

SATURDAY	28th	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Vigil Mass	
17:00			
SUNDAY	1st	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00			
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Brian Bruce - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)	
MONDAY	2nd	Monday of the Second Week of Lent <i>No Mass</i>	
TUESDAY	3rd	Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent Mass and Rosary	<i>Alex Stewart - Int</i>
09:30			
WEDNESDAY	4th	Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent Mass (DW) and Benediction	<i>Angela Njambi Mwamngi - RIP</i>
19:00			
THURSDAY	5th	Thursday of the Second Week of Lent Mass and Adoration	
12:00			
FRIDAY	6th	Friday of the Second Week of Lent Mass and Stations of the Cross	
12:00			
18:30		Rosary	
19:00		Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY	7th	Saturday of the Second Week of Lent Mass and Adoration (until 10:00)	
09:00			
17:00		Vigil Mass for THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)	
SUNDAY	8th	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Sung Mass	<i>Our Parish Community</i>
09:00			
10:45		Sung High Mass	<i>Clare Adams - RIP</i>
15:00		Bible Study	
16:00		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: *William Drake; Pat Barker; Bobby Craigie; Carl Ford; Rosie Francis; Eva Husband; Veronica Webber; Edwin Miller; May Humm. 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

1st March 2026

1st Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4a *The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.*

Responsorial Psalm:

R/. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 *God calls and enlightens us.*



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9 *'His face shone like the sun.'*

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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

PLEASE RETURN YOUR CAFOD LENT FAST DAY DONATIONS! Use your envelope, QR code here and on posters, or the card machine to donate. **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 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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY APPEAL: This year's Lent Fast Day was on Friday 27th February. Please 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 this newsletter and the CAFOD poster displayed in the foyer.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: Thursday 5th March 10:30-12:00 in SJP Hall. At this meeting there will be coffee and tea and a chance to make cards and gifts for Easter and other occasions. Contact 01206 826491. *Maureen Bulmer.*

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.

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK: The next regular collection will be on Sunday 8th March (the second Sunday of the month). Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours on low incomes, who struggle to afford necessities. 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!

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>

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th March from 09:45 to 17:00. Further information is available at: <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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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