

SATURDAY	31st	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
17:00		Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	1st	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:00		Sung Mass
10:45		Sung High Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
15:00		Bible Study
16:00		Mass (DW)
MONDAY	2nd	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
12:00		Mass
19:00		Mass (DW)
TUESDAY	3rd	St Anne Line, M
09:30		Mass <i>Michael McVea - RIP</i>
WEDNESDAY	4th	St Gilbert of Sempringham, Rel
		No Mass
THURSDAY	5th	St Agatha, V, M
19:00		Mass (DW)
FRIDAY	6th	Ss Paul Miki & Comps, Mm
12:00		Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
SATURDAY	7th	Our Lady on Saturday
09:00		Mass <i>Thanksgiving - Int</i>
17:00		Vigil Mass for FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
SUNDAY	8th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:00		Sung Mass
10:45		Sung High Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
15:00		Bible Study
16:00		Mass (DW)

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: *Roger Jaggard; Edna Wilkinson; Frances Griffiths; Caroline Mahoney Smith; Michael McFarlane; John Short; John Concannon; Michael Morris; Danial Woluchem; Harold Taylor; Robert Huntsman; Harold Hellenbrand; Frank Keegan. 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Septuagesima

1st February 2026

1st Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13 *'I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.'*

Responsorial Psalm

R/. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 26-31 *'God chose what is weak in the world.'*



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12a *'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(CANDLEMAS)

Monday 2nd February

This Feast marks the end of the Christmas season.
There will be Masses at 12:00 and
19:00 (DW, with blessing of candles and procession).



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: Racial Justice Sunday, on Sunday 1st February.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next First Holy Communion class will be on Saturday 7th February at 10:00, in the Church Hall. Please ensure that children are on time. It is vital that children attend every session.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 5th February 10:30-12:00 in SJP Hall. Welcome back Ladies for a morning of coffee etc, to make plans for the coming months, and to catch up with any ideas and news. Contact 01206 826491 *Maureen Bulmer*

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.

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 3rd February.

FIRE MARSHALS: If you would like to be a fire marshal, please speak to Fr Alex. We need volunteers at each Mass, so do please consider putting yourself forward. We are keen to organise training in the next couple of weeks.

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 14th 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, 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.

'LOVE THE STRANGER' – An opportunity to reflect on the Catholic response to migrants and refugees, on Friday 6th February from 19:00 to 20:30, at Fr Saurin Hall (St Teresa's Church), Clairmont Road, CO3 9BE. Exploring videos, scriptural passages, prayers and thought provoking questions. Refreshments provided.

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 [*parish/parish rep's contact details*].

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!

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