

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! The deadline to apply is 2 October 2020 and the start date is January 2021. For the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. Please visit: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

Someone who watched last week's pilgrimage said, "I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!". For pilgrims of all ages the week had a great impact, and if you have missed it, or want to watch and pray again, it is all on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You'll find everything at www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys. If you have comments or questions, simply email info@bcys.net or phone 01277-373959. The 18 hour challenge has so far raised over £5,250, to be split between Cafod and the BCYS. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to everyone who has donated. More details www.bcys.net

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, Compton Glasgow, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Father Tom Jordan died peacefully on Wednesday, at the Presbytery in Romford; many of you will know that he had been ill for several years. Due to COVID restrictions, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 19 August, limited to family and some priest friends. It will be live streamed; further details to follow.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

8-14 Aug: James Anderson, Bill Ragan, Peter Prendergast, Eileen Treston, Eileen Rogers, James White, Mary O'Callaghan, Michael Dennis, Dermot Forde, Ernest Pridmore, Siobhain Furlong, Thomas McCarthy, Carmela Clarke, Peter Hughes, Winnie Dempsey, Elsie Lawrence and Jean Crane.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is for Elizabeth and Christina.

A number of people have 'planned ahead' and booked dates for 2021; envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to be sure of a particular week next year.



MASS INTENTIONS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8 August : 6.30 pm Margaret Philliston RIP (Gardner)

Sunday 9 Aug : 9.00 am Mary Gallen RIP (Charles)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 10 Aug : 9.00 am Ian Channon RIP (McCarthy)

Tuesday 11 Aug : 9.00 am Mgr Canon Frederick Miles ProtAp RIP (PACT Westminster)

Wednesday 12 Aug : 9.00 am Paul Waterhouse RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 13 Aug : 9.00 am Tom Kennedy RIP (Kennedy family)

Friday 14 Aug : 9.00 am Fr John O'Halloran RIP (PACT Westminster)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15 Aug : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 16 Aug : 9.00 am Johnny McCarthy RIP (Barnes)

11.30 am Don Philliston RIP (SVP)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

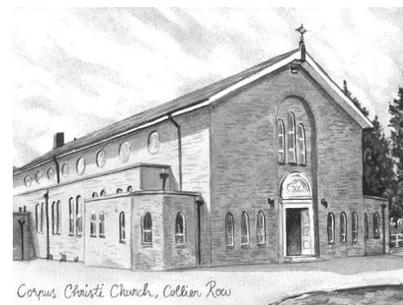
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8-9 August 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicolliarrow.org

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

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 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 at the following times:

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

PLACES OF WORSHIP AND COVID

By now you will know that the Government has issued further instructions to places of worship:

From this weekend, **face masks or coverings must be worn** in all places where members of the public mix, including places of worship. So please, wear a face covering from when you arrive for Mass until you have left the building. You will need to lower, unloop or remove the covering briefly when receiving Communion. We have a small supply of disposable masks for anyone that forgets.

When chatting with people from outside your household (or bubble), before or after Mass, **you really must maintain social distancing**. If you are wearing a mask this means a minimum of one metre distance. If you are not wearing a mask: two metres distance is essential (that's over 6 feet).

CHURCH CAR PARK

During the school holiday the church car park will be open for use for those coming to weekday Mass. However, because of anti-social behaviour there during the past few months, the car park will be closed for the rest of the day. It will be open for weekend Masses as usual.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £637.44 (of which £284.50 was gifted aided). Thank you for your continued support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Maya Lawlor into God's family, the Church. May she and her family grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present. If there is something you need, please ask and it will be opened for you.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are able to have the church open during the day for private prayer; we are required to have two stewards on duty all the time we are open. If you are in the area, do take the opportunity to pay a visit and spend some time in the peace and tranquillity of our church. If the opening times are not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please 'phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of St Lawrence** – deacon of the church at Rome under Pope Sixtus II, he was ordered by the city prefect to hand over the church's valuables. He collected together the poor and the sick and presented them, saying: 'Here is the church's treasure'. He was arrested in 258 during the persecution of Valerian, and was put to death by being roasted on a gridiron. According to tradition, when on the point of death, he said: 'Let my body be turned; one side is roasted enough'.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Clare** – born of a noble family at Assisi in 1194, she was deeply moved by the life and teaching of St Francis and decided to follow his example. She founded the order of Poor Clares, giving it a Rule that was approved in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX and was confirmed by Innocent IV, the year of Clare's death. When confined to her death-bed she was reputed to have been able to see what was going on in the convent chapel; as a result she was made patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII in 1958.

