

SATURDAY 1st **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
 17:00 **Vigil Mass** *Fraser Pengelly - RIP*

SUNDAY 2nd **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
 09:00 **Mass** *Our Parish Community*
 10:45 **Sung High Mass** *Gene Horgan - RIP*
 15:00 *Bible Study*
 16:00 **Mass (Divine Worship)**

MONDAY 3rd **Feria**
No Mass

TUESDAY 4th **St John Vianney, Pr**
 09:30 **Mass** *Anne Bowman -RIP*

WEDNESDAY 5th **Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major**
 19:00 **Mass (Divine Worship)**

THURSDAY 6th **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)**
 12:00 **Mass**

FRIDAY 7th **St Cajetan, Pr**
 12:00 **Mass**

SATURDAY 8th **St Dominic, Pr**
 08:00 **Exposition & Benediction**
 09:00 **Mass**
 17:00 **Vigil Mass for NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

SUNDAY 9th **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
 09:00 **Mass** *Our Parish Community*
 10:45 **Sung High Mass**
 16:00 **Mass (Divine Worship)**

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: *Paula Welch; Jimmy Quinlivan; Mary Huckle; John Donnelly; Michael Mahoney; Arnold Otter; Eileen Moran; Ronald Allen; Ann Hytch. 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.

CONTACTS:

Parish Priest – Fr Alex Garner:

21 Blackthorn Ave, Colchester, CO4 3QD – ☎ 01206 870460 Mobile 07500794028

e-mail: greenstead@brcdt.org

Web Site: www.stjohnpayne.org.uk

Newsletter Editor – Lindsay Francis: greenstead@brcdt.org

Lay Pastoral Assistant – Ann Roughan – ☎ 07889101762

Hall Administrators - Tom and Mary Smith – ☎ 07890540056 Greenstead-hall@brcdt.org

Safeguarding Reps – Lindsay Francis and Mike Sheehan: Safeguarding-greenstead@brcdt.org

Health & Safety Rep – George Bulmer – ☎ 01206 870460

The Canonesses: 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD - 01206 867

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.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

2nd August 2026

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-3

'Come and eat.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:35, 37-39

'Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.'

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14:13-21

'They all ate and were satisfied.'

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in establishing an SVP conference in this Parish, this Sunday 2nd August at 12:30.

This will be an opportunity to find out more about how the SVP supports those experiencing poverty in England and Wales or overseas, with our guest speaker, Cathy, from the Wivenhoe SVP conference.

All welcome!



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: For evangelisation in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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;** but tea and coffee will be available.

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

PARKING: Please ensure that you park your cars legally and considerately. Do not park on pavements or raised crossings, nor block driveways or dropped kerbs. If there is no more parking available on Blackthorn Avenue, please try the car park behind the social club. Thank you for your co-operation.

THE LECTIO PRAYER GROUP will not be meeting on Tuesday 4th August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st September, after 09:30 Mass.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 6th August from 10:30 to 12:00 in SJP Hall. We meet this week if possible for tea, coffee and cake and to sort out future events. Please be aware that I may have to cancel at short notice; my contact number is 01206 826491. Maureen.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Collection of food, toiletries and nappies will be next Sunday 9th August. Thank you! James

LEGO CLUB: The next meeting is on Saturday 15th August from 11:00 – 13:00 in the Church Hall. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments provided.

OUTSIDE TOYS: The nursery toys on the patio **belong to the Stay and Play group, NOT** to the parish. Please be responsible for your children. If they do play with these toys, please make sure that they do so respectfully, and that they are replaced afterwards. Thank you.

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.

SANCTUARY PROJECT: Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. We aim to raise a final £1,875 to fully cover the cost of our new furnishings, including a set of altar frontals and parquet flooring.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: We are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Rome for 4 nights during the second week of the Easter holidays (week commencing Monday 5th April 2027). Families and individuals all welcome. It is proposed that pilgrims book their own flights, to keep costs down and allow more flexibility; hotel accommodation on a half-board basis (i.e. breakfast and dinner), group activities and excursions would be included. Please speak to Fr Alex if you have questions or would like to come.

PAX CHRISTI – THANK YOU! We have received a letter of thanks for our Parish donation of £184.54 for Peace Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW WEBSITE: If you have any high resolution photos of the church, hall, or community that might be suitable for use on a redesigned church website, then please let Fr Alex know, or email them to greenstead@brcdt.org. ***Please do not include any photos of children.***

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

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.

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