

<b>SATURDAY</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> Solemn Mass
09:00		<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Andrew Walker – RIP (SW)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monday of the Second Week of Lent</b> Mass
09:15		<i>Edith Archer – RIP (JH-A)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent</b> Mass
09:15		<i>Tim Francis – RIP (LF)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent</b> Mass
09:45		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Thursday of the Second Week of Lent</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>ST DAVID, Bp (Women's World Day of Prayer)</b> Stations of the Cross
19:00		
19:30		Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Saturday of the Second Week of Lent</b> Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent</b>

**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: *Tony O'Keefe (00); John Webb (03); John MacArthur (17); Elsie Souter (19); Francis McGee (83); Andrew Walker (19); June Clarke (13); Barbara O'Phelan (87); William Drake (90); Pat Barker (14).* **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.*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### God's Gift To Us: His Son

Abraham was prepared to give God his only son, Isaac, in sacrifice. God would do no less. 'This is my Son, the Beloved', he says to us, 'Listen to him'.

*Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:*

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

*Responsorial Psalm*

**R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:*

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

*Gospel Acclamation*

**R/. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

*From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'*

**R/. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

*Gospel Reading:*

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved.



*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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** was CAFOD's Lent Fast Day, when we were invited to fast from one meal in solidarity with our struggling brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal may be given in the Offertory collection, or using the special envelopes available in church, or online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> March**. 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.

**COME AND JOIN OUR LENTEN LUNCHES** in St John Payne Church Hall, on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.30**, supporting CAFOD, and on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30**, supporting The Colchester Food Bank. All welcome to come and enjoy our homemade soups and good company. *Ann and David*

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURES 2024:** There will be four talks on the Synod on Synodality taking place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Free entry. All welcome. Further details at: [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org)

**VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP:** from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**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 11<sup>th</sup> February: Offertory £266.18; Diocesan Lourdes Fund £9.00; Food Bank £25.00. Week ending 18<sup>th</sup> February: Offertory £276.21; Diocesan Lourdes Fund £10.00; CAFOD Lent Fast Day £10.00; Food Bank £10.00. Thank you!

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD IS INVITING YOU TO TAKE PART IN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES DURING LENT:** We have a photo challenge for all ages, Stations of the Cross for teenagers, a Giving Calendar to help collections for local foodbanks, suggestions on how to raise awareness for the homeless within Essex and East London and some great resources from charities such as SVP and CAFOD. All information and resources can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent) or by emailing [sianthomas@brcdt.org](mailto:sianthomas@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))

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 25TH MAY 2024:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, and wish to reserve coach travel, please contact Fr Jon in the first instance. A 53 seat coach will be picking up from East Hill near the corner of Priory Street at 07:45 for 8:00am departure, with tickets at £17.00 per person, payable on the coach for those who have reserved seats. Please bring a packed lunch as the cafeteria at Walsingham will be very busy.

**ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITALER SERVICES (SJOG) HOMES FOR UKRAINE** acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates alongside Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), and our services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests on arrival, and support during the placement. More information at: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED:** This winter, the cost of living crisis has meant that foodbanks have been stretched to breaking point. The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! *James*

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