

<b>SATURDAY</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>	
17:00			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00			
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
09:15		Mass	<i>Pauline Gilmore - Int</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
09:15		<b>Mass</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Vincent de Paul, Pr</b>	
09:45		Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL, Archangels</b>	
19:30		Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Jerome, Pr, D</b>	
12 Noon		Mass	<i>Margaret Kathleen Smith – RIP (GO’C)</i>
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: *Georgina Drum (94); Patrick Hurley (85); Margretta Bateman (93); Annie Drake (99); Sr Magdalene John (06); John Mackinnon (00); Edward Chant (89). 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### The Generous Love Of God

The love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable. By human reckoning it must even appear foolish. What sensible employer would behave like the man in the Gospel parable? We see a reflection of that love in St Paul's dilemma. He loved so much that he could not decide whether it was better to live or die.

*Entrance Antiphon: I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.*

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

*Responsorial Psalm*

**R/. The Lord is close to all who call him.**

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

Philippians 1:20-24.27

Life to me is Christ.

*Gospel Acclamation*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!*

**R/. Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*

Matthew 20:1-6

Why be envious because I am generous?



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER:** that those people living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions, may not be overlooked by institutions and never be considered of lesser importance.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 am, or phone Judy on 07530956440.

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED:** The next collection for the Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. The Foodbank has particular need of: long life milk and fruit juice; tinned fruit/ meat/ tuna/ beans/ vegetables; multi-packs of e.g. Golf, Kit-Kats etc.; shampoo; shower gel; deodorant; toothpaste; shaving gel/foam; washing powder/ gel/ tabs; nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7. Thank you! James

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** takes place on the first Thursday of **every** month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)** offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their **Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS)** located in their centre in Billericay. The CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth [dbooth@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dbooth@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

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

**OFFERTORIES:** Week ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Offertory £202.34; Food Bank £10.00; Evangelii Gaudium £31.00; Art Group £221.35. **Thank you!**

**CALAIS LIGHT & ROOTS CHARITY, DUNKIRK:** Many thanks to all parishioners for so generously donating toothbrushes and razors for refugees whose wellbeing is supported by Roots, Dunkirk. 3 grocery boxes full of toothbrushes and razors, along with another consignment of toiletries, collected by the various Colchester parishes, were delivered to the Roots warehouse by the Calais Light team on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Calais Light and Roots rely on the generosity of donors to enable them to continue to provide basic services for refugees in Calais and Dunkirk. These include food, hot showers, decent clothing, charging points for phones etc. There are in fact no “safe and legal routes” for the vast majority of refugees fleeing wars, conflicts and climate disasters and who seek to join family or friends in the UK, or wish to come to the UK because they speak English. Every one of those who tragically drowned in the English Channel when one of the small boats sank on 12th August came from Afghanistan, to whom the UK Government has claimed to have extended “Operation Warm Welcome” following the fall of Kabul to the Taliban. If you would like to find out more about the work of Calais Light and Roots and how you could help them by donating or volunteering to support refugees, please see the following links:

[calaislight.com](http://calaislight.com)      [charitableroots.com](http://charitableroots.com)

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ROLE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, WICKFORD** are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and also carry out some financial duties. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience. 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org). Closing date for applications is 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Job description: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

**BCYS YOUTH GATHER: Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island.** Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on “The Voice” (many will remember her from Flame in March!) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at [www.bcys.net/events/yg23](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23)

**ST TERESA'S LEXDEN** welcomes everyone to their Season of Creation ecumenical prayer service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm, with refreshments in the hall beforehand from 2pm.

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<https://stjohnpayne.org.uk/newsletter>.