

SATURDAY	26th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	27th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Kevin Doyle – RIP (MD)</i>
MONDAY	28th	St Augustine, Bp, D Mass
10:00		
TUESDAY	29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	30th	Feria Mass
09:45		
THURSDAY	31st	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	1st	St Sebbi, King of the East Saxons Mass
19:30		
SATURDAY	2nd	Feria Mass
12 Noon		
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: *Olive Bell (02); Teresa Garroch (15); Ken Hytch (00); Elizabeth Aherne (94); Colin Taylor (03); Arthur Campbell (14); Patrick Long (85); Susan Driscoll (05); Barry White (00). 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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

27th August 2023

Peter The Rock

We rejoice today that Christ chose Peter in spite of his human failings to be the rock on which he built his Church. The reason for that choice lies in the unfathomable depth of God's wisdom. 'The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly'.

Entrance Antiphon:

Listen, Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

Gospel Acclamation

R/. Alleluia, alleluia!

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



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 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 3rd 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 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 there is a risk they could 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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 20th August 2023: Offertory £180.86. **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 on Sunday 13th 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 10th September**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! James

COULD YOU BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE REFUGEE CHARITY CALAIS LIGHT? We're recruiting NEW volunteers to support refugees in two North Essex bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK.

Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: johnbradley9255@gmail.com

If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website: www.calaislight.com

JOB VACANCY - PROPERTY ADMINISTRATOR – CATHEDRAL HOUSE: The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job Description available. Hours: 35 hours per week-Office Based. Closing date for applications is 15th September 2023. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org

MISSIO - THE POPE'S CHARITY FOR WORLD MISSION: You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on **Saturday 16th 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 for further details.

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