

SATURDAY	3rd	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Vigil Mass <i>Giovanni Emoli – RIP (TE)</i>
17:00		
SUNDAY	4th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration
MONDAY	5th	St Agatha, V, M
09:15		Mass
TUESDAY	6th	St Paul Miki & Comps, Mm
09:15		Mass
WEDNESDAY	7th	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY	8th	Feria <i>Day of Prayer for victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it</i> <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	9th	Feria <i>No Mass</i>
SATURDAY	10th	St Anne Line, M; St Blaise, Bp, M <i>No Mass at 12 noon</i> Solemn Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17:00		

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: *John Short (84); John Concannon (99); Marjorie McCarthy (12); Michael Morris (20); Peter Campbell (18); Woluchem Danial Obilor (12); Harold Taylor (97); Robert Huntsman (87); Harold Hellenbrand (06); Patrick Gallagher (82); Frank Keegan (77); Patrick Fahie (90); David Beech (95); Violet Pilgrim (09); Piroaska Andicsku (11); John Adam (19); Ivy Quy (84); Marjory Savile (06); Bridget Hammond (16).* **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.

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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

4th February 2024

Christ Who Makes Us Free To Serve

Without Christ our lives would be pure drudgery. We would be like slaves, or like workmen with nothing to look forward to but our wages. But the healing power of Christ has transformed our lives: now we are free to make ourselves like him, the slaves of everyone, offering men the good news without asking anything in return.

Entrance Antiphon: *O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

1st Reading:
Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Responsorial Psalm *R/. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Mark 1:29-39 He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

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.**

SECOND COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES FUND: This Sunday the second collection is for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. In recent years, this fund has enabled the Diocese to subsidise nurses, doctors, and helpers so that we have the team we need to support all our pilgrims, especially our assisted pilgrims. The Fund also allows us to fund pilgrims, who otherwise would not be able to join the pilgrimage. If you are a parishioner who may need help to join the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at:

Lourdes@brcdt.org

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay in Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney.

To book, please go online:

[Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

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.

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 15th January: Offertory £205.15; Pax Christi £10.00. Week ending 22nd January: Offertory £349.11; Food Bank £20.00; Crib Offerings (Brentwood Diocesan Children's Society) £104.22. Thank you!

APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House in Abbotswick, running retreats for young people across the Diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA RACE NIGHT: Join us on Saturday 17th February, at St John Payne Church Hall, from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. £2 entry but please bring £1 coins to purchase tickets for each race. You can sponsor a race or take out an advert in our Programme for £10. Please contact George (07476781885) or Daniel (07552232888) if you would like to reserve a space. Bring your own drinks/table snacks but a light buffet will be provided.

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 Wednesday of every month in the Church Hall at 10.30-11.30 am. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th February**. 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.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: 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*

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