

SATURDAY	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
17:00		Vigil Mass <i>Thanksgiving - SF - Int</i>
SUNDAY	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
09:00		Sung Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass <i>Richard Benson - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study
16:00		<b>Mass (DW)</b>
MONDAY	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>
		<i>No Mass</i>
TUESDAY	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Scholastica, V</b>
09:30		Mass <i>Florence Farrell - RIP</i>
WEDNESDAY	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese</b>
09:30		Mass <i>Pat O'Brien - RIP</i>
THURSDAY	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>
19:00		Mass (DW) <i>Monthly Requiem</i>
FRIDAY	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feria</b>
12:00		Mass <i>Margaret Snelling - RIP</i>
SATURDAY	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Cyril, M &amp; St Methodius, B</b>
09:00		Mass
17:00		<b>Vigil Mass for SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b> <i>Our Parish Community</i>
SUNDAY	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>
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		<b>Mass (DW)</b>

**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: *Patrick Fahie; David Beech; Piroska Andicsku; John Adam; Ivy Quy; Marjory Savile; Bridget Hammond; Catherine Philpott; Margaret Lake; Ann Poxon; Margaret Snelling; Yvonne Cooper.*

**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 IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### Sexagesima

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

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

Isaiah 58: 6-10

*'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*R/. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

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

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'*



#### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:13-16

*'You are the light of the world.'*

**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.

**NEXT SECOND COLLECTION – LOURDES SICK & HELPERS FUND:** Next weekend we will have the annual collection for the diocesan Lourdes Fund, in honour of the patroness of our diocese whose feast we celebrate on Wednesday. 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.

**COLCHESTER FOOD BANK:** Our regular collection in aid of people in our community who exist on such low incomes that they struggle to afford food and other essentials falls this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February (second Sunday of the month). But you can donate at any time! Just call me on 07582502188. Thank you! *James Francis*

**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.

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

**J.O.Y.FUL CLUB:** A new children's club for all children aged 5 to 13. Using music, craft and Bible stories, we'll explore what it means to serve God and our neighbours. First meeting Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 11:15 – 12:45 in the Church Hall. Please speak to Nnennaya for more information.

**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.

**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.

**JOIN CAFOD TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR WORK IN UKRAINE AND THE 2026 LENT FAST DAY APPEAL:** Josie O'Reilly will talk about CAFOD's Ukraine Emergency Programme; Jane Crone from CAFOD in Brentwood will talk about the Lent Appeal, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February; Coffee from 10.45 am, starting at 11:00 am, finishing around 13:00. At The Beckett Centre St Thomas of Canterbury Church 557-559 High Rd, Woodford, Woodford Green IG8 0SG *plenty of parking. All Welcome.*

**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>

**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!

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