SATURDAY	**28th**	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**	
17:00		**Vigil Mass**	*Lorica Bagain - Int*
SUNDAY	**29th**	**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**	
09:00		**Mass**	*Our Parish Community*
10:45		**Sung High Mass**	*Bernard Roughan - RIP*
16:00		**Mass (Divine Worship)**	*Souls in Purgatory*
MONDAY	**30th**	**ST ANDREW, Ap, Patron of Scotland**	
10:00		Mass	*Dec. Friends & Relatives of the Farrell Family - RIP*
TUESDAY	**1st**	**St Edmund Campion, Pr, M**	
09:30		Mass	*Souls in Purgatory*
WEDNESDAY	**2nd**	**Ember Wednesday in Advent**	
19:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	*Private Int - SF*
THURSDAY	**3rd**	**St Francis Xavier**	
		No Mass	
FRIDAY	**4th**	**Ember Friday in Advent**	
12:00		Mass	*Geoffrey Tuckwell - RIP*
SATURDAY	**5th**	**Ember Saturday in Advent**	
08:00		*Exposition and Benediction*	
09:00		Mass	*Gino & Others - RIP*
17:00		**Vigil Mass for SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**	
			Annie Lyons & Others - RIP
SUNDAY	**6th**	**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**	
09:00		**Mass**	*Domenico & Others - RIP*
10:45		**Sung High Mass**	*Catherine Ekpo - RIP*
16:00		**Mass (DW)**	*Our Parish Community*

CONFESSIONS *are heard half an hour before Masses,* ***Saturdays from 16:00*** *or by appointment.*

Chantry List for the coming week: We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Cyril Bell; Nicole Scott; Teresa Murray; Dorothy Perkins; Maureen Waller; Annie Webb; Eileen Murphy; Terence Perkins; Audrey Prior.* ***May they rest in peace. Amen.***

Our prayers for the Sick & Suffering include: Angela L, Barry S, Kerri H, Maura G, Sid B, Marjorie S, Genette F, Teresa H, Noel K, Dean K, Christopher D, Peter W, Gina O, Carmelo S, Samantha B, John, Isaac Nelson, Ann Mary B, Brian B, Grace Gosling-Campbell, Beth Thompson, Evelyn Korinth, Samson, Pamela Boulden, Holly Flatman, John Devraj, Coral, Lorica Bagain, Violetta.

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)
29th November 2026

1st Reading:
Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1,3b-8 *'O that you would rend the heavens and come down.'*

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Reading:
Mark 13:33-37 *'Stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come.'*

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 5th December 11:00 – 15:00

Helpers needed from 13:00 on Friday 4th December, to set up.

Donations needed of Bottles; Toys and Games; Toiletries; Mince Pies; Cakes; Sweets; Raffle Prizes.

Raffle tickets now on sale in the Repository.



Please turn off your mobile phone or put it on silent mode while you are in church

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For single parent families.
Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Meeting on **Sunday 29th November at 12:30** in the Church Hall. Come and find out more about SVP in our Parish.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday 6th December - Ordinariate Clergy Relief Fund.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 12th December 14:00–15:00. Featuring the premier performance of "A Light to Shine", a brand new musical setting of the Nativity, with music and lyrics written by our very own musical director, James Bates. Followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall. Free entry; donations in aid of church funds.

CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 20th December 15:00.

LECTIO PRAYER GROUP will meet on Tuesday 1st December after the 09.30 Mass.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING CANCELLED: Thursday 3rd December meeting cancelled due to a family bereavement. Please leave any items for the Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall or give them to Ann Bates. Happy Christmas to all; hopefully we can meet in the New Year *Maureen Bulmer* 01206 826491

JAM JARS: Please return these to John Crane so that he can make more jam to sell in aid of church funds. Many thanks!

CATHOLIC AUTISM UK: The next meeting of the group for autistic Catholics; their families and anyone interested in promoting greater inclusion for autistic people in the life of the Church is on Sunday 6th December from 18:00 – 19:00. Please contact Deacon Mark Paine at dcn.mark.paine@rcaob.org.uk if you wish to receive a link to the meeting.

REPOSITORY NEWS: We have diaries, boxes of Christmas cards as well as individual cards, Christmas candles and lots more! If there is something special you are looking for, please talk to myself or Father Alex. We have a catalogue of items which we can order in for you. *Ann Roughan*

BISHOP TIMOTHY'S INSTALLATION will be live streamed from Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd December at 12:00 via the diocesan website.
https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop-timothy

INVITATION TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Celebrated by our new Bishop of Brentwood, Bishop Timothy Menezes. Wednesday 9th December at 19:00, at St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, please speak to Fr Alex. Preparation will begin this Autumn.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: Monday 5th to Friday 9th April 2027. Families and individuals all welcome. Spaces are still available. Please speak to Fr Alex if you have questions or would like to come. Booking forms now available. See posters and the itinerary for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Our Children's singing group meets in the Church Hall on Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:15. This is aimed at children aged 7 and above, but younger children may be included if they are keen to learn. **Parents must accompany children**; tea and coffee will be available.

ADULT CHOIR: We also hold rehearsals for our adult singers on Saturday mornings, from 11:15 – 12:30. No experience necessary! All welcome!

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA ADVENT CALENDAR COLLECTION 2026: To support our local foodbank and others in need, the KSC are collecting chocolate Advent calendars again to donate to children in need. Please leave any donations in the church foyer, or hand to a member of the KSC on Sunday 29th November. KSC members will also be handing out posters to display at home, for the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign, as well as seeking donations to their National Action Project, The Alma Mater Fund, at the end of Mass.

GREENSTEAD YOUTH CLUB: in the Church Hall every Thursday 18:00 – 20:00. Ages 11-16 welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS: Offering Mass for someone living or dead is a powerful form of prayer. If you would like to have a Mass offered, then please use one of the envelopes provided in the foyer or speak to Fr Alex, giving the name of the person and preferred date.

STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID*:* Have you thought about giving by standing order? This really helps us to manage our finances. Gift-aiding your donations enables the Parish to reclaim tax at no cost to you! Please speak to Yemi for more information.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: If you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding, or need a new or renewed DBS certificate for a volunteer role in the Parish, please contact Lindsay Francis on 07977917554 or Mike Sheehan on 07493777225; or by email at Safeguarding-greenstead@brcdt.org or via the Parish Office.

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