

SATURDAY 17:00	6th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> Solemn Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 09:00	7th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> Solemn Mass
10:45		Solemn Mass
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration
MONDAY 09:15	8th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mass
TUESDAY 09:15	9th	Feria Mass
WEDNESDAY 09:45	10th	Feria Mass
THURSDAY 11 th	Feria	<i>Barbara Armitage – RIP (SS)</i> No Mass
FRIDAY 19:30	12th	Feria Mass
SATURDAY 12 Noon	13th	Feria Mass
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: *Michelle Kirk (87); Bill McCormack (00); Charles Duthie (95); Monica Shove (12); Kathleen Perkins (16); Norah McEneaney (21); Robert Bateman (00); Andrew Eadie (03); Harry Stones (05); Maria Duncan (06); Stanley Kent (06); Emanuel Carvana (88); Malcolm Muir (11); Nora Moss (04).* **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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7th January 2024

The Revelation Of Christ To The World

We join all the people of the world in worshipping the infant King of the Jews.

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm R/. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Father Jon wishes you and your loved ones a very happy and peaceful New Year and thanks you for all the cards and generous gifts.

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.**

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 17th December 2023: Offertory £248.32; Coffee £13.00; Food bank £40.00. **Thank you!**

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 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

CRIB OFFERINGS - 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

WORLD LEPROSY DAY: On Sunday 28th January 2024, we mark World Leprosy Day and are asking for your kind donations. The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God' who was a Franciscan layman, who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa. Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease, means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities. Together with your kind support and prayers we continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at Mutemwa with leprosy. To donate by post: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB; or online: www.johnbradburne.com ; or telephone 07979 187498.

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