

<b>SATURDAY</b> 17:00	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)</b> <b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 09:00	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
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<b>MONDAY</b> 10:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 09:15	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bp, Dd</b> Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 09:45	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19:30	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12 Noon	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmas Time</b> Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b> 17:00	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria of Christmas</b> Mass <b>Solemn Vigil Mass for THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <b><i>Holyday of Obligation</i></b>

**CONFESSIONS** 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: *John Lowe (88); Eileen Bradbrook (07); James Trinnaman (96); Mary Morrison (07); Michael Sheehan (18); Lewellyn Jones (84); Roberta Letts (85); Winifred Prescott (16); David Flack (88); John Killen (03); Bridget Teefey (07); Leslie Woolf (07); Violet Amos (09); Thomas O'Malley (01).* **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.*



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B) 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Holy Family

We celebrate the Holy Family of Nazareth which is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

*Entrance Antiphon:* *The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*  
Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7, 14-17 He who fears the Lord respects his parents.

*Responsorial Psalm* **R/. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*  
Colossians 3:12-21 Family life in the Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation* **R/. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.*  
**R/. Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading:*  
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.



*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.

***Father Jon wishes you and your loved ones the Joy and Peace of Christ's Nativity and a truly blessed New Year.***

**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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** When we lose someone we have loved, a relationship where we felt safe, or a job where we felt fulfilled, we are left with grief that affects us emotionally and spiritually. Working together with two neighbouring parishes, we offer opportunities for support at a time of bereavement and loss: Group support at St Teresa's, Lexden and at St John Payne, Greenstead, and one-to-one help at St James the Less, Priory Street. The leaders are trained and experienced and are, or have been, part of St Helena's Hospice Counselling and Emotional Support Team. More details are on the notice board.

**THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP IN ST JOHN PAYNE PARISH** was formed about 8 years ago; meetings are held in our Church Hall on the second Wednesday of every month between 10.30am and 11.30a.m. We are a very friendly, welcoming and non-judgmental group where confidentiality is stressed. It is a place where you can talk freely among others who are feeling the effects of loss, whatever the cause. We have an outing each summer and another at Christmas time. Joining in Parish and other activities, when you feel ready, is encouraged, but not essential, to help overcome the feelings of isolation loss can bring.

Why not come along to try us out, just come once or come as often as you like until you do not need us anymore.

Judy, who runs our St John Payne group, was trained as a Volunteer Bereavement Support Worker at St Helena Hospice 10 years ago and continues to work there in the Counselling and Emotional Support Team, meeting people face to face, individually or in groups, but keeping going through Covid by phone contacts.

To find out more about us chat with Judy after Mass or contact her on 07530956440

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

**OFFERTORIES:** Week ending 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023: Offertory £401.15; World Youth Day £5.00; Prisoners Sunday £10.00; Food bank £190.00. **Thank you!**

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR BERTHANE:** “Once again I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for being always close to me in the last years with your thoughts, prayers and material support and I wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and much Love, Peace and Good Health for 2024. Please convey my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year as well as my gratitude to all the parishioners of Greenstead and all friends whom I always remember with love. Tell them that they are in my poor prayers. Please continue to pray for me and for the people of Eritrea and Ethiopia, and we will, of course, continue to keep you all in our prayers”.

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

**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.**

**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](http://cafod.org.uk)

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