

SATURDAY	21st	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Passion Sunday</i> Vigil Mass	
17:00			
SUNDAY	22nd	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Passion Sunday</i> Sung Mass	
09:00			
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	
MONDAY	23rd	Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent Mass	
12:00			
TUESDAY	24th	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent Mass <i>and</i> Rosary	
09:30			
WEDNESDAY	25th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Mass	<i>Anne Johnston - RIP</i>
12:00			
19:00		Mass (DW) <i>and</i> Benediction	
THURSDAY	26th	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent <i>No Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	27th	St Mary in Passiontide Mass (DW) <i>and</i> Stations of the Cross	
12:00			
18:30		Rosary	
19:00		Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY	28th	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent Mass <i>and</i> Adoration (<i>until 10:00</i>)	
09:00			
17:00		Vigil Mass for PALM SUNDAY (A)	
SUNDAY	29th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) Sung Mass with Procession	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:00			
15:00		Bible Study	
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 happy repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *John Keston; Joseph O'Neill; Christopher Forster; Peter Kenny; David Mort; Fred Smith. 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Passion Sunday

22nd March 2026

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/. With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

2nd Reading:

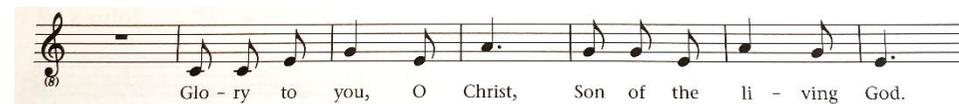
Romans 8:8-11

'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.'

Gospel Reading:

John 11:1-45

'I am the resurrection and the life.'



PALM SUNDAY
Next Sunday 29th March.

Mass will begin at 10:00 in the Church Hall.

**There will be one Mass on Palm Sunday morning:
there will be no Masses at 09:00 or 10:45.**



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

HOLY WEEK: Please take a flyer with details of the service times in Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK POSTERS: Please take a poster to display in your windows at home.

THE ANNUNCIATION: Celebrated this Wednesday 25th March, with Masses at 12:00 and 19:00.

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 need to raise a final £5,000!

MEN'S CLUB: The next meeting will be on Saturday 28th March from 18:00 in the Church Hall. Please bring some refreshments to share. We will be watching the film 'A Quiet Place', and following this with Benediction and Confession in the Church.

J.O.Y.FUL CLUB: The next session of the children's club, for all children aged 5 to 13, will be on Saturday 28th March from 11:15 - 12:45 in the Church Hall.

MARIA GUIVER - RIP: The funeral Mass will take place here at St John Payne on Tuesday 31st March at 13:00, followed by burial at Ardleigh Cemetery at 14:15, and a reception from 14:45 at The Wooden Fender, Ardleigh CO7 7PA.

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!

ST JOHN PAYNE LEGO ICON: As you will recall from the Christmas fair, we are currently building a Lego picture of the Icon of St John Payne to be displayed in the Church Hall. We are selling bricks at 10p per brick which are then placed on the boards to make the picture and raise funds for our building works. Our Lego Club have volunteered to construct the sections as we receive donations. If you would like to sponsor some bricks please make a donation using the card machine under the category "St John Payne Lego". If you are happy to leave your email address with your donation, the Lego club will send you a picture of the bricks purchased. If you'd like to place the bricks on the board yourself, please either join us at our next Lego Club or speak with James Bates after Mass.

EASTER CARDS: Are now available from the Repository at very reasonable prices! We also have rosaries and other items. Thank you! Ann Roughan

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - if you are open to try again - **Retrouvaille** could be the solution. They have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

NEW YOUTH CLUB IN GREENSTEAD: Here in SJP Church Hall, every Thursday from 6-8pm (term time only). Ages 11-16 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.

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 18th -25th 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 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 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

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 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

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