

SATURDAY	10 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)
17:00		Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	11 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)
09:00		Sung Mass
10:45		Sung High Mass
15:00		Our Parish Community
16:00		Bible Study
MONDAY		Mass (DW)
	12 th	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Ab
		No Mass
TUESDAY	13 th	St Hilary, Bp
09:30		Mass
WEDNESDAY	14 th	Tom Lowe- Int
09:30		Feria
THURSDAY	15 th	Mass
19:00		Thanksgiving - Int
FRIDAY	16 th	Feria
12:00		Votive Mass of OLW (DW)
SATURDAY	17 th	Private Int
09:00		Feria
17:00		Fr Simon Bishop SJ - RIP
SUNDAY	18 th	Mass
09:00		St Anthony, Ab
10:45		Vigil Mass for SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
15:00		David Long - RIP
16:00		Bible Study
		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: *Robert Bateman; Andrew Eadie; Harry Stones; Maria Duncan; Stanley Kent; Emanuel Carvana; Nora Moss; Luigi Bussandri; Michael Gerard; Lawrence Lewis; Arthur Campbell; Nora Hewitt. 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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)

11th January 2026

1st Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Responsorial Psalm

R/. **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

2nd Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 3:13-17

'When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.'

Saturday 17th January - events in the Church Hall:

Lego Club

from 11:00 - 13:00
Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Refreshments will be provided. All welcome!

New Men's Group

at 19:00.
A chance for men (over 18s only) to meet, chat and pray together. We are intending to watch a film together on this occasion.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Pray with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:

There will be a Second Collection in aid of SPUC at all Masses on **Sunday 18th January**. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes unthinkable, and seeks to restore respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's appeal postcards allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current attempts in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION – WORLD PEACE DAY: There will be a second collection in aid of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, on **Sunday 25th January**. Pope Leo in his World Day of Peace message addresses the escalation of war, rearmament and fear in international relations; reiterates the Church's opposition to deterrence based on military force and calls for disarmament, dialogue and conversion of hearts as necessary conditions for a lasting and unarmed peace. Find out more at paxchristi.org.uk

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Thank you for your generosity towards those in our community who are struggling on low incomes. Our regular collection day (the second Sunday of the month) is this Sunday 11th January. But you can donate at any time! Just call me on 07582502188. Thank you! *James Francis*

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: extends heartfelt gratitude for the ongoing support of our Parish, which enables them to provide vital mental health services, create safe spaces for children to express themselves, and offer hope to families and children during difficult times. Our Christmas Crib collection is, as usual, in aid of BCCS.

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!

RCIA: If you or any adults you know are interested in learning more about Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Alex.

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. Parents with pre-school children are welcome to drop in. This is followed by the Little Stars Dance class. See posters.

RETROUVAILLE HELPS MARRIAGES: It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026. For more information:

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

CARITAS BRENTWOOD – RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS: You are invited to join Caritas Brentwood at their upcoming 'Responding to Homelessness' event on Saturday 24th January 2026 (10am-12:30pm), at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish in Stratford. It will offer practical support, shared insights, and meaningful discussions with local organisations, including Your Place Anchor House, Rainham Foodbank, and the Basildon Night Shelter, who are all working on the frontline of homelessness. For more information and to register for free, go to: www.caritasbrentwood.org/events

RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA: Later this month our Diocese will host the relics of St Gerard Majella at four locations including St James & St Helen Church here in Colchester, on Wednesday 21st January from 18:00, with Mass at 19:00. This is the start of a tour of England and Wales to mark his 300th anniversary. Come along and bring your intentions to this popular Saint.

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 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.

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.

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!

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