

SATURDAY	24th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A)	
15:30-16:30	Confessions	
17:00	Solemn Vigil Mass	
20:00	Solemn Mass during the Night	
SUNDAY	25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (A)	
09:00	Solemn Mass at Dawn	<i>Thomas Ravensdale Sr - RIP</i>
10:45	Solemn Mass during the Day	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
MONDAY	26th St Stephen, The First Martyr - Feast	
10:00	Mass	
TUESDAY	27th St John, Ap, Evangelist - Feast	
10:00	Mass	
WEDNESDAY	28th The Holy Innocents - Memorial	
10:00	Mass	
THURSDAY	29th St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop, Memorial	
10.00	Mass	
FRIDAY	30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Feast	
10:00	Mass	
SATURDAY	31st Seventh Day within the octave of Christmas	
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: *Delia Dinsdale (19); Maurice Teahan (89); Cornelius Okusi (11); Harold Cook (04); Molly McCutcheon (07); Mary Moore (91); Eileen Sabini (07); Edward and Kathleen Kearns (09); Michael Lyness (03); Charles Fahie (09); Mary Walkden (92); Frank Smith (03); John Lowe (88). **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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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.



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (A)

Mass During the Day

25th December 2022

The Word Made Flesh

For us the Word of God is no longer the message spoken by the prophets, but the messenger of God in person; the eternal Word begotten of the Father before time began.

Entrance Antiphon: *A child is born for us, a son given to us, dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor.*

1st Reading:
Isaiah 52:7-10 *All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Responsorial Psalm *R/. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

2nd Reading:
Hebrews 1:1-6 *God has spoken to us through his son.*

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
John 1:1-18 *The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*



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.

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 combined donations of goods in December totalled 28.7kg. The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 8th January. You can donate at any time, just contact me on 07582 502188. Many thanks! James

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 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))

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 11th December: Offertory £245.75; Colchester Foodbank £60.00; Church Christmas flowers £15.00; National Youth Sunday £5.00. Week ending 18th 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 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.

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 8th January. Text and commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy on all the readings for Mass is now available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org Go to 'Scripture Readings'.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK SITE MANAGER. Walsingham House are looking for someone who has a passion for caring for and supporting others to care for their beautiful site in the heart of the Brentwood countryside. The role involves helping to maintain the House and grounds throughout the year. Hours are 9 per week, 4 of which being worked on a Tuesday. For more information and how to apply, please see <https://bcys.net/job-vacancy-site-manager-for-walsingham-house-at-abbotswick/> Closing date is 12th January 2023.

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