

SATURDAY	26th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
17:00		Vigil Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
SUNDAY	27th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
09:30		Sung Mass
10:45		Sung Mass <i>Pope Francis – RIP</i>
16:00		Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
MONDAY	28th	ST GEORGE, M
09:30		Mass <i>Margaret Congdon - RIP</i>
19:30		Mass (DW) <i>The people of England</i>
TUESDAY	29th	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D, Patron of Europe
09:30		Mass <i>Ignatius & Shantini - INT</i>
WEDNESDAY	30th	S. Pius V, Pp
		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY	1st	St Joseph the Worker
18:30		Adoration
19:30		Requiem Mass (DW) <i>Pope Francis - RIP</i>
FRIDAY	2nd	St Athanasius, Bp, D
12:00		Mass
SATURDAY	3rd	SS PHILIP AND JAMES, App
09:30		Mass
17:00		Vigil Mass for THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
SUNDAY	4th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)
09:00		Sung Mass
10:45		Sung Mass

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: *Francis Stormont (16); Joan Landon (16); Margaret Congdon (24); Winifred Otter (93); Elizabeth Osbourn (99); Joy Neal (15); Matthew Blackburn (16); Collette Strover (03); Frederick Goldsworthy (03).* **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, Elaine S, Genette F, John W, Teresa H, Noel K, Dean K, Christopher D, Peter W, Gina O, Carmelo S, Samantha B, John, Isaac Nelson, Ann Mary B, Brian B, Kay Shaw, Grace Gosling-Campbell, Beth Thompson, Evelyn Korinth, Samson, Pamela Boulden, Holly Flatman.

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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 (C)

27th April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

1st Reading:

Acts 5: 12-16 'More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.'

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

2nd Reading:

Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.'

Gospel Acclamation

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet have believed. R/. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31 'Eight days later, Jesus came.'

ST GEORGE'S DAY
We celebrate St George's Day on Monday 28th April.
There will be Mass at 09:30, and 19:30 (DW)
(followed by refreshments).



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

THANK YOU – to all who made Holy Week and Easter such a special occasion here, and to all who gave so generously to the Easter Offering!

POPE FRANCIS RIP – we continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Prayer cards are available in the foyer. Mass has been offered for him several times since the sad news was announced, and a requiem Mass will be offered this Thursday evening.

NEW ARTWORK – we are blessed to have some beautiful new artwork in our church, courtesy of the Monday morning Art Group. Thanks especially to Ann Bates for organising this. Do have a good look – can you spot all of the animals??

SUMMER FAYRE - SATURDAY 12th JULY: Save the date for our Summer Fayre here at St John Payne. More details coming soon.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LIGHT, CLACTON ON SATURDAY 21st JUNE: We will be celebrating the 2025 Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope with a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, in Clacton. More details soon.

THE GRIEF/BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. Starting on 6th May the group will be changing its time and day to the **first Tuesday of every month at 11:30-12:30** in the Church Hall. Please see the poster in the outside board for more details or ask Judy on 07530956440 or just turn up.

STAY & PLAY – The Greenstead Stay & Play group will be meeting in our church hall every Wednesday morning, 09:30 – 11:30 during term time. Parents with pre-school aged children are welcome to drop in. Please see the poster for further details.

LADIES COFFEE MORNING: 8th May 10:30-12:00 in SJP Hall. We meet a week later this month to celebrate VE Day, try and wear something red/white/blue. Let me know if you would like to bring some scones, jam or strawberries, I will make cakes. For contact 01206 826491. Maureen Bulmer.

BIBLE STUDY – resumes next Sunday, 4th May, 15:00 in the church hall.

ST JOHN PAYNE – is commemorated in the Diocese on Tuesday 6th May. There will be a Mass at 09:30, and we will look forward to celebrating our patron more fully in the summer.

MOBILE PHONE: We have been gifted a second hand mobile phone in good condition. If you know someone who would appreciate this, please speak to Fr Alex.

ROSARY CRUSADE – The Knights of St Columba will be praying the Rosary in the church on Sunday 25th May, following the 10:45 Mass. All are welcome to join them.

READERS NEEDED FOR THE 09:00 SUNDAY MASS: We need more readers for the 09:00 Mass on Sundays. If you are able to volunteer, please speak to Fr Alex.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION: The next collection from SJP will be on Sunday 11th May. You can donate at any time; just call me on 07582502188. Many thanks! *James Francis*

ST JOHN PAYNE SINGING GROUP meets on Fridays from the **new time of 17:30** in the church hall. Come along or speak to James Bates if you would like to join us.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 – 10.45. Come and join this friendly group as we pray one of the readings for the following Sunday. Copies of the reading are supplied. There is usually a bit of social time afterwards. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 07530956440.

OFFERTORY, STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID: Have you thought about giving by standing order? And Gift-Aiding your donations? Please speak to Yemi for more information.

New Gift Aid envelopes are now available for collection in the Repository

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Before Easter, Fr Alex read out the letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, calling on the Catholic faithful to write to their MPs expressing concern about the rushed manner in which this Bill has been presented to Parliament and the removal of safeguards. The Bill is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by the Bill's supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: if you have any questions or concerns, or need a new or renewed DBS certificate for a volunteer role in the Parish, please contact Ann Bates or Lindsay Francis at Safeguarding-greenstead@brcdt.org or via the Parish Office.

PARISH FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM AND NEW WEBSITE: We have a [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page, St John Payne Catholic Church, and a new look website. Check them out!

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS – Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by midday on Thursday) to: greenstead@brcdt.org

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