

SATURDAY	21st	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
17:00		Vigil Mass	<i>Sandra Goulding - Int</i>
SUNDAY	22nd	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
09:00		Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Charles Bruce - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	
MONDAY	23rd	Monday of the First Week of Lent	
12:00		Mass	<i>The Barnes Family - Int</i>
TUESDAY	24th	Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	
09:30		Mass (followed by Rosary)	<i>The Broad Family - Int</i>
WEDNESDAY	25th	Ember Wednesday	
19:00		Mass (DW) (followed by Benediction)	
THURSDAY	26th	Thursday of the First Week of Lent	
		No Mass	
FRIDAY	27th	Ember Friday	
12:00		Mass (followed by shorter Stations of the Cross)	<i>Edith Archer -RIP</i>
18:30		Rosary	
19:00		Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY	28th	Ember Saturday	
09:00		Mass (followed by Adoration until 10:00)	
17:00		Vigil Mass for SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
SUNDAY	1st	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
09:00		Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Brian Bruce - RIP</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: *Thelma Slow; John Chapman; Tony O'Keeffe; John Webb; John MacArthur; Elsie Souter; Andrew Walker; Francis McGee; June Clarke; Brbara O'Phelan. 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 22nd February 2026

1st Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7 *The creation and sin of our first parents,*

Responsorial Psalm R/. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

2nd Reading:

Romans 5:12-19 *'Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.'*



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:17-37 *'It was said to those of old; but I say to you.'*

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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

REMEMBER CAFOD LENT FAST DAY!
Friday 27th February. Use your envelope, QR code here and on posters or card machine to donate.
All donations made this Lent will be doubled by a fund matching donor!




Scan here to donate



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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL: This year's Lent Fast Day is on Friday 27th February. We are invited to eat simply and give generously so that families facing hunger in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and other areas supported by CAFOD, can put food on the table. Envelopes are available in the church foyer; or use the QR code on the CAFOD poster displayed in the foyer.

MEN'S CLUB: The next meeting will take place on Saturday 21st 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 28th February at 11:00 to 13:00 in the Church Hall. Children must be accompanied. Refreshments provided.

CAFOD LENT LUNCH: On Friday 6th March at 12:30 in the Church Hall, in aid of CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Join us for soup and rolls. All welcome. *Ann & David Bates*

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING : Will take place on Saturday 7th March at 18:00 (following the Vigil Mass), in the church hall. Please let Fr Alex know if you are unable to attend.

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 3rd March.

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.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY: All are welcome to the 2026 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, on Sunday 7th March 13:00–17:00, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Wanstead E11 2PR. Come and discover how our Catholic community is responding to homelessness, the cost of living crisis, refugees and climate change. Share and connect with parishioners and charities from across Essex and East London. Free to attend and register: www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

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>

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 21st – 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Apply here](#) Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

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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