

SATURDAY	16th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
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09:00		<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		<i>William (Bill) Morrow – RIP (MP)</i>
MONDAY	18th	Weekday of Advent Mass
09:15		
TUESDAY	19th	Weekday of Advent Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	20th	Weekday of Advent Mass
09:45		
THURSDAY	21st	Weekday of Advent <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	22nd	Weekday of Advent Mass
19:30		
SATURDAY	23rd	Weekday of Advent Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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: *Patrick Hagan (94); Mary Gilmer (17); Doris Harwood (87); Wladyslaw Malinowski (88); George O'Brien (89); Rosemary Stephens (16); Eva Juskevicius (90); Winston Waters (90); Joyce O'Dowd (06); John D'Eath (82); Teresa Lowrie (93); Encarna Raffo (93); Keith Mortiboys (00); Beatrice Mitchell (88); Theologia De Carlo (04); Mary Luca (84); Vera Guiver (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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

17th December 2023

('Gaudete' Sunday)

Our Joy In Christ

We celebrate our joy in Christ's redeeming work among us, realising that he who is to come is indeed already with us, 'unknown to us'.

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm R/. My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you all be kept safe, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 There stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me.



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 7th January 2024.**

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.

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.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2024 DIARIES are now available to purchase from the St John Payne Church Repository.

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH WITH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: DONATIONS WELCOMED. Please put donations in the collection, in an envelope marked "Flowers", or hand to Fr Jon or Ann Roughan. Many thanks!

WATCH THE SURPRISE, A WONDERFUL PLAY BY CATHOLIC AUTHOR GK CHESTERTON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE at 3.30pm on sky 586 or online: www.ewtn.co.uk

For GK Chesterton prayers see www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 3rd December 2023: Offertory £183.42; Youth Sunday £10.00; Art Exhibition £20.00. Week ending 10th December 2023: Offertory £325.15; World Youth Day £5.00; Prisoners Sunday £10.00; Food bank £190.00. **Thank you!**

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations last weekend. **The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on Sunday 14th January 2024**, 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*

THE SVP ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO HELP CHILDREN PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION. COULD THIS BE YOU? The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on **Tuesday 27th February 2024**. If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk

SUPPORT CAFOD'S ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD's Country Programme Representative Middle East, Elizabeth Funnell, writes: "Right now, people are literally trying to stay alive. It's virtually impossible for people to leave Gaza so there's no way for civilians to escape the current Israeli bombardment. Over 1.5 million Gazans are displaced, and the lack of food, water or shelter is having disastrous humanitarian consequences". To donate go to cafod.org.uk

CALAIS LIGHT - HELPING REFUGEES IN THE UK: Calais Light is seeking donations and volunteers in Essex to help support refugees, make their lives in the UK more bearable, and give them a sense of belonging. Refugees in the UK are facing a harsh political and financial climate, and a crisis of destitution. You can volunteer to help Calais Light extend the values of kindness, tolerance and respect to our fellow human beings by emailing the local Lead Volunteer, John Bradley, at johnbradley9255@gmail.com

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www.calaislight.com

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