

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> <b>Solemn Vigil Mass</b>
17:00		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
09:00		
10:45		<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i>
16:00		<b>Solemn Mass (Ordinariate Use)</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Mass
09:15		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>ST GEORGE, M - National Solemnity</b> Mass <i>Gunvor + Peter Edwards - RIP</i>
09:15		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Mellitus, Bp of London</b> Mass
09:45		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST MARK, Ev</b> <i>No Mass</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Mass
19:30		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Mass
12:00		
17:00		<b>Solemn Vigil Mass for the FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</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: *Teresa McClean (97); Conor Ryan (96); Joseph Aherne (93); Gunvor Edwards (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.*



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

### 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

### (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

The Good Shepherd

Christ, the Good Shepherd, went before us through suffering and death, so that we could follow in safety and be with him in his heavenly kingdom.

*Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:8-12*                      This is the only name by which we can be saved.

*Responsorial Psalm*                      **R/. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:1-2*                      We shall see God as he really is.

*Gospel Acclamation*                      **R/. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.*  
**R/. Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18*                      The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:** Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, OR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. The second collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

**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 TBA.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May**. 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.

**REFUGEE ACCOMODATION NEEDED:** The grandparents of the Afghan family supported by the Colchester Refugee Community Support Group, have had to flee Afghanistan and are currently living in a former army camp in the south of England. If anyone knows of any accommodation in Colchester which would be suitable for an elderly couple, one of whom is a wheelchair user, please contact Lindsay Francis on 07977 917554 or 01206 337225. Many thanks!

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 attend, and would like to reserve one of the remaining places on the coach from Priory Street, please contact St James the Less and St Helen Catholic Church:  
[colchester@brcdt.org](mailto:colchester@brcdt.org)

**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 14<sup>th</sup> April: Offertory £250.64; Holy Land (Holy Places) £5.00; Foodbank £10.00; Ladies Coffee Morning £8.30. Thank you!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

**Lindsay and Judy will be attending from St John Payne; it would be really great if at least one other person could join us, so that our parish will be represented at all 3 of the focus area workshops! We are driving to Romford so a lift is available. Telephone or message Lindsay on 07977 917554.**

**CAFOD: USING OUR CATHOLIC VOICE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION:** with a general election expected this year we have a great opportunity to come together and use our Catholic voice to draw attention to the issues that matter to us. Join CAFOD at an online meeting with other parishioners around the country to find out more about how our parish can reach out to local candidates, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 18:30 to 20:30, or on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 11:00am to 1pm. For more information and to register, go to:  
[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED:** Thank you for your generous donations last weekend: we delivered 18.3 kg of donated food and nappies to the Food Bank, plus cash donations. Despite inflation easing, so that prices are rising less quickly than before, the cost of household bills and taxes has increased significantly this month, adding even more pressure to household finances. The recent rise in the UK minimum wage will still leave workers over £1,092 a year short of the voluntary 'real living wage' which some employers choose to pay in order that their employees can actually meet their household costs. Thank you for your generous donations to help those struggling on low pay and on benefits which do not meet the actual cost of living. The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! *James*

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