

SATURDAY	11th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Solemn Vigil Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
17:00		
SUNDAY	12th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Solemn Mass <i>Francis and Teresa Doonan – RIP (JM)</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Linda Stokes – RIP (MD)</i>
MONDAY	13th	Feria Mass
09:15		
TUESDAY	14th	Feria Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	15th	Feria Mass
09.45		
THURSDAY	16th	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	17th	St Patrick, Bp, Patron of Ireland Stations of the Cross
19:00		
19:30		Mass <i>Jimmy and Emily James – RIP (Foundation)</i>
SATURDAY	18th	Feria Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays between 11:15-11:45am, or by appointment.

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: *Norah Woods (89); George Greenhow (01); John Devlin (01); Lauren Miller (00); John Rodgers (99); Lily Britton (99); May Miller (99); Mary Barrett (83); John Kelly (97).* **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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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 LENT (A)

12th March 2023

The Living Water

Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water: the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism.

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

1st Reading:

Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

2nd Reading:

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation

R/. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.
R/. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading:

John 4:5-42

A spring welling up to eternal life.



We respectfully ask that you please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off while you are in church.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: that all who have suffered harm from members of the Church may find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

I am pleased to be able to announce that **as of Easter Sunday, and all Sundays thereafter, Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds.** It will not be available on weekdays. This is a 'permissive' restoration of the chalice, which is to say, it is not mandatory or obligatory.

It should be remembered that the reception of Holy Communion in either kind, be it the Lord's Body or his Precious Blood (*the bread or the wine*) is still 'full and complete' Communion: '*Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts.*'(CCC1377)

That being so, those who do not feel able to receive from the chalice, for whatever reason, should be reassured, and completely at ease in their decision.

That said, some people who are perhaps unsure, or remain anxious about drinking from the chalice may, by way of compromise, be tempted to opt for '*intinction*' (dipping the host into the chalice). **This is not allowed** as it is prohibited by Papal Mandate.

In order to best prepare for this, I need a clear indication from all those Eucharistic Ministers who wish to resume their ministry. And so, please drop me a brief note or email within the next week or so, in order that a timely rota may be produced. Once I have received peoples' responses, I will write to all the continuing ministers detailing the new protocol.

It is also my intention to bring back the use of incense at the 10:45 Mass on Sundays, and on special Feasts and Solemnities.

Further, I believe the physical sharing of the Peace may also be restored. But I would ask that this is done carefully and sensitively, being particularly mindful of those who may not want or welcome physical contact. A friendly smile is every bit as good as a handshake! **God bless you all. ✂ Fr Jon.**

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: **2nd April 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.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Next collection from SJP is on **Sunday 12th March.** The Food Bank is in particular need of biscuits, jams and tinned veg. You can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! James

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 5th March: Offertory £271.18; CAFOD (2nd collection) £670.00; CAFOD (soup lunch) £211.18; Ladies Coffee Morning £20.20; Lourdes Sick & Helpers fund £5.00. **Thank you!**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to my appeal, and to those who came to the soup lunch. And, a really big thank you to Anna Walker who has volunteered to work with me for CAFOD with a view to becoming our Parish Rep. Ann.

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.

SAFEGUARDING: Lindsay Francis has joined Ann Bates to represent the Parish as Safeguarding Reps. We are both here to be called upon at any time. Please see our contact details on the back of the Newsletter under Contacts. We are also available after Sunday Masses.

BCYS AND WALSINGHAM HOUSE LENTEN REVISION RETREAT, 25th -26th March 2023: Fed up with the library or revising in your room? Get a change of scenery at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this Lent to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and some peace and quiet. Reflect during times of prayer; Enjoy socialising with friends and the team; Revise alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members; Use the chapel for times of quiet reflection. *All for just £35!* Open to all in years 11 - 13. Visit www.bcys.net for more information and to apply.

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE invite you to join them for a talk by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani (Bishop of Chelmsford) entitled 'Listening to God' - an in-person event being held at New Hall School on Tuesday 21 March at 6.30 - 7.30pm. **All welcome.** Refreshments from 6pm. For details and to reserve your place call 07762965947 or go to:

<https://canonesses.co.uk/event/do-you-hear-what-i-hear-listening-to-god/>.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY invites parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon on 07912308000 or ddillon@bccs.org.uk or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

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