

SATURDAY 17:00	23rd	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) Solemn Vigil Mass; Blessing of Palms
SUNDAY 09:00 10:45	24th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) Solemn Mass; Blessing of Palms <i>Our Parish Community</i> Solemn Mass; Blessing of Palms <i>Russell + Kathleen Crook RIP</i>
MONDAY 09:15	25th	Monday of Holy Week Mass
TUESDAY 09:15	26th	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass <i>Pat Prager - Int</i>
WEDNESDAY 09:45	27th	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass
THURSDAY 19:30	28th	Thursday of Holy Week (MAUNDY THURSDAY) Mass of the Lord's Supper, with transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, with Adoration until Midnight
FRIDAY 11:00 – 12:00 14:15 15:00	29th	GOOD FRIDAY Confessions Stations of the Cross SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION
SATURDAY 11:00 – 12:00 20:00	30th	HOLY SATURDAY Confessions THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

CONFESSIONS are heard outside published times 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 Keston (90); Joseph O'Neil (87); Christopher Forster (01); Peter Kenny (01); David Mort (11); Fred Smith (16); Christine Maddock (88); Wendy Kirk (92).* **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.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) 24th March 2024

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.

Entrance Antiphon: *Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!*

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd Reading:

Philippians 5:7-9

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation

R/. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

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Gospel Reading:

Mark 14:1-15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



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.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Please note that these will take place on **Saturday 30th March** from 10:15 and 11:00 am respectively, in the SJP Church Hall. Thank you, *Grace*

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 25th March** at the latest, to allow sufficient time for the lilies to be ordered from the supplier. Many thanks, *Ann Roughan* (tel. 07889101762)

EASTER CARDS are on sale in our Church Repository.

REFUGEE CRISIS: Jumaa Alhasan, a 27 year old Syrian, tragically became the 403rd person to die at the UK-France border. His death is unreported in the UK press, but on 20th March, a vigil was held in Calais for Jumaa and the 402 other people who have lost their lives at the UK-France border, due to the denial of safe passage to claim asylum in the UK. No one deserves to die like this, least of all those who are simply trying to exercise the right to claim asylum having fled conflicts and disasters. **CALAIS LIGHT**, a registered charity based in our own Diocese of Brentwood, supports work to alleviate the suffering at the border. You can donate to help Calais Light to help refugees who are enduring terrible conditions both in France and in the UK, at: calaislight.com

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: Thank you for your generous donations. 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*

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 17th March: Offertory £255.78; Food Bank £10.00; Lenten Lunch in aid of the Food Bank £95.00. Thank you!

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.

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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