

<b>SATURDAY</b> 17:00	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <i>Charles Fenwick - RIP</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 09:00 10:45 15:00	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b> <b>Sung Mass (DW)</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i> <b>Sung Mass</b> Carol Service
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Feria (O Rex Gentium)</b> Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b> 09:30	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Feria (O Emmanuel)</b> Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 09:30 10:00 – 11:00 17:00 23:00	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria (Christmas Eve)</b> Mass Confessions <b>Children's Vigil Mass for THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>'Midnight' Mass (DW) THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Holyday of Obligation</b> <b>Sung Mass</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12:00	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST STEPHEN, The First Martyr</b> Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b> 09:00 17:00	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ST JOHN, Ap, Ev</b> Mass <b>Vigil Mass for THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH (A)</b>
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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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

Isaiah 7:10-14

*'Behold, the virgin shall conceive.'*

*Responsorial Psalm*

*R/. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.*

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

Romans 1:1-7

*'Jesus Christ, descended from David, Son of God.'*



*Gospel Reading:*

Matthew 1:18-24

*Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.*

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 15:00** - Carol Service *(followed by mulled wine & mince pies).*

**Christmas Eve at 17:00** – Children's Vigil Mass

**Christmas Eve at 23:00** – 'Midnight' Mass

**Christmas Day at 10:00** – Mass of the Day



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**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict.**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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**'KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS' POSTERS:** Please take a poster (or two!) to display in your windows.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** Envelopes are now available for Christmas offerings for the clergy, for those who would like to give but who will be away from the Parish at Christmas.

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10:45		Sung Mass	<i>Edith Archer - RIP</i>
16:00		Mass (DW)	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, Bp, M</b>	
		No Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>In the Octave of Christmas</b>	
09:30		Mass	<i>Fr Tom Coffey - Int</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>St Silvester I, P</b>	
09:30		Mass	<i>Mary Maguire - Int</i>
14:00		Nuptial Mass – Clarice Francis & Chris Johnston	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	
12:00		Mass (DW)	<i>Bernard Roughan &amp; Others - RIP</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dd</b>	
12:00		Mass	<i>John &amp; May Coffey - Int</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b>	
09:00		Mass	
17:00		Vigil Mass for SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	
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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b>	
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### 28th December 2025

#### 1st Reading:

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

*'He who fears the Lord honours his parents.'*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*R/. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.*

#### 2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:12-21

*Family life in the Lord*



#### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

*'Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.'*

**Thank you very much to everyone who has made our Christmas celebrations so enjoyable!**

**Thank you to all who have contributed so generously to the Christmas offering, and for all the many cards and gifts received.**

**Wishing you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the year ahead,**

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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday of Christmas Time</b>
		<i>No Mass</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – <i>Holyday of Obligation</i></b>
12:00		<b>Mass</b>
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday of Christmas Time</b>
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### 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

Sirach 24:1-2,8-12

*The wisdom of God has dwelt in the chosen people.*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*R/. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

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

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

*'He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus.'*



#### Gospel Reading:

John 1:1-18

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**NEW YOUTH CLUB IN GREENSTEAD:** Here in SJP Church Hall, a new Youth Club is meeting every Thursday from 6-8pm (term time only). Ages 11-16 welcome. See poster for further details, or email [contact@eastangliayouthclubs.co.uk](mailto:contact@eastangliayouthclubs.co.uk) If you would like to volunteer to help on Thursday evenings, please send them an email.

**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.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP:** every Tuesday, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 – 10.45. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 07530956440.

**LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE:** Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Booking details will be available in the New Year.

**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.

**PARISH FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND WEBSITE:** We have a [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page, St John Payne Catholic Church, and a new look website <https://stjohnpayne.org.uk>. Check them out!

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