

<b>SATURDAY</b> 17:00	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> <b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 09:00	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Clare Adams – RIP (JH-A)</i>
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration
<b>MONDAY</b> 09:15	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday of the Third Week of Lent</b> Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> 09:15	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent</b> Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 09:45	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent</b> Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b> 09:45	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday of the Third Week of Lent</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 19:00	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday of the Third Week of Lent</b> Stations of the Cross
19:30		Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12 Noon	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday of the Third Week of Lent</b> Mass <i>Pat Clements – RIP (LF)</i>
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent ('Laetare')</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: *Bobby Craigie (05); Carl Ford (09); Rosie Francis (13); Eva Husband (03); Veronica Webber (14); Edwin Miller (97); May Humm (09); George Rowley (87); Florence Andrews (92); Jimmy James (00); Pat Clements (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.*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

### Christ, The Wisdom Of God

Today, we celebrate the foolishness of God that is wiser than any human wisdom: the utter folly of his love that allowed the destruction of the temple of the body of his Son. And we dedicate ourselves anew to the Law of the Lord which gives wisdom to the simple.

*Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 The Law was given through Moses.*

*Responsorial Psalm R/. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.*

*Gospel Acclamation R/. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. R/. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

*Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:** Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**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**.

**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*

**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am -12:00 noon**. This month we meet as usual in the SJP Church Hall for coffee and a chat. Any ideas for the coming months welcome, as we discussed last time afternoon tea seems to be a good idea. Contact Maureen Bulmer on tel 01206 826491.

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURES 2024:** The series of talks on the Synod on Synodality taking place at Brentwood Cathedral continues on Wednesdays 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 25<sup>th</sup> February: Offertory £231.63; CAFOD Lent Fast Day £55.00; Ladies Coffee Morning £10.20; Art Group £197.20. 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 [sjanthomas@brcdt.org](mailto:sjanthomas@brcdt.org)

**'ENQUIRERS' EVENING' FOR THOSE CONSIDERING OR INTERESTED IN A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Brentwood Cathedral. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**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.

**ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:** Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March, seeking to change the law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. Please consider contacting your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme proposal. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use web tool, at: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>

**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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