

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

At the moment, the Foodbank could do with these items: Tins of: custard, rice pudding, sponge puddings, fruit, potatoes, fish. Tomato ketchup, instant coffee, teabags, instant mash, long-life fruit juice, dried rice, biscuits, chocolate. Toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo. They have plenty of the following: pasta, baked beans, soups, cereals.

ADVENT CONCERT Sunday 6 December 4pm, and throughout Advent on YouTube

Featuring favourite carols, with music led by Art from Brentwood Cathedral, as well as Gabi, Felishia and Erin from the BCYS and Walsingham House team, along with readings and poems, the concert will be a prayerful and delightful way to journey through Advent. And, of course, you can sing along to your heart's content at home! Free to watch, with donations welcome: money raised will be split between the Trussell Trust, supporting food banks across the Diocese, and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Full details and links: www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols

VACANCY FOR A MINUTE TAKER

The Campion School is looking to appoint a Minute Taker to work on an 'ad hoc' basis. Duties will consist of taking minutes for various Governor meetings throughout the year. Applicants should have strong previous minute taking experience, excellent attention to detail and strong IT Skills Word/MS Office. If you have the relevant experience and are looking for a new opportunity please contact Mrs Noddings, PA to the Headmaster on 01708-452332 or cnoddings@thecampionschool.org

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

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

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

28 Nov-4 Dec: Thomas Keenan, Michael Spelling, Clement Collard, Jerry O'Mahoney, Leo Mason, Vera Spelling, Alf Dunsdon, Doreen Macgregor, Louise Edwards, Jack McCabe, Veronica Thorne, Kerrie Middleton, Anne Kavanagh, Reginald Blake, Malcolm Dudley, Mary Westrop, Michel (Ben) Farraud, Richard Tabram and Frank Parkin.

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 Monsignor Michael McKenna.

The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch.



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday 2 Dec : 9.00 am Holy Souls (O'Driscoll)
Thursday 3 Dec : 9.00 am Les & Gill Hislop int (Welcome)
Friday 4 Dec : 9.00 am Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 5 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 6 Dec : 9.00 am Chris Pye & Ed Corcoran RIP (Pye)
11.30 am Denis Myers RIP (Doherty)

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First Sunday of Advent

28-29 November 2020

Due to the lockdown all public acts of worship are suspended until Wednesday.

We offer this leaflet

as an aid to personal prayer and reflection - it includes some of the readings and prayers from today's liturgy.

SUNDAY MASSES (from next Sunday)

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

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday : 9.00 am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

every morning for private prayer:
9.00 am to 12 noon.



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

LOCKDOWN LIFTED

The Government has announced that, with the lockdown lifted, we are permitted to hold acts of public worship once more. Mass will be celebrated here from Wednesday. The Tier 2 restrictions state that indoors (in church) "you can only interact with your own households, but outdoors you can interact in groups of up to six".

MASS AT CHRISTMAS – BOOKING REQUIRED

Because of the restrictions placed on us due to the pandemic, Christmas will be somewhat different here this year. **Singing is not allowed indoors;** if you want to sing 'Away in a manger' – you will have to do it outdoors or in the shower. **Seating is severely restricted,** which presents a problem for some of the Masses where, in previous years, attendance has been very high (sometimes 400-600 people). At present we can only accommodate about 150 people at each Mass – so this Christmas you will need to book a place for the Mass of your choice. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We are going to celebrate an additional, earlier Vigil Mass this year, with adequate time allowed for sanitising the church between the Masses. There will be five Christmas Masses to choose from:

Christmas Eve: 4.30 pm Vigil Mass | 6.30 pm Vigil Mass | 10.00 pm Mass during the Night.

Christmas Day: 9.00 am Mass of the Dawn | 11.30 am Mass of the Day.

Booking forms will be available from the church after all Masses from Wednesday 2 December.

CHURCH REPOSITORY - a message from Michael Chadwick

At this time in November we would normally have Christmas cards, Christmas candles, calendars, etc., on sale after all weekend Masses. With the lockdown coming to an end, Christmas cards, etc., will be on sale in the Church Porch after all Masses over the weekend of 5th/6th December and for the following 2 weeks. There are a number of boxed cards over from last year, reduced from £3.50 to £2.50 for 16/18 cards per box.

Prayers and Readings

Opening Prayer

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Psalm

Psalm 79

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I Cor 1: 3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that
you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to

Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and
without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each
with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Intercessions

That the Church may be fully engaged in the task Christ has entrusted to it
and be found awake and alert for the coming of the Lord. *We pray to the Lord.*

That the leaders of nations may turn their hands from violence and iniquity
and embrace instead the ways of righteousness and peace. *We pray to the Lord.*

That hardened hearts may be softened and straying steps guided home
by the touch of God's hand and the love of the Christian community. *We pray to the Lord.*

That the departed may rejoice as they are called into fellowship with Christ
by the God who is faithful. *We pray to the Lord.*

Spiritual Communion

An act of Spiritual Communion written by St Alphonsus Ligouri.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.