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| SATURDAY | 9 th | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ('Laetare' Sunday) (B) Solemn Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY | 10 th | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ('Laetare' Sunday) (B) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i> Solemn Mass |
| MONDAY | 11 th | Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent Mass <i>Patricia Mahoney – Int (PM)</i> |
| TUESDAY | 12 th | Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Mass <i>Sheila Curry – RIP (GO'C)</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | 13 th | Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Mass <i>Ita Sheehan – Int (AB)</i> |
| THURSDAY | 14 th | Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>No Mass</i> |
| FRIDAY | 15 th | Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent Stations of the Cross Mass |
| SATURDAY | 16 th | Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent Mass Solemn Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent |

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: *Mgr Michael Corley (17); Christine Evans (93); Anna Norfolk (14); Sr Catherine Cardis (18); Norah Woods (89); George Greenhow (01); John Devlin (01); Lauren Miller (00); John Rodgers (99).* **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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

10th March 2024

'Laetare' Sunday

Christ The Redeemer

Our sins had made us exiles from God's kingdom. But just as God sent Cyrus, the King of Persia, to bring his people back from Babylon, so in his great love he sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us back to the new Jerusalem 'to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it'.

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

1st Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10 You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

Gospel Acclamation

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

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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

Gospel Reading:

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.



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 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 7th April 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 13th 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 US FOR A LENTEN LUNCH in SJP Church Hall, on **Saturday 16th March at 12.30pm**, on this occasion supporting The Colchester Food Bank. A big thank you to everyone who supported CAFOD at the lunch on 2nd March. All welcome to come and enjoy our homemade soups and good company. *Ann and David*

EASTER LILIES: Easter Calla lilies will be available again this year for Parishioners to purchase in memory of loved ones. The price of these will be known next week. Once I have this information I will update you as to the way forward. *Ann Roughan* tel. 07889101762

EASTER, MOTHERS' DAY AND ST PATRICK'S DAY CARDS are on sale in our Church Repository.

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 10th March 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 3rd March: Offertory £327.46; CAFOD Lent Lunch £128.50. 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/len or by emailing sjanthomas@brcdt.org

VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: from 27th July – 3rd 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. Applications are open until the end of March. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS, WELCOMING REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS, ASSISTING WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS, OR TACKLING THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford (10-minute walk from Romford Station on the Elizabeth line, parking is available but limited and a bike rack is also on site). This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (for free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on **Saturday 18th May**. To secure your spot, a £35 entry fee will be paid to the Harlow Tye Rotary Club, with all funds raised through your efforts being donated to BCCS. Please reach out to Charlotte: cwalker@bccs.org.uk / 07986841178 to sign up! For all details, please visit our Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

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