

SATURDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
17:00	Vigil Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
SUNDAY	15 <sup>th</sup>	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:00	Sung Mass	<i>Richard Lambe - RIP</i>
10:45	Sung High Mass	<i>Tim Francis - RIP</i>
15:00	Bible Study	
16:00	Mass (DW)	
MONDAY	16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
TUESDAY	17 <sup>th</sup>	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
09:30	Mass	<i>John &amp; Mauren MacKinnon - RIP</i>
WEDNESDAY	18 <sup>th</sup>	ASH WEDNESDAY
12:00	Mass	<i>Margaret Congdon - RIP</i>
19:00	Mass (DW)	
THURSDAY	19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
12:00	Mass	<i>Aleksander - RIP</i>
FRIDAY	20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday after Ash Wednesday
12:00	Mass	<i>Eric Archer - RIP</i>
SATURDAY	21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
09:00	Mass	<i>Private Intentions</i>
17:00	Vigil Mass for FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	<i>Sandra Goulding - Int</i>
SUNDAY	22 <sup>nd</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
09:00	Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45	Sung High Mass	<i>Charles Bruce - RIP</i>
15:00	Bible Study	
16:00	Mass (DW)	

**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 happy repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Tim Francis; Margaret White; Anthony Sprackling; Alfred de Carlo; Maureen MacKinnon; Margaret Powell; Margaret Alder; Bernard Wood; Kerry Lahiff; Ida Harris; Annette Keston. 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.

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Quinquagesima

### 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Sirach 15:15-20

*'He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly.'*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*R/. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*'A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.'*



#### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:17-37

*'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.'*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
falls on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.  
There will be Masses with the imposition of ashes at  
12:00 and 19:00 (DW).

*Please remember to bring back your palm crosses so that they can be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday.*



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

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:** For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases, and their families, receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**SECOND COLLECTION – LOURDES SICK & HELPERS FUND:** The annual collection for the diocesan Lourdes Fund, in honour of the patroness of our diocese. This collection makes it possible for people to go on pilgrimage who would be unable to spend this time in Lourdes without support from our team of doctors, nurses and helpers, or without financial assistance. Your support is much appreciated.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES:** There will be pancakes served after Mass on Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 10:00 – 11:00, in the Church Hall. All welcome!

**MEN'S CLUB:** The next meeting will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February beginning at 18:00 with refreshments. We will watch 'The Passion of the Christ' followed by Adoration and Confession.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL:** This year's Lent Fast Day is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are invited to eat simply and give generously so that families facing hunger in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and other areas supported by CAFOD, can put food on the table. Envelopes are available in the church foyer; or use the QR code on the CAFOD poster displayed in the foyer.

**LEGO CLUB:** The next meeting will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 to 13:00 in the Church Hall. Children must be accompanied. Refreshments provided.

**CAFOD LENT LUNCH:** On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30 in the Church Hall, in aid of CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Join us for soup and rolls. All welcome. *Ann & David Bates*

**FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING :** Will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 18:00 (following the Vigil Mass), in the church hall. Please let Fr Alex know if you are unable to attend.

**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 served.

**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.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP:** will meet once a month, on the first Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 in the Church Hall. We will pray one of the readings for the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**NEW YOUTH CLUB IN GREENSTEAD:** Here in SJP Church Hall, every Thursday from 6-8pm (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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 23rd May 2026:** 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 come please contact Fr Alex.

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> July:** Applications are open online for this years' Lourdes pilgrimage for those in year 10 and above. You can find all information and the link to apply at [www.bcys.net/events/sl26](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl26) As always, there is funding available for which BCYS can provide advice and support.

**LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE:** Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

**SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:** The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Apply here](#) Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

**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](mailto:Safeguarding-greenstead@brcdt.org) or via the Parish Office.

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