

SATURDAY	2 nd	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	
17:00		Vigil Mass	<i>Lorica Bagain - Int</i>
SUNDAY	3 rd	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	
09:00		Mass	<i>Ronald Crane - RIP</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life - Int</i>
15:00		<i>Bible Study</i>	
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
MONDAY	4 th	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, Mm	
08:00		Mass	<i>Thanksgiving to the Holy Family - Int</i>
TUESDAY	5 th	Feria	
09:30		Mass	<i>Nick Foley - RIP</i>
WEDNESDAY	6 th	ST JOHN PAYNE, Pr, M	
19:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
20:00		<i>Eastertide Course</i>	
THURSDAY	7 th	Feria	
		<i>No Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	8 th	Feria	
12:00		Mass	
SATURDAY	9 th	Feria	
09:00		Mass	<i>Stewart MacEwen - RIP</i>
17:00		Vigil Mass for SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	<i>Maire Bradley - RIP</i>
SUNDAY	10 th	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	
09:00		Mass	
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
15:00		<i>Bible Study</i>	
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	

CONFESIONS 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: *Collette Stroker; Frederick Goldsworthy; Charlotte Firman; Lloyd Elsum; Rose Ward; Emily Everett; Maisie Bigg-Wither; Joan Smith; Denis Conway; Ivan Garrock; Veronica Campbell. 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.

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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3rd May 2026

1st Reading:

Acts 6:1-7

'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 2:4-9

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'

Gospel Reading:

John 14:1-12

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

Please pay particular attention to weekday Mass times this coming week! There are some changes due to tree works and the Bank Holiday.

**Advance warning!
Ascension Day is on Thursday 14th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone might have food and that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to adequate food.

EASTER COURSE: On Wednesday evenings at 20:00 in the Church Hall. A video course *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass* will run throughout Eastertide. Eastertide is the perfect time for all of us to seek to grow in our faith alongside the newly Baptised. No need to book, just turn up!

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOHN PAYNE: On Wednesday 6th May we will celebrate the solemnity of St John Payne. There will be Mass at 19:00 (Divine Worship). We will have a fuller celebration on a Sunday to be announced later in the year.

LECTIO DIVINA: The next meeting of the Lectio Prayer Group will be in the Church Hall on Tuesday 5th May after 09.30 Mass.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 7th May 10:30 -12:00 in SJP Hall We meet as usual for tea, coffee and more to plan for our stall at the Summer Fayre. Come with ideas and any items you would like to donate. Contact 01206 826491 - Maureen Bulmer.

LEGO CLUB: The next Lego Club will be on Saturday 9th May from 11:00 to 13:00, in the Church Hall. Children must be accompanied. Refreshments provided.

MEN'S CLUB: The next Men's Club will be on Saturday 9th May from 18:00 in the Church Hall. We will be watching the film 'Fatima', and following this with Benediction and Confession in the Church.

ASCENSION DAY: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will a Vigil Mass (DW) on Wednesday 13th May at 19:00; and Mass of the Day on Thursday 14th May at 12:00.

PENTECOST BRING & SHARE LUNCH: We are hoping to hold a Bring & Share Lunch to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 24th May. If you would like to help organise this, please speak to Fr Alex.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 27th June. Volunteers needed! More information soon!

FREE ELECTRIC ORGAN: We currently have an electric organ in the Church Hall which is surplus to requirements. If anyone would like to have it, please speak to Fr Alex or James Bates.

SANCTUARY PROJECT: If you would like to donate to this project, please speak to Fr Alex or choose the Sanctuary Fund on the card machine. A big 'Thank you' to those who have donated so far. We aim to raise a final £3,400!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: We have a Children's singing group in the Church Hall on Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:15. This is aimed at children aged 7 and above, but may include younger children if they are keen to learn. **Parents need to accompany children**, but tea and coffee will be available.

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

STAY & PLAY and LITTLE STARS: The Greenstead Stay & Play group meets in our Church Hall every Wednesday morning 09:30-11:30 during term time.

GREENSTEAD YOUTH CLUB resumes meeting here in our Church Hall every Thursday from 18:00 – 20:00 (term time only). Ages 11-16 welcome.

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ROSARY CRUSADE MAY 2026: Here at St John Payne after the 09:00 Mass. For more details, please contact Michael on 07592 031588. If in need of assistance from the KSC please call 07476781885.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD: You are invited to our online Caritas Conversation on 13th May 2026, 18:30-19:30. This is an opportunity to explore our three areas of focus: Refugees, the Environment, and Homelessness, as well as the Cost of Living. Anyone can join, and we look forward to you registering: <https://dob-conversations.eventbrite.co.uk>

FEAST DAY OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT, SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Saturday 16th May 2026, commencing at 10:00 with a procession on the sea front at Clacton, and Mass at 11:00.

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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