

SATURDAY 17:00	11th	Saturday in the Octave of Easter Vigil Mass for the SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Our Parish Community</i>
SUNDAY 09:00 10:45 16:00	12th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Sung High Mass Mass (Divine Worship) <i>Ann & David Bates - INT</i>
MONDAY	13th	St Martin I, P <i>No Mass</i>
TUESDAY 09:30	14th	Feria Mass <i>The family of Ann & David Bates - INT</i>
WEDNESDAY 19:00 20:00	15th	Feria Mass (Divine Worship) <i>Eastertide Course</i>
THURSDAY 12:00	16th	Feria Monthly Requiem
FRIDAY 12:00	17th	Feria Mass
SATURDAY 09:00 17:00	18th	St Mary on Saturday Mass <i>Alison Garner - INT</i> Vigil Mass for the THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) <i>John & James Lodge - RIP</i>
SUNDAY 09:00 10:45 15:00 16:00	19th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Mass Sung High Mass <i>Bible Study</i> Mass (Divine Worship) <i>Our Parish Community</i>

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 repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Alfred James Goodwin, Anna Ravensdale, John Bradbrook, Mary O'Keefe, Maisie McClean, Pasqualina Goldsworthy, Les Colley, Stephen Coyle, Jean Henderson, Patricia Hyam, Kathleen Crook.* **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, Lorica Bagain.

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

12th April 2026

1st Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

'All who believed were together and had all things in common'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/. Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

'He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31

'Eight days later, Jesus came.'

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 25 April, Church Hall, 19:00, £5

There will be a raffle and prizes would be appreciated. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, glasses will be available.

To book see David or Ann Bates;

email d.bates966@btinternet.com or phone 07876258000.

ALL WELCOME!



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL: For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that their communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

EASTER THANK YOU: Thank you very, very much to everyone for your generous Easter offerings, cards, and gifts. I hope you and your families have enjoyed the celebrations! God bless, Fr Alex.

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL: David and Ann would like to invite you for coffee and cakes after morning Mass today.

EASTER COURSE: Beginning this Wednesday evening at 20:00 in the Church Hall. A video course *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass* will run throughout Eastertide. Eastertide is the perfect time for all of us to seek to grow in our faith alongside the newly Baptised. No need to book, just turn up!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: The next regular collection will be today, Sunday 12th April. Leave your donations in the church foyer, or in the special Food Bank collection box made by the children of the Joyful Club, in the church hall. Thank you! *James Francis*

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 aim to raise a final £3,500!

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. *This resumes later in April.*

ADULT CHOIR: We also hold singing rehearsals for our adult singers on Saturday mornings, from 11:15 – 12:30. No experience needed, all welcome! *Resuming later in April.*

FEAST DAY OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LIGHT, SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: You invited to join Bishop Alan and the priests of the Colchester Deanery for Mass in celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Light on Saturday 16th May 2026. The day will commence with a walking procession on the sea front commencing at 10.00am. Bishop Alan will preside at the Mass at 11.00am. All attending are invited to bring some flowers to place at the Shrine during the Penitential Rite. A reception will be held in the parish hall following the Mass.

ST JOHN PAYNE LEGO ICON: As you will recall from the Christmas fair, we are currently building a Lego picture of the Icon of St John Payne to be displayed in the Church Hall. We are selling bricks at 10p per brick which are then placed on the boards to make the picture and raise funds for our building works. Our Lego Club have

volunteered to construct the sections as we receive donations. If you would like to sponsor some bricks please make a donation using the card machine under the category "St John Payne Lego". If you are happy to leave your email address with your donation, the Lego club will send you a picture of the bricks purchased. If you'd like to place the bricks on the board yourself, please either join us at our next Lego Club or speak with James Bates after Mass.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - if you are open to try again – **Retrouvaille** could be the solution. They have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

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.

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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