

SATURDAY 17:00	27th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 09:00 10:45	28th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Mass <i>Michael + Eileen Sabini – RIP</i> Solemn Mass <i>Sr Mary Magdalene – Int (Fr Jon)</i>
MONDAY 09:15	29th	Feria Mass
TUESDAY 09:15	30th	Feria Mass
WEDNESDAY 09:45	31st	St John Bosco, Pr Mass <i>John Smith –RIP (TS)</i>
THURSDAY	1st	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY 19:30	2nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Mass
SATURDAY 12 Noon 17:00	3rd	St Anne Line, M; St Blaise, Bp, M Mass Solemn Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Giovanni Emoli – RIP (TE)</i>

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: *Arthur Pilgrim (97); Ermens Francis Loi (01); Michael Sabini (07); Richard Stewart (15); Con Harrington (04); Patrick Byrne (12); Des Fuller (00); Roger Jaggard (93); Edna Wilkinson (99); Frances Griffiths (03); Caroline Mahoney Smith (15); Michael McFarlane (10).* **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, Beth Thompson, Jenny Crane, Evelyn Korinth, Hanna Francis.

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

28th January 2024

Racial Justice Day

The Lord, Our Teacher

Today we celebrate him who speaks with authority and to whom we must give our undivided attention.

Entrance Antiphon: *Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

1st Reading:
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Responsorial Psalm **R/. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Acclamation **R/. Alleluia, alleluia!**
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Mark 1:21-28 He taught them with authority.



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.

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY 28th JANUARY: On this day Christians unite in prayer for an end to racism and racial inequality in our world. There will be Second Collection at all Masses this weekend, to support organisations which work to end racism and racial inequality. This year, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has chosen the theme "*Seeing one another in the life of the Church*", and encourage us to use this prayer:

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters, so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.**

PALM CROSSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: Please could you kindly bring your old palm crosses back, in readiness for Ash Wednesday (14th February). Thank you!

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.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 8th February 10:30am-12 pm. We meet in the SJP Church Hall, a week later than usual for our first meeting of 2024. Welcome back; come and join us for coffee and to discuss our plans for the coming year. Please be full of ideas and suggestions! Contact Maureen Bulmer on 01206 826491.

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: details will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you!

HOSANNA HOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST (HCPT) EASTER LOURDES VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Are you or do you know anyone who is 18 - 30 years old and would like the opportunity to travel with The Brentwood Group on Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter? HCPT Group 709 are an all-adult service group who are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working individuals to join us between **1st - 6th April 2024** in Lourdes to help facilitate an unforgettable week for disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the world. If you would like more information or think this is something you may want to get involved in, please contact us at group709@hcpt.org.uk or via Instagram by searching HCPT Group 709. **Sign up deadline for new group members is 7th February 2024.**

LENTEN RETREAT DAY SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 10.30am – 4pm: The Our Common Home group from St Teresa of Lisieux, Lexden are planning a Lenten retreat day at Walsingham House, Abbotswick. The theme is 'Open our eyes, Lord'. The cost is £10 per person to cover the cost of the venue. Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. The day will include time for silent reflection; time for praise; 'opening our eyes' to the beauty of God's creation, and to the harm we cause our world and those who live in it, using the Stations of the Cross in the grounds of Walsingham House. For more information please contact Mary and Peter Johnson by email: <mailto:maryandpeter13@btinternet.com>

WOULD YOU VALUE SOME FRIENDLY SUPPORT DURING A TIME OF GRIEF? The Grief / Bereavement Support Group here in our Parish meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Church Hall at 10.30-11.30 am. Just drop in to see whether this would help you. Confidentiality is stressed. More details are on the poster in the porch, and on the outside notice board. You could ask Judy about it after Mass or phone her on 07530956440.

BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Beginning with pizza and 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

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