

SATURDAY	15th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
17:00		Vigil Mass <i>Arthur Wallop - Int</i>
SUNDAY	16th	ASSUMPTION OF THRE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
09:00		Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass
15:00		<i>Bible Study</i>
16:00		Mass (Divine Worship)
MONDAY	17th	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
TUESDAY	18th	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
WEDNESDAY	19th	Feria
		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY	20th	St Bernard, Ab, D
		<i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	21st	St Pius X, P
		<i>No Mass</i>
SATURDAY	22nd	Our Lady, Mother and Queen
		<i>No Mass at 09:00</i>
17:00		Vigil Mass for TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
		<i>Amir Ahmad - RIP</i>
SUNDAY	23rd	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:00		Mass <i>Kevin Doyle - RIP</i>
10:45		Sung High Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i>
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 repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Charles Sales; Maureen Baker; Daniel Farrell; Florence Farrell. 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, Violetta.

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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.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

16th August 2026

1st Reading:

Revelation 11:19a;12:11-6a;10ab

'A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon at her feet.'

Responsorial Psalm:

R/ On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

'Christ the first fruits, then those who belong to Christ.'

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:39-56

'He who is mighty has done great things for me; he has exalted those of humble estate.'

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Monday 5th to Friday 9th April 2027

Booking forms are now available. Please speak to Fr Alex.

The initial deposit to secure your place with be £365. See inside Newsletter for more details.



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

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: For evangelisation in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: We are planning our Parish pilgrimage to Rome for 4 nights during the second week of the Easter holidays (Monday 5th to Friday 9th April 2027). Families and individuals all welcome. Anticipated cost is £1,327 per person (note there is a children's discount of £245; and a single room supplement of £200). The cost will include: Return flights from Stansted to Rome Ciampino airport; transfers to and from the hotel in Rome; hotel accommodation on a half-board basis (i.e. breakfast and dinner included), group activities and excursions and travel insurance (for UK residents aged under 85 years). We will attend Mass each day and the Papal Audience on the Wednesday. Please speak to Fr Alex if you have questions or would like to come. Booking forms now available. See posters and the itinerary for more information.

MIDWEEK MASSES: Please note that midweek Masses will resume from Tuesday 1st September.

VISIT OF BISHOP DAVID WALLER: Bishop David, Bishop of the Ordinariate, will be visiting the Parish on Sunday 6th September. He will celebrate the 10:45 Mass and Divine Worship at 16:00. It would be lovely to welcome him with a Parish Bring & Share Lunch on that day after the 10:45 Mass. If you are able to help with this, please let Fr Alex know.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Our Children's singing group meets in the Church Hall on Saturdays from 10:00 – 11:15. This is aimed at children aged 7 and above, but younger children may be included if they are keen to learn. **Parents must accompany children;** but tea and coffee will be available.

ADULT CHOIR: We also hold rehearsal for our adult singers on Saturday mornings, from 11:30 – 12:30. No experience necessary! All welcome!

PARKING: Please ensure that you park your cars legally and considerately. Do not park on pavements or raised crossings, nor block driveways or dropped kerbs. If there is no more parking available on Blackthorn Avenue, please try the car park behind the social club. Thank you for your co-operation.

THE LECTIO PRAYER GROUP: The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st September, after 09:30 Mass.

OUTSIDE TOYS: The nursery toys on the patio **belong to the Stay and Play group, NOT** to the parish. Please be responsible for your children. If they do play with these toys, please make sure that they do so respectfully, and that they are replaced afterwards. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: Offering Mass for someone living or dead is a powerful form of prayer. If you would like to have a Mass offered, then please use one of the envelopes provided in the foyer or speak to Fr Alex, giving the name of the person and preferred date.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE: Over the coming weeks, photographs will be taken during Mass and at other times for use on our new website. If you do not want to be in those photographs, please email Fr Alex at the Parish email address, so that we have a record. Whenever photography is taking place, a notice will be displayed on the inner Church door.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN TO END SUFFERING IN THE HOLY LAND: CAFOD is calling on the trade secretary, Jonathan Reynolds, to ban trade with illegal settlements, including ending the import of produce grown on illegally occupied land. Find out more, support the campaign and send a message to the trade secretary [here](#) or visit the CAFOD website at cafod.org.uk.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday 5th of September in London. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 15 Bishops attending! Coach leaves at 7:45am from St Pancras Church, 1 Orwell Place, Ipswich IP4 1BD (coach will stop immediately after the Church in Cox Lane). Adults £25, under 18s: £10, under 5s free (priests/pastors free but all seats need booking). For more information re coach contact Sarah 07522 289449. Find out more about the day at marchforlife.co.uk

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan. Please see poster for full details.

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.

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.

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