

SATURDAY	2 nd	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	3 rd	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Deceased family of Patrick + Elizabeth Brogan – RIP (HB)</i>
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration
MONDAY	4 th	Feria Mass
09:15		
TUESDAY	5 th	Feria Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	6 th	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY	7 th	St Ambrose, Bp, D <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	8 th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass
19:30		
SATURDAY	9 th	Feria Mass Solemn Vigil Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		

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: *Annie Webb (99); Eileen Murphy (20); Terence Perkins (89); Audrey Prior (03); Bernard Donovan (97); Queenie Matthews (95); Fr Liam Hayes (14); Thady Fallon (86); Bernard Roughan (03); Audrey Cavanagh (07). 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

3rd December 2023

Waiting For The Lord

Our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all his glory. We wait with longing and with 'joyful hope', for his Spirit is with us, and we know that God is faithful to his promises.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

Gospel Acclamation

R/. Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13:33-37 Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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 December 2023.**

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. ***The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December.***

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. ***PLEASE NOTE there will be no Lectio Divina meeting this week (i.e. on Tuesday 5th December), as we will be on our Christmas outing. Back to normal on Tuesday 12th December.***

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: "We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all." **All proceeds from our parish crib collection will be donated to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, to support children and families in our Diocese.**

BCYS YOUTH MASS: Every first Thursday of the month, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral. ***The next Youth Mass is this coming Thursday 7th December.*** Beginning with pizza & refreshments with a workshop or speaker in the Parish Hall from 6pm, Youth Mass will then be 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, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email info@bcys.net

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS –Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by midday on Thursday) to: greenstead@brcdt.org

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 26th November 2023: Offertory £304.61; World Youth Day £20.15; Evangelii Gaudium £10.00; Art Group £325.26. **Thank you!**

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 7th December 10:30am -12pm. We meet in the St John Payne church hall for coffee, cake, mince pies and Christmas cheer. Sorry the Afternoon Tea is not going ahead this year due to lack of interest. For contact please telephone Maureen Bulmer on 01206 826491. Thank you! *Maureen*

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: The Trussell Trust, which operates more than 1,300 foodbanks in the UK, including the Colchester Food Bank, provided 1.5 million emergency food parcels between April and September 2023, a 16% increase from the same period last year. 65% of the parcels were for families with children. The Trussell Trust, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and other charities are calling on the leaders of UK political parties to support the introduction of an Essentials Guarantee, to ensure that the basic rate of universal credit at least covers life essentials such as food and utility bills. The current standard allowance is only £85 per week for a single person or £134 for a couple; whereas in order to be able to afford essentials such as food and bills it would need to be at least £120 per week for a single person and £200 per week for a couple. You can sign the petition calling for an Essentials Guarantee at: action.trusselltrust.org
The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on Sunday 10th December, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. *The Foodbank has particular need of: washing powder/tabs; washing-up liquid; shaving foam; toilet roll; cooking oil; flour; tomato ketchup; chocolate spread; peanut butter; mayonnaise; nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7.* Thank you! *James*

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT – Saturday 6th January 2024. A full day retreat for those aged 18 – 27 (having left school) at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates tbc). **Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.** The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school years 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

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