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Solemn Mass Jimmy + Emily James - RIP 09:00 Solemn Mass Our Parish Community 10:45

MONDAY 18th Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

09:15 Mass

19th ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **TUESDAY** 09:15 Michael Galloway - RIP (GO'C)

WEDNESDAY 20th Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

No Mass

21st Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent **THURSDAY**

No Mass

22nd Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent **FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross 19:00

19:30 Mass

23rd Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent **SATURDAY**

12 Noon

17:00 **Solemn Vigil Mass for PALM SUNDAY**

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: Lily Britton (99); May Miller (99); Mary Barrett (83); John Kelly (97); Ellen Cockerton (90); Agnes Treble (88). 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 lifeaffirming power of Christ's Living Presence among all where Essex meets East Analia.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) 17th March 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation

that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for

you, O God, are my strength.

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm R/. A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9 He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal

salvation.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever

I am, my servant will be there too.

R/. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading:

John 12:20-30 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a

rich harvest.



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1^{st} 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 10th April**. 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.

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 £3 each. If you wish to purchase lilies, please place the correct money in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' remembering to include your loved ones' names, and the number of lilies required, and hand this in via the collection plates by **Monday 25**th **March** at the latest, to allow sufficient time for the lilies to be ordered from the supplier. Many thanks, *Ann Roughan* (tel. 07889101762)

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

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We delivered 44.65 kg to the Foodbank on Monday. The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 13th April 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! *James*

ST BENEDICTS SCHOOL REUNION: Were you born between September 1953 and August 1954 and did you attend St Benedict's? We are having a 70th birthday reunion for us all on Saturday 25th May at Church St Tavern from 6pm till late. For further information please contact Andréa Kinsey aalneary@gmail.com or call 07828437257 Andréa Neary

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 10th March: Offertory £301.05; CAFOD Lent appeal £5.00. Food bank £15.00. 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 or by emailing sianthomas@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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