

SATURDAY 10th **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**
 17:00 **Solemn Vigil Mass**

SUNDAY 11th **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**
 09:00 **Solemn Mass**
 10:45 **Solemn Mass**

MONDAY 12th **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 No Mass

TUESDAY 13th **St Lucy, V, M**
 No Mass

WEDNESDAY 14th **St John of the Cross, Pr, D, Mm**
 No Mass

THURSDAY 15th **Feria**
 No Mass

FRIDAY 16th **Feria**
 No Mass

SATURDAY 17th **Feria**
 No Mass at 12 noon today
 17:00 **Solemn Vigil Mass**

*Our Parish Community
 Eugene Horgan – RIP (IH)*

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: *Patrick Gallagher (91); Christopher Bonn (08); Pauline Budd (88); Leo Jolley (14); Margaret Mecklenburgh (88); Gregory Fincham (88); Siobhan Dampney (17); Anne Chapman (20); Thomas Arnold (97); Eileen Murphy (20); Hannah Hart (87); Barney Kline; Donnell Bowring (10); Patrick Hagan (94); Mary Gilmer (17). 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

11th December 2022

The Joy Of Expectancy

At his coming, Christ fulfilled the expectations of the prophets. He made the blind see again, the lame walk, and the lepers clean. We must not lose heart in the face of all the evils of the world, for we too have a glorious expectation. Come, Lord Jesus, and save us.

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

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6.10 God himself is coming to save you.

Responsorial Psalm R/. Come, Lord, and save us.

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10 Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon.

*Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia!
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
 R/. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?



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.

WE WELCOME FR FRANK JACKSON, who will cover the Masses on Sunday 11th December, while Fr Jon is away on retreat.

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: **1st January 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.

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: The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 11th December: Lindsay Francis will collect the items and I will deliver them as usual to the Foodbank on Monday 12th December. Due to the cost of living crisis, the Colchester Foodbank has seen a 47% increase in the numbers they have helped since last year, when 13,966 people received emergency food supplies. You can donate at any time, just 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 £554.27 (4th December). Fr Berhane £100.00. Art Group £160.00. **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 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.

Further 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 -. Please continue to pray for the success of this project and for the safe arrival in due course of the refugee family.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT: The Ladies Coffee Morning has raised a total of £195.00 plus some additional Gift Aid. The final total raised from the Dedham Vale Mighty Hike in July, as recently announced by MacMillan, was £517,154, with 968 walkers participating. Thank you all for your generous donations to help people living with cancer.

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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