You can donate at any time, just contact me on 07582 502188. Many thanks! James

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.

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 £294.39 (27th November). Second Collection £2.00 (World Youth Sunday). **Thank you!**

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE: We are preparing to submit our application to the Home Office under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme: we will then be matched with an Afghan family.

We are seeking additional volunteers who could help and advise the resettled family with **budgeting and finance**. We also need **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.

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 -. 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. Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

THE PASSAGE BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE: open until 6th December at noon, this is an important opportunity to raise £500,000 through matched funding to ensure support for those most at risk of homelessness this Christmas and next year. We have already seen an increase of 16% in the number of people coming to our door for help - that's too many people being forced into homelessness with nowhere to turn. The Passage will be doing all we can to prevent people spending even one night on the streets, and for those that do, to help them move into stable accommodation as quickly as possible. The pressure is rising for many of us, but for some more than others. If you would like to support our work this Christmas, please donate at: thebiggive.org.uk.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (www.canonesses.co.uk) are looking for a **part-time Nurse** either for a full day every Tuesday or on Tuesday mornings only. The post will be based at Howe Close in Colchester, and the role will be to offer health advice and support to a Community of 11 older Religious Sisters. For more information and to request an application form email crssuk@canonesses.co.uk Closing date 20th December 2022. Shortlisting will be on 9th January 2023 and interviews on 11th January 2023.

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