

SATURDAY	4 th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	5 th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Solemn Mass
09:00		
10:45		Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
16:00		Eucharistic Adoration
MONDAY	6 th	St John Payne, Pr, M Mass
10:00		
TUESDAY	7 th	Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	8 th	Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass
09:45		
THURSDAY	9 th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> Mass
09:15		
19:30		Mass
FRIDAY	10 th	Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass <i>Anne Lyons – RIP (MS)</i>
19:30		
SATURDAY	11 th	Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass
12:00		
17:00		Solemn Vigil Mass for the SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: *Maisie Bigg-Wither (85); Joan Smith (10); Denis Conway (02); Ivan Garrock (05); Veronica Campbell (20); Annie Lyons (90). 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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

5th May 2024

The Spirit Of God's Love

We celebrate the coming of the Spirit of God's love on the Church. And because God does not have favourites, the Spirit is communicated through the Church to the whole world.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Responsorial Psalm R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 God is Love.

Gospel Acclamation R/. Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17 A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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 dates: Sunday 5th May and Sunday 2nd June (with KSC Rosary Crusade).**

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 8th 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 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 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

CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE – ST PATRICK'S WAY PILGRIMAGE 2025: The Community is organising a pilgrimage on 22nd -27th April 2025. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick's Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers. If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or email projects@canonesses.co.uk. Closing date: 10th May 2024.

VOCATIONS: The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. Please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

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

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 28th April: Offertory £331.58; Promotion of Vocations £28.00; Food Bank £20.00. Thank you!

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER – CAFOD AND SVP: a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates and to find out what they are saying about issues such as inequality, homelessness, the environment and migration. The Church tells us that "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes" (*Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II, 1965, #75*). For more information: <https://cafod.org.uk>

'REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER' A YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd – 23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 12th May 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Thank you! *James*

THY KINGDOM COME - PENTECOST PRAYER NOVENA 2024: There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time. For more information, please contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ROSARY CRUSADE 2024: All are warmly invited to participate in this year's Rosary Crusade. The dates and times are:
Sunday 5th May, 9:30am, St Teresa's Lexden
Sunday 12th May, after 9:30am Mass, St Joseph's, Mile End
Sunday 19th May, after 10:30am Mass, St James the Less & St Helen, Priory Street
Sunday 2nd June, 4pm, with Holy Hour and Exposition, here at SJP.

ASK YOUR MP TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BEING INTRODUCED: Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws, making it more likely that babies are aborted at home, for any reason, up to birth. To oppose these amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

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