SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

17:00 Solemn Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 29th FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

09:00 Solemn Mass

10:45 **Solemn Mass** *Our Parish Community* 

**MONDAY** 30<sup>th</sup> Feria 09:15 Mass

TUESDAY 31st St John Bosco, Pr

09:15 Mass John Smith – RIP (TS)

**WEDNESDAY** 1st Feria 09.45 Mass

THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> The Presentation of the Lord - Feast

No Mass

FRIDAY 3rd St Anne Line, M

19:30 Mass **SATURDAY 4**<sup>th</sup> **Feria** 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: Con Harrington (04); Patrick Byrne (12); Des Fuller (00); Roger Jaggard (93); Edna Wilkinson (99); Frances Griffiths (03); Caroline Mahoney Smith (15); Michael McFarlane (10); John Short (84); John Concannon (99); Marjorie McCarthy (12); Michael Morris (20). **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, Jenny Crane.

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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 lifeaffirming power of Christ's Living Presence among all where Essex meets East Anglia.



# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 29th January 2023

### **Our Nothingness**

Yes, we can celebrate today our nothingness in the eyes of the world, because God has looked on our humility and lowliness and given us the wisdom, virtue and holiness of Christ. He alone is our boast.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations,

that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

Responsorial Psalm R/. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the

kingdom of heaven.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Corinthians 1:26-31 God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for

revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12 How happy are the poor in spirit.



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.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every  $1^{st}$  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:  $5^{th}$  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: <a href="https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/">https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/</a>

If you are willing to consider opening your home to Ukrainian refugees, Caritas Social Action Network has more information here: <a href="https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/">https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/</a>

#### 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. 07530956440.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY OF THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (<a href="www.canonesses.co.uk">www.canonesses.co.uk</a>) are looking for a part-time Wellbeing Coordinator with some housekeeping who will work 3 or 4 half days a week. The post will be based at Howe Close in Colchester and the role will be to offer support to a Community of 9 older Religious Sisters. For more information and to request an application form email <a href="mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk">crssuk@canonesses.co.uk</a> Closing date is 9th February; shortlisting on 13th February 2023 and interviews on 16th February 2023.

**PALM CROSSES**: We would be grateful if you could kindly bring your old palm crosses back, in readiness for Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February). Thank you!

**PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:** Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by Wednesday evening) to: <a href="mailto:greenstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org">greenstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a>

**OFFERTORIES:** Week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Offertory £266.29; Pax Christi (Peace Sunday) £10.00; Food Bank £30.00; Missio Red Boxes £18.06. **Thank you!** 

**LADIES COFFEE MORNING**: 2nd February 10:30-12:00 in the SJP Church Hall. Welcome back Ladies! We will meet to socialise and to plan for 2023. Please come with some ideas. Contact Maureen Bulmer on 826491.

**COLCHESTER FOODBANK:** Next collection at SJP will be on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. You can donate at any time: just contact me on 07582 502188. If you or someone you know is struggling with the cost of living crisis please do call the Help Through Hardship helpline set up in partnership between the Trussell Trust (of which the Colchester Foodbank is part) and Citizens Advice, on 08082082138. Many thanks! James.

CYMFED FLAME, SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT OVO ARENA, WEMBLEY: With incredible speakers Cardinal Tagle, Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne, Tim Costelloe, SDB, Robert Billot, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film *Dark Waters*; Jenny Garzón Saavedra a young advocate from the Amazon rainforest and David Wells, musicians including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – a Finalist on The Voice, as well as Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices introducing Adoration, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols this promises to be an incredible and inspiring day for young people! Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31st January, and the BCYS has a limited number left so please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org to reserve yours! All information at <a href="https://www.bcys.net/events">www.bcys.net/events</a>

JOIN FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF UPLIFTING MUSIC on Thursday 16th February in Westminster Cathedral at a concert featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by The Priests. The London Welsh Male Voice Choir has recorded with Charlotte Church, Aled Jones and Bryn Terfel. The Priests are three Roman Catholic priests from Northern Ireland who scooped the Guinness World Record for "Fastest-selling UK debut for a classical act" with their first album. The concert starts at 7:30 pm and tickets starting at £20 are available now through Eventbrite at http://bit.ly/3i0ath2 or search LWMVC Concert at Westminster Cathedral, or by calling the office – 01926 512980. www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/westminster-concert202

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:** If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal is being held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

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