

SATURDAY	17th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass	
SUNDAY	18th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
09:00		Solemn Mass	
10:45		Solemn Mass	
MONDAY	19th	Feria	
09:15		Mass	
TUESDAY	20th	Feria	
09:15		Mass	
WEDNESDAY	21st	Feria	
09:45		Mass	
THURSDAY	22nd	Feria	
		No Mass	
FRIDAY	23rd	Feria	
19:30		Mass	
SATURDAY	24th	Feria (morning)	
12 Noon		Mass	
15:30 – 16:30		Confessions	
17:00		The Nativity of the Lord - Solemn Vigil Mass	
20:00		The Nativity of the Lord – Solemn Mass during the Night	

*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: *Doris Harwood (87); Wladyslaw Malinowski (88); George O'Brien (89); Rosemary Stephens (16); Eva 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); Theologia De Carlo (04); Mary Luca (84); Vera Guiver (89); Leokadia Beres (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, 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

18th December 2022

Mary's Child: The Emmanuel

God's choice rested on the House of David which was to bring forth the Emmanuel, the God-with-us. But Mary's Child was to belong to all the nations. We are one of those nations who, by God's call, belong to Jesus Christ.

Entrance Antiphon: Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 The maiden is with child.

Responsorial Psalm R/. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7 Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24 Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.



We 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: **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

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: The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 8th January. 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: will be advised next week. **Thank you!**

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE: The group is currently comprised of about 16 volunteers from SJP, St Teresa's (Lexden), and St Mary Immaculate (Kelvedon and Coggeshall). Our lead sponsor is Fr Dominic Howarth. We are 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 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.

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS: From 17th December we read the stories of Christmas from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke at Mass. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared a three-part video recording on these 'Christmas Gospels'. Simply visit www.whatgoodnews.org and go to 'Faith Talks'.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

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