

SATURDAY	20th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	21st	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Mass <i>Elizabeth Baxter - Int</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass
16:00		Solemn Mass (Ordinariate Use) <i>Christina Wraight RIP (MW)</i>
MONDAY	22nd	Feria
09:15		Mass <i>John Congdon - Int (CF)</i>
TUESDAY	23rd	Feria
09:15		Mass
WEDNESDAY	24th	St Francis de Sales, Bp, D
09:45		Mass
THURSDAY	25th	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	26th	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp
19:30		Mass
SATURDAY	27th	Feria
12 Noon		Mass
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass for the Fourth 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: *Daphne Haines (03); Mary Blaver (17); Evelyn Fahie (17); Norah Francis (96); Michael Carey (98); Cecilia Cook (09). 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 IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

21st January 2024

(Sunday of the Word of God)

The Lord Who Teaches Us His Ways

Like Jonah, Christ was sent to preach repentance. He calls us to change our ways. We are not to become engrossed in the world, but to believe the good news and live for the kingdom of God.

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.*

1st Reading:
Jonah 3:1-5.10 The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Responsorial Psalm **R/. Lord, make me know your ways.**

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation **R/. Alleluia, alleluia!**
The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Mark 1:14-20 Repent, and believe the Good News.



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.

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 4th February 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.

BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. 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

YEAR 12 RETREAT – Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February - "Life to the Full" - You are at a stage where you are about to start making decisions and dreaming about future plans. You might be at a stage where you are looking to explore your faith further and learn more about the role God plays within your life. This retreat will give you time to think, pray and chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London. There will be a mix of fun and games, along with times of reflection and personal prayer. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations. We collected 18.75kg last Sunday, plus generous cash donations to enable the Foodbank to provide essentials. **The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on Sunday 11th February 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! *James*

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 8th January 2024: Offertory £295.95. Week ending 15th January 2024: Art Group £210.00. **Thank you!**

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND EXHIBITION AT NORWICH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL:

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich is hosting a poignant and impactful exhibition, "The 50 Faces of the Holy Land", from 18th January until 1st February 2024. The exhibition aims to raise awareness and support for the Christian community in the Holy Land (traditionally defined as the area of Israel, Gaza, the West Bank and Jordan) amidst the ongoing crisis. The exhibition showcases the resilience and faith of those living there. It is a visual narrative that echoes their struggles and hopes, exemplified in the captivating images now in the custody of Friends of the Holy Land. More details can be found on the Cathedral website:

sjbcathedral.org.uk

and also on the Friends of the Holy Land Facebook pages (including details of a special ecumenical Evensong in Norwich at 5.30pm on Wednesday 24th January, for the community to come together to pray for a ceasefire, and end to suffering and a path to lasting peace):

<https://fb.me/e/80Di8F3bB>

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

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