In the Orthodox Calendar, Tuesday is also the **Memorial of St Alexander of Comana** – patron saint of colliers (charcoal burners) – the origin of the name 'Collier Row'. So, he could be said to be our own patron saint. St Alexander prayer cards are available in the porch – please help yourself. The pub sign at the Colley Rowe Inn has an image of him.

Thursday is the **Memorial of SS Pontian and Hippolytus** – both were martyrs of the early third century: Pontian being Pope and Hippolytus a priest. It is from the writings of Hippolytus that we know many details of the life and worship of Christians of that era.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe** – during the Nazi occupation of his Polish homeland, this Capuchin friar harboured over 2000 Jews and other refugees. Arrested and taken to the original Auschwitz concentration camp, he begged to be allowed to die in place of another. Thrown into one of the notorious starvation cells, he was finished off with a lethal injection of phenol. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

from **Pope Francis**, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 13 August 2017

Today the Gospel passage (Mt 14:22-33) describes the episode about Jesus who, after praying all night on the shore of the Lake of Galilee, makes his way towards his disciples' boat, walking on the water. The boat is in the middle of the lake, halted by a strong wind blowing against it. When they see Jesus come walking on the water, the disciples mistake him for a ghost and they are afraid. But he reassures them: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!" (v. 27). Peter, with his characteristic impetuosity, says to him: "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water"; And Jesus calls him: "Come!" (vv. 28-29). Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on the water towards Jesus; but because of the wind, he is afraid and begins to sink. So he cries out: "Lord, save me!" And Jesus reaches out his hand and catches him (vv. 30-31).

This Gospel narrative contains rich symbolism and makes us reflect on our faith, both as individuals and as an ecclesial community, also the faith of all of us who are here today in the Square. Does the community, this ecclesial community, have faith? How is the faith in each of us, and the faith of our community? The boat is the life of each one of us, but it is also the life of the Church. The wind against it represents difficulties and trials. Peter's invocation - "Lord, bid me come to you!" - and his cry - "Lord, save me!" - are very similar to our desire to feel the Lord's closeness, but also the fear and anguish that accompany the most difficult moments of our life and of our communities, marked by internal fragility and external difficulties.

At that moment, Jesus' word of reassurance, which was like an outstretched rope to cling to in the face of the hostile and turbulent waters, was not enough for Peter. This is what can happen to us as well ... Today's Gospel reminds us that faith in the Lord and in his Word does not open a way for us where everything is easy and calm; it does not rescue us from life's storms. Faith gives us the assurance of a Presence, the presence of Jesus ... Faith, in short, is not an escape route from life's problems, but it sustains the journey and gives it meaning

REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
8-9 August		
6.30 pm	Margaret Smith Eileen Rogan-Hill	Kim Ayling
9.00 am	Wally Barnes Roger King	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Les Hislop	Barbara Binder
15-16 August		
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	Margaret Moffat
22-23 August		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Linda Withers
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	John McKie
29-30 August		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Victoria Cassettari
5-6 September		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Michael Chadwick Triston Osuji	Catherine Burnett
12-13 September		
6.30 pm	Nicola Charles Sophie Pritchard	Gail Furniaux
9.00 am	Alex Hinton Eileen Jonas	Alison Greene
11.30 am	Terence Osuji Shirley Hay	Michaela Henkel

With a more simplified liturgy due to restrictions currently in place each Mass requires 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.

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.

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

Readers will need to sanitise their hands before and after reading; Communion Ministers just before distributing Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.