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| SATURDAY 17:00 | 14th | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY 09:00 10:45 | 15th | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Sung Mass <i>William & Daphne Reader - Int</i> Sung High Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i> <i>No Bible study today</i> |
| 16:00 | | Mass (Divine Worship) |
| MONDAY | 16th | Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>No Mass</i> |
| TUESDAY 09:30 | 17th | St Patrick, B, Patron of Ireland <i>Mass and Rosary</i> <i>Jimmy & Emily James - RIP</i> |
| WEDNESDAY 19:00 | 18th | Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>Vigil Mass of St Joseph (DW) and Benediction</i> |
| THURSDAY 12:00 | 19th | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Mass and Adoration</i> <i>Pat O'Connor - RIP</i> |
| FRIDAY 12:00 18:30 19:00 | 20th | Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>Mass and Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> |
| SATURDAY 09:00 17:00 | 21st | Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent <i>Mass and Adoration (until 10:00)</i> Vigil Mass for FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Passion Sunday</i> |
| SUNDAY 09:00 10:45 15:00 16:00 | 22nd | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) <i>Passion Sunday</i> Sung Mass Sung High Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i> <i>Bible Study</i> 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: *George Greenhow; John Devlin; Lauren Miller; John Rodgers; Lily Britton; Mary Barrett; John Kelly; Ellen Cockerton; Agnes Treble. 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 OF LENT (A)

Laetare Sunday

15th March 2026

1st Reading:

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed king of Israel.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

'Arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Gospel Reading:

John 9:1-41

'He went and washed and received his sight.'



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Please see newsletter, flyers and posters for details of regular Lenten devotions.

CAFOD LENT LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who attended; over £150 was raised!

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!



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.

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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY LUNCH – THANK YOU: to everyone who attended the Lent Lunch on Friday 6th March, and particular thanks to Ann and David Bates for providing the delicious soups and bread. Over £150 was raised for the CAFOD Lent Appeal.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS: The next session will be on Saturday 21st March at 10:00 in the Church Hall.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: Thanks to your generosity, we were able to take an amazing 55.85 kg of donated food, toiletries and nappies to the Food Bank this week, plus cash donations. Particular thanks to the children and the Joyful Club for their donations. The next regular collection will be on Sunday 12th April (the second Sunday of the month), but you can give at any time! Just call me on 07582502188. *James Francis.*

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!

'BEAT THE STREET': Colchester is one of a small number of cities in the UK taking part in the free, community health boosting 'Beat The Street' competition. The event runs from 11th March to 22nd April and takes the form of a fun competitive game for communities to see how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot or wheel in 6 weeks. We are recruiting our own St John Payne 'Beat the Street' community team to jump onto the leader board and want YOU to join. You can register on the Beat the Street App or at the website Beatthestreet.me. Choose Colchester and join the **St John Payne** team when you register online. Any questions contact team leader James Bates.

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.

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