

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

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 . . .

5-11 Dec: Neil Barron, Eve Fearon, Mary Milano, Alfred Tidey, Stanley Ford, Christopher Pye, Johanna Murphy, Honora Burn, John Hatch, Finbarr O'Mahoney, Peter Prior and Fred Archer.

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 priests who have served this parish.

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

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)

Monday 7 Dec : 9.00 am Chrissie O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 8 Dec : 9.00 am Marie & Tom Keenan RIP (Anne)

Wednesday 9 Dec : 9.00 am Peter Patterson RIP (Chadwick)

Thursday 10 Dec : 9.00 am John Connolly int (Welcome)

Friday 11 Dec : 9.00 am Timothy O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 12 Dec : 6.30 pm Peter Welcome RIP (Kate)

Sunday 13 Dec : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Romford Knights of St Columba)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

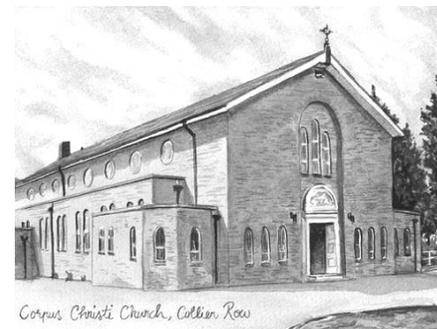
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to contact Church House:

Second Sunday of Advent

5-6 December 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

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

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to 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.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

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

LOCKDOWN LIFTED - BUT

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 600 or more 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 have been permitted to celebrate an additional 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 are available from the church after all Masses. They should be completed and returned to the church; your tickets will be available for collection the following day.

CHURCH REPOSITORY - a message from Michael Chadwick

From this weekend and for the following two weeks, Christmas cards, Christmas candles, calendars, etc., will be on sale, some at reduced prices.

Please note, sale of items can only be made **after** each Mass. It is vital that we continue to remain Covid-safe and therefore you will see that similar items are displayed at both ends of each of two tables at the back of the Church, with a third table in the Porch.

To ensure that everyone remains socially distant, if necessary please go to another table, then take your purchases and pay for them at the Repository cupboard. Please try to have the right money and continue to wear face covering until you leave the Church. Many thanks.

SUPPORTERS OF MISSIO – a message from Kate Welcome

Many thanks to all those who have contributed recently to Missio. I appreciate fully the difficult circumstances many of us are in during this most challenging of times. I have been notified by Missio that an end of year total needs to be submitted before Christmas, therefore I must tally and bank contributions you have so kindly made by Friday 18th December. Any monies can be given to me or put in an envelope and posted through the letterbox at the Church House. Alternatively, you may wish to donate by direct debit to Missio. Their contact details are: Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU, Telephone 020-7821 97855, redbox@missio.org.uk Missio also accept Mass Intentions. Missio calendars are available at the back of our Church. Please be assured every penny counts towards supporting needy communities in countries such as The Philippines, South Africa and Myanmar. Thank you for your support which demonstrates your kindness and a willingness to continue the work which Jesus began in his own ministry by both prayer and action.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Falling on the Second Sunday of Advent, the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church** is omitted from the calendar this year. However, we recall that, on 6 December 1979, our church was dedicated by Bishop Patrick Casey. We give thanks for this building, for those pioneers who had the inspiration and worked so hard to create it and for all who have built up the community that is the People of God, the Church, here at Corpus Christi.

Monday is the **Memorial of St Ambrose** – a fearless defender of the Faith, who became Bishop of Milan in the year 374 and was very much a pastor to his people. He had a great deal to do with the conversion of St Augustine of Hippo – one of the most influential theologians in the history of the Church.

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – from the very first moments of her existence in the womb of St Anne, her mother, Our Lady was preserved from the state of Original Sin: she was 'full of grace'. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote that this feast, falling as it does early in Advent, is also the 'basic preparation for the coming of the Saviour, as well as the happy beginning of the Church, without spot or wrinkle'.

Extracts from Pope Francis, *Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 10 December 2017*

Last Sunday we began Advent with the call to be vigilant; today, the Second Sunday of this season of preparation for Christmas, the liturgy indicates to us its proper content: it is a time to recognize the shortcomings in our life, to smooth out the roughness of pride and to make room for Jesus who comes.

The Prophet Isaiah addresses the people, proclaiming the end of the Exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesies: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord ... Every valley shall be lifted up'" (40:3-4). The valleys to be lifted up represent all the shortcomings of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission. One shortcoming in our life could be the fact that we do not pray or that we pray little. Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another shortcoming could be a lack of charity for our neighbour, above all toward people most in need of help, not only material, but also spiritual. We are called to be more attentive, closer, to the needs of others. Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open the ways of hope in the desert of the barren hearts of many people. ...

The Saviour whom we await is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the

inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom. The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be 'baptized' by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

MINISTRY ROTA

With a more simplified liturgy, due to restrictions currently in place, each Mass requires just two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated. You will find it on the website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy.

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

The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.

	Readers	Communion Minister
5-6 Dec		
6.30 pm	Nicola Charles Sophie Pritchard	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	Alex Hinton Eileen Jonas	Alison Greene
11.30 am	Terence Osuji Michael Chadwick	John McKie
12-13 Dec		
6.30 pm	Margaret Smith Eileen Rogan-Hill	Graham Rogan-Hill
9.00 am	Wally Barnes Roger King	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Les Hislop	Pat Smithers
19-20 Dec		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Louise Seaton
26-27 Dec		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Frank Smith	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	Martin O'Regan
2-3 Jan		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Vanessa Thompson	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Barbara Binder
9-10 Jan		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Shirley Hay	Margaret Moffat

We have been asked by Kevin Cole, the Club Chairman, to include this notice:

The Club will re-open on Wednesday 9 December.

In line with the Government's requirements the Club will be run as a restaurant. Opening times: Monday to Friday: 7.00 to 10.00 pm | Saturday: 12 noon to 10 pm | Sunday: 12 noon to 9.30 pm