

SATURDAY	29th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass <i>Patricia Mahoney – Int.</i>
SUNDAY	30th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:00		Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Michael Heming-Allen – RIP (JH-A)</i>
MONDAY	31st	St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr
		<i>No Mass</i>
TUESDAY	1st	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D
		<i>No Mass</i>
WEDNESDAY	2nd	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY	3rd	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	4th	St John Vianney, Pr
		<i>No Mass</i>
SATURDAY	5th	Feria
		<i>No Mass at 12 noon</i>
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturdays from 11:15-11:45 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: *John Ward (13); Douglas McDonall (18); Simon Boutflour (98); Dominic Hearne (69); Paula Welch (08); Jimmy Quinlivan (10); Mary Huckle (15); John Donnelly (90). 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; Evelyn Korinth.

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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.



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30th July 2023

The Treasure We Have Found

Solomon prayed for the wisdom to discern the true value of things. We scarcely need the wisdom of Solomon to realise that in finding the love of God and the kingdom of God we have found a treasure beyond price. It is in the joy of this realisation that we hold our celebration today.

Entrance Antiphon: *God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.*

1st Reading:
1 Kings 3:5.7-12 *You have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself.*

Responsorial Psalm *R/. Lord how I love your law.*

2nd Reading:
Romans 8:28-30 *God intended us to become true images of his Son.*

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 13:44-52 *He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY: that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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: **Sunday 6th August 2023.**

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 one of the readings 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.

WOULD YOU VALUE SOME FRIENDLY SUPPORT DURING A TIME OF LOSS OR EMOTIONAL ANXIETY? Confidentiality will be respected. If you are interested in finding out more why not drop into SJP Church Hall on the **second Wednesday of every month**, between 10.30-11.30 a.m., or phone Judy on 07530956440

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: As food price inflation and the cost of living crisis continues to disproportionately affect the poorest, the Foodbank has run out of or is critically low on the following items: Shampoo/conditioner; soap; washing up liquid; nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7; deodorants; toilet rolls; soups; tinned fish; pasta sauce; tea bags 80's; coffee; rice; pasta; tomato ketchup; peanut butter / chocolate spread / jam. The next collection from SJP will be on **Sunday 13th August**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! James

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE: 14 months after the initial meeting of the Group was held at SJP, we are delighted to welcome an Afghan family who have now moved into the house in Colchester. Thank you to all our parishioners who have generously donated time, money and household items to enable this family to move out of hotel accommodation and into their own, secure home. Please continue to pray for the family as they settle into their new life in Colchester, and for the Group volunteers who are continuing to support them. Lindsay Francis.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 3rd August 10:30am -12pm. We meet for coffee and a catch up, please try and make this meeting as numbers are falling and new members are very welcome! Any suggestions welcome for future events. Please contact Maureen Bulmer on 01206 826491.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS – PLEASE NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED: Please send all correspondence, and Newsletter items (by Wednesday evening) to: greenstead@brcdt.org

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 23rd July: Offertory £225.56. **Thank you!**

PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING: You are warmly invited to a coffee morning on Tuesday 8th August, 10.30am-12.30pm at the home of Clare Fox, Cherry Tree Farm, Bromley Rd, Ardleigh CO7 7SG. Come and enjoy a morning of tea, coffee and cakes with the opportunity to raise funds for and find out more about the life changing work of March for Life UK.

COULD YOU DONATE TOOTHBRUSHES & DISPOSABLE RAZORS FOR REFUGEES?

Founded in 2017 after the demolition of 'The Jungle' refugee camp in Calais, Roots, a charity based in Dunkirk, provides displaced people with essential basic services such as drinking water, hot showers, waste management and access to electricity. Calais Light has sourced deliveries of toiletries from corporate donors for Roots, but none have offered toothbrushes or disposable razors, which are now really needed. Roots has plenty of toothpaste! Could you add a pack of disposable razors and / or a couple of toothbrushes to your weekly shop? Calais Light will then ensure that they are delivered to Roots in Dunkirk. Please telephone Lindsay Francis on 07977917554 for more information, or see Lindsay or James after mass. Many thanks!

"THE FAITH AND HATE PARADOX": Tuesday 8th August 2023, 17.00-20.30 at Southend and District Reform Synagogue, 851 London Road, Westcliff-On-Sea SS0 9SZ. Essex Police are committed to tackling discrimination of all kinds. You are warmly invited to this event which aims to acknowledge and address the issue of faith-based hate and discrimination, raising awareness of the lived experience of our communities through discussion, gathering people of all faiths and none to take part in the conversation. **Objectives:** Essex Police and religious communities to be informed and empowered to support each other in the best and most effective ways; Essex Police and religious communities to form a closer partnership; to celebrate the common goals and values of religions and learning from our differences. Refreshments from 16.45. Introduction and welcome at 17.15.

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are **£30** and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

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