

SATURDAY	29th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
17:00		Vigil Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
SUNDAY	30th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
09:00		Sung Mass	<i>Pat & Martin Riordan - RIP</i>
10:45		Sung Mass	<i>Michael Read & Others - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (DW)	
MONDAY	1st	St Edmund Campion, Pr, M	
		No Mass	
TUESDAY	2nd	Feria	<i>John Keane & Others - RIP</i>
09:30		Mass	
WEDNESDAY	3rd	St Francis Xavier, Pr (Ember Wednesday in Advent)	
09:30		Mass	<i>Benilda & Others - RIP</i>
THURSDAY	4th	St John Damascene, Pr, D	
19:00		Mass (DW)	<i>George Hardy & Others - RIP</i>
FRIDAY	5th	Ember Friday in Advent	
12:00		Mass	<i>Ken & Ann Poxon & Others - RIP</i>
SATURDAY	6th	Ember Saturday in Advent	
09:00		Mass	<i>Geoffrey Tuckwell - RIP</i>
17:00		Vigil Mass for SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	<i>The MacDermott & McMonagle Family Members - RIP</i>
SUNDAY	7th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)	
09:00		Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Sung Mass	<i>Bernard Roughan & Others - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (DW)	

CONFESSIONS are heard half an hour before all 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: *Nicole Scott; Teresa Murray; Dorothy Perkins; Maureen Waller; Annie Webb; Eileen Murphy; Terence Perkins; Audrey Prior; Bernard Donovan.* **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, Donna Whiting, 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 ADVENT (A)

30th November 2025

1st Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm

R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Romans 13:11-14a

'Salvation is nearer to us now.'



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 6th December 11:00 – 15:00

We are seeking:

- Sweets and homemade cakes
- Volunteers to set up the hall and stalls on Friday from 12.30 onwards
- Stall holders from 09.30 on Saturday

Raffle tickets are available from the Repository.

First prize £200!



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: To honour this Solemnity on **Monday 8th December**, there will be Masses at 12:00 and at 19:00 (DW).

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.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: On Thursday 4th December 11:00 -12:30 in SJP Church Hall. We meet for a small Christmas Celebration. Money donations would be welcome. Please come along and enjoy the morning. Please also come along to support our stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December. Contact 01206 826491. *Maureen*

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 09:00 MASS DURING ADVENT: Tea and coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the Sunday 09:00 Mass during Advent, with the exception of Sunday December 21st. Please come and join us!

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.

ADVENT: This Sunday marks the start of Advent. Caritas Brentwood has a range of Advent resources and useful Advent links at:
<https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/resource/advent/>

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.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP: every Tuesday, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 – 10.45. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 07530956440.

CAFOD: We are looking for someone to represent CAFOD in our parish. It would involve arrangements around the twice yearly appeals and passing on news to our congregations. For further details please see Ann Bates after the 09:00 am Mass or contact her at ann.bates36@btinternet.com. Thank you!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: The next collection for the Food Bank will be on **Sunday 14th December**. Thank you for your generosity towards those in our community who are struggling on low incomes, particularly as we enter Advent and approach the Christmas season. *James Francis*

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the New Year.

THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (UK): Since 1911, we have been helping Catholic healthcare professionals integrate their faith with their clinical practice. We support excellent ethical healthcare, which fully respects the value and dignity of all persons, in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Get involved today: for [professional support](#), access to [informed opinion](#), and to have an [effective voice](#) within government, the Church and the public sphere. Visit our website: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/>

BISHOP THOMAS McMAHON RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, who died peacefully at his home in Stock on 24th November. May he rest in peace.

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 or Mike Sheehan 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