

SATURDAY	24th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
17:00		Vigil Mass	
SUNDAY	25th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
09:00		Sung Mass	<i>Michael & Eileen Sabini - RIP</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (DW)	
MONDAY	26th	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp	
		No Mass	
TUESDAY	27th	St Angela Merici, V	
09:30		Mass	
WEDNESDAY	28th	St Thomas Aquinas, Pr, D	
09:30		Mass	
THURSDAY	29th	Feria	
19:00		Mass (DW)	
FRIDAY	30th	Feria	
09:30		Mass	<i>Des Fuller - RIP</i>
SATURDAY	31st	St John Bosco, Pr	
09:00		Mass	<i>Eileen Kelly - RIP</i>
17:00		Vigil Mass for FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)	
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)	

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: *Michael Carey; Cecilia Cook; Arthur Pilgrim; Ermens Francis Loi; Michael Sabini; Richard Stewart; Con Harrington; Patrick Byrne; Des Fuller. 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.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

25th January 2026

1st Reading:

Isaiah 9;1b-4

In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 4:12-23

'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'

Please note that Mass on Friday 30th January will be at the changed time of 09:30.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Pray with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SECOND COLLECTION – WORLD PEACE DAY: There will be a second collection in aid of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, this **Sunday 25th January**. Pope Leo in his World Day of Peace message addresses the escalation of war, rearmament and fear in international relations; reiterates the Church's opposition to deterrence based on military force and calls for disarmament, dialogue and conversion of hearts as necessary conditions for a lasting and unarmed peace. Find out more at paxchristi.org.uk

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Racial Justice Sunday, on Sunday 1st February.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first meeting for this year's First Holy Communion class took place on Saturday 24th January. If you were unable to attend but would like your child to make their First Holy Communion this year, please contact Grace on 07917784232.

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.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA CURRY NIGHT: Please come and join the Knights of Saint Columba at Curry India, Colchester, CO3 3HA, on Saturday 31st January. We envisage the cost to be around £25 a person, depending on choices. We need to know by the 28th of January. Please let George know by calling or texting 07476781885 if you would like to attend. Would be great to see as many people present as possible.

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.

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.

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