

SATURDAY	28th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	29th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass
MONDAY	30th	Feria Mass
09:15		
TUESDAY	31st	Feria Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	1st	ALL SAINTS – HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Mass <i>Margaret Fox – RIP (AF)</i>
09:15		
19:30		Mass
THURSDAY	2nd	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS) Mass
09:15		
19:30		Mass
FRIDAY	3rd	Feria Mass
19:30		
SATURDAY	4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bp 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: *Bill Perkins (01); Russell Crook (13); Stefan Dzielski (91); Margaret Fox (05); Margaret Milbank (86); Peter Stannard (89); Dan Hensley (98); Thomas Plumb (06).* **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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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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29th October 2023

The Commandment Of Love

Today, through the strength that Christ gives us, we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that great commandment of love which once had to be imposed on men under threat of God's avenging anger.

Entrance Antiphon: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Responsorial Psalm R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10 You broke with idolatry, and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40 You must love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER: that the Church may adopt listening and dialogue as a life-style at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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 5th November 2023.**

CALLING ALL APPLICANTS FOR 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION AND 2024 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: There will be a meeting in the SJP Church Hall at **11.00am on Saturday 4th November.** If anyone has any queries please contact Grace on 07917784232 or speak to Fr Jon or Grace after Mass.

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: It is Fr Jon's custom during the month of November to pray as part of his Daily Office for the souls of departed loved ones. If you would like a loved one included, please take one of the envelopes provided, enclose the names of your loved ones (preferably written in block capitals) and return it to Fr Jon.

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.

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.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: A major study published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation last week reveals an explosion of poverty in the UK. More than 1 million children experienced destitution last year - meaning that their families could not afford to adequately feed, clothe, wash, or keep them warm. The study found that severe material hardship was "no longer a rare occurrence", with rates of destitution more than doubling in the last 5 years as a result of benefits cuts and cost of living pressures, leaving struggling households increasingly reliant on regular charity handouts. **The next collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on Sunday 12th November**, 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

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 22nd October 2023: Offertory £266.89; Mission Sunday (Missio) £54.50; Prisoners Sunday (PACT) £42.50; CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £15.00; Food Bank £10.00. **Thank you!**

LADIES COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 2nd November 10:30-12:00: We meet in the SJP church hall for coffee and a chat. This month we will have a quiz, so be prepared to get your thinking caps into gear. Contact Maureen Bulmer on 01206 826491.

SJP PAINTERS EXHIBITION: Please join us from 12.30pm on **Saturday 18th November** for an exhibition of our work with a chance to buy paintings, cards, candles, decorations etc. Free refreshments will be served. Money raised is to go to the Church this winter as we face more bills for heating. We look forward to seeing you! Ann and the artists.

BCSS TREE OF ANGELS: This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up a symbolic angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died, and to make a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Damian ddillon@bccs.org.uk.

NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCISCO: **On Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November 2023 the World Apostolate of Fatima, England and Wales is bringing the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue to the Parish of St James the Less and St Helen, Priory Street, Colchester.** This beautiful statue was blessed by Pope St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make known the important message of Fatima. Pope St John Paul II said the Fatima message "*is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary.*" All are invited and encouraged to come and see this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 5th November from 10.30am - 4pm.** Free parking at the venue; admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts, crafts, books, puzzles and sweets and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event.

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