

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
09:00		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Gene Horgan – RIP (1H)</i>
		<b>No Ordinariate Mass today</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St Pius X, Pope</b>
09:15		Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
09:15		Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
09:45		Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST BARTHOLOMEW, Ap</b>
		No Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
19:30		Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>
12 Noon		Mass
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>

**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: *Charles Sales (96); Daniel Farrell (87); Florence Farrell (02); James Killen (13); Kathleen McAloon (13).* **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.*



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Mercy To All Mankind

We tend to think of God as exclusively our own property. But he is God of all the world, of Christians and non-Christians alike; and today we celebrate his mercies to others who are not of our faith.

*Entrance Antiphon:*

*God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

*Responsorial Psalm*

***R/. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.***

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

*Gospel Acclamation*

***R/. Alleluia, alleluia!***

*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.*

***R/. Alleluia!***

*Gospel Reading:*

Matthew 14:22-23

Woman, you have great faith.



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month between 4 – 5<sup>pm</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.**

**MOBILE PHONES, THE CONFESSIONAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Bishops' Conference General Secretariat has been made aware of a YouTube video showing two people pretending to go to confession and recording the responses of the priests involved. In view of this the Bishops have asked all priest to remind their people of the sacred nature of the confessional, and that neither priests nor penitents should have active mobile phones with them - they should not just be put on silent mode but should be turned OFF before entering the confessional.

Penitents are accordingly instructed not to take their mobile phones with them into the confessional or have them with them even if they are on 'silent' mode, as they can be hacked, and conversations listened into via artificial intelligence algorithms. These are capable of identifying 'items of interest' which may be passed on to potential advertisers. While this technology does not affect every network, we need to be aware of the potential risk. Effectively, we can be 'bugged' whenever our mobile telephones are switched on, whatever 'mode' they are in.

**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

**COUNTERS:** We are in need of volunteers to help count the Sunday collections. It is hoped that a few people will feel able to help to make up a team of counters, working in pairs, to go on a rota. Ideally, this would mean giving just an hour or so, once a month at most. If you are interested, or want to find out a little more of what is involved, please speak to Fr Jon.

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

**OFFERTORIES:** Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023: Offertory £248.31; Food Bank £65.00; Coffee after Mass £21.00. **Thank you!**

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED:** We collected 70.35kg of food, toiletries and nappies, plus cash donations of £65.00, for the Food Bank last Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to all parishioners for your generosity towards people who, through no fault of their own, and often as a result of a crisis such as the loss of a job, illness, relationship breakdown or bereavement, find themselves temporarily unable to afford necessities. A recent joint report by The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and The Trussell Trust (the Christian charity which runs 1,300 foodbanks in the UK, including the Colchester Food Bank) calls for reform of Universal Credit to ensure that we can all afford the essentials in hard times. Research shows that 90% of low-income households on Universal Credit are currently going without essentials; support has eroded over decades and the basic rate of Universal Credit is now at its lowest ever level as a proportion of average earnings. Almost half of households have their payments further reduced by deductions and caps (such as the infamous "2 child limit"). The next collection for the Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! James

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG TO SUPPORT THE PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, in aid of March for Life UK. As well as the cakes, coffee and chat, our eyes and hearts were opened to the harsh reality of abortion for so many women and men in our society, and the ongoing pain they can suffer as a result. We were given some tools to encourage us to start having conversations with others to help in the mission of March for Life UK to change the culture of abortion in this country to one that protects life from conception. £242.80 was raised. If you were unable to come along, you can pick up a leaflet at the back of church explaining their 'Rethink Abortion' initiative and a flyer for this year's March for Life which takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in London. More information about the vital work of the charity can be found on their website: [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk)

**MISSIO - THE POPE'S CHARITY FOR WORLD MISSION:** You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Church, 1 Church Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 6AG. Join Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, and Fr Patrick, Diocesan Director for Missio. The event will commence with Mass at 11am, followed by presentations from Missionary Priests in the parish hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided. Email [Clacton@brcdt.org](mailto:Clacton@brcdt.org) for further details.

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