

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

DONATIONS USING QR CODES

It is now possible to make donations using your mobile phone and QR codes. There are notices in the porch for contributions to the parish.

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK : items of particular use at present . . .

instant coffee • long life milk • tinned custard • tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn
chocolate & crisps • long life fruit juice
deodorant, shower gel, shampoo • washing up liquid
clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie and Teresa Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Carole Tabram died on Thursday 11 November; her Funeral Service will take place in church on Tuesday 7 December at 11.30 am.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

27 Nov-3 Dec: Pearl Williams, Thomas Keenan, Michael Spelling, Clement Collard, Jerry O'Mahoney, Leo Mason, Vera Spelling, Alf Dunsdon, Doreen Macgregor, Louise Edwards, Mary O'Leary, Jack McCabe, Veronica Thorne, Kerrie Middleton, Anne Kavanagh, Reginald Blake, Malcolm Dudney, Mary Westrop and Michel (Ben) Farraud.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of the donor.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Violet & Joseph Duggan.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; a list of dates that are still available in 2022 is on the porch noticeboard.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 27 Nov : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Vettath family)
Sunday 28 Nov : 9.00 am Marie & Tom Keenan RIP (Dolby)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 29 Nov : 9.15 am Joe & Michael Spelling RIP (June)
Tuesday 30 Nov : 9.15 am Michael Hedderman int (Butcher)
Wednesday 1 Dec : 9.15 am Rose Sheridan RIP (Tom)
Thursday 2 Dec : 9.15 am Thanksgiving
Friday 3 Dec : 9.15 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (McGoay)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4 Dec : 6.30 pm Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)
Sunday 5 Dec : 9.00 am Father Tom Jordan RIP (Fernandes)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2AP

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

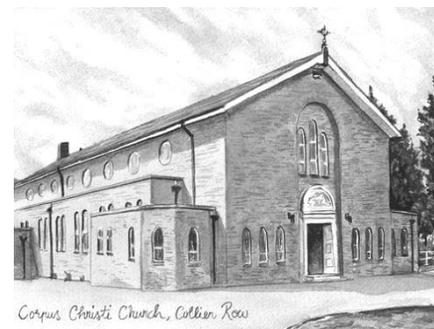
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to contact Church House:

First Sunday of Advent

27-28 November 2021



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.15 am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday : 5.30 – 6.30 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 6.00-6.30 pm or any other time on request

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 9.45 am

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the parish website

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

KEEP EVERYONE SAFE FROM COVID by maintaining these precautions in church . . .

Sanitise hands • Wear face coverings • Keep to the seating arrangements

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £861.55 (£284.50 of this was gift aided). The National Youth Sunday collection raised £360.64 (£254.85 was gift-aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

INAUGURATION OF ADVENT SERVICE

this Sunday 28th November at 4.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. Presider: Bishop Alan Williams with the Brentwood Cathedral Choir. This is a beautiful and uplifting way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth and for that time when He will come again.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

We are also invited to join in this prayerful service for the opening of the Season of Advent at St Edward's Anglican Church in Romford Market Place: Sunday 28 November at 6.00 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

If you have a child in Year 3 (or older) and you would like them to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion next summer – please send us an email with the child's name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you (or telephone the Parish Office). The Preparation Programme will begin after Christmas; we will get back to you once the arrangements have been finalised.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch from next weekend, and for several thereafter, religious Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Candles, other Calendars and gifts, all reasonably priced. Please continue to wear face coverings while in the church porch.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday 20 December at 7.00 pm

also at St Edward the Confessor, Park End Road, Romford: Wednesday 15 December at 11.00 am

MISSIO

Sincere thanks to all of you who have supported so generously, in prayer and financially, the work of Missio this year. The money raised provides nothing short of a crucial lifeline to the Parishes of Missionaries serving in some of the most remote, poor and troubled communities in our world.

As we work alongside these communities we continue the Mission of Jesus himself to share the love of God with everyone. So thank you! The final date for donations this year is Sunday 12th December. As soon as Missio Head Office ratify my figures I will of course let you know who much you have raised. There are copies of the Missio calendar at the back of the Church. *Kate Welcome*

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Andrew** – it was Andrew who introduced his brother Simon (Peter) to the Lord. Eventually, with James and John, they left all to follow Jesus. Andrew is patron saint of Russia and Scotland.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Francis Xavier** – one of the very first Jesuits and, after St Ignatius himself, a most outstanding priest. Although only 46 when he died in 1552, his preaching in the Far East has established him as one of the Church's patrons of the Missions.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What are the unique insights of Catholic Social Teaching?

takes place by Zoom on Sundays 28th and 5th December 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Dominic Howarth, Episcopal Vicar for Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk All Welcome

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

DECEMBER YOUTH MASS - Thursday 2 December - Brentwood Cathedral

If you are a young person in school year 9 or above, please join the BCYS for an Advent Youth Mass, beginning with Pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm and a Youth led Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral from 6:30pm before celebrating Mass with Fr Stephen Morrison preaching at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, to join together with other young Catholics and celebrate the start of the Advent season. For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net

BCYS Advent Retreat - 10th-11th December at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Open to all those in years 10-13, at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood, the BCYS invites you to join us and other young Catholics for our Advent Retreat, with an exciting variety of interactive workshops, times of reflection, prayer and as we look at different themes and aspects of the Advent story. The cost of the retreat is just £35, including accommodation, activities and meals. You can find out more and book your place at www.bcys.net/events or get in touch at info@bcys.net

BCYS Carol Concerts, Sunday 12th December at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on Sunday 12 December. For just £10 you can hear Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, and accompanied by readings from scripture, Christmas poems & stories, and followed by light refreshments. A beautiful event for the whole family, to help us all journey through Advent and prepare for Christmas, whilst fundraising to help young people travel on service pilgrimage to Lourdes. Concerts will be at 3pm or 7pm with limited capacity. To book your tickets, please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager at josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373959

"ALTERNATIVE GIFTS" this Christmas

St Teresa of Calcutta said, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you." As part of Advent, we naturally reflect on our Christmas giving. Many charities now offer inventive and wonderful ways to support their work, as a gift to others – you can buy goats or bees, help preserve sections of rainforest, and much more. To help in your search for such gifts our Diocesan Caritas has brought a range of charity details all together on one page, at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/christmas/>

FUNDRAISING FOR THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 December makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people please consider supporting this charity through the link <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

We have tried to include as many people as possible who were on the rota in 'normal times'.

At present, we do not need as many Communion Ministers as Readers –

this will only change when it is safe to restore the chalice.

If you have returned to Mass, are not on the rota and would like to be included – please let John know.

Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.

READERS

- 1 = *First Reading and Responsorial Psalm*
- 2 = *Second Reading and Gospel Acclamation*
- 3 = *Universal Prayer*

Readers remove their face covering just before reading replace it immediately afterwards.

4-5 December		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3.	Margaret Moffat
11-12 December		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Carmeline Fulton
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	Catherine Burnett
18-19 December		
6.30 pm	1. Kerry Truman 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Elaine New
26 December		
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Colin Smith 3. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Les Hislop 3. Catharine Welcome	Alexandra Burt-Allen

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph ends on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 December); perhaps during these final weeks we could use the prayer to St Joseph written by the Holy Father Francis:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*