

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest, by Monday 22 February, to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Josephine Camilleri-Walton, Mary Barnard's sister, died on Thursday 13 January; her Funeral Service is at Forest Park Crematorium on Wednesday 23 February.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

19-25 Feb: James Fitzpatrick, Lilian Stratton, Kevin Connor-Leedham, Julia Lehane, Frances Tite, Bob Baxter, Bruno Celaschi and Swithin Clancy.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is in memory of Donnelle Jane Porter.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of Maureen & Johnny McCarthy.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph are being generously supported by donations for much of 2022; a list of dates that are still available is in the porch. Ten weeks are available for the light at Our Lady's Shrine; fourteen weeks for St Joseph's Shrine.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Feb : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 20 Feb : 9.00 am Alfred Wright & Nan Evans RIP (Wright)
11.30 am Mary Gallen RIP (Gallen family)
Monday 21 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls
Tuesday 22 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls
Wednesday 23 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls
Thursday 24 Feb : 9.15 am Maureen McCarthy RIP (Anne)
Friday 25 Feb : 9.15 am John Connolly & family int (Welcome)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 Feb : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 27 Feb : 9.00 am Ted Dean RIP (Pridham)
11.30 am Denis Hannon RIP (McKie)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

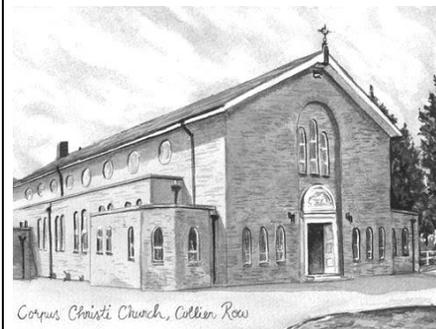
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

19-20 February 2022



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 : 9.15 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

STREAMING

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS ~ hands | face | space

The virus is still with us and, whilst there have been relaxations to the legally-required precautions, we have received guidance that encourages us to: sanitise hands, keep buildings ventilated and prevent the spread of infection by wearing face coverings in indoor settings where there are a number of people. At weekend Masses we have many people in the church, some of whom are vulnerable. All of us have a responsibility to keep them safe – so we ask you, if you can, to continue to wear face masks. We have re-opened all the pews to accommodate more people; please try to keep at least one metre from anyone who is not a member of your household; there is plenty of space to spread out.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Christia & Patrick Burke and Louie & Theodore Blackwell into the Church and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Bishop will be visiting our parish on Wednesday 18 May and will celebrate Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation that evening. If you are in Year 11 and would like to be prepared for Confirmation this year, please send Father Philip an email (or telephone the Parish Office) to register your interest. We will be in touch very soon to let you have the details of the preparation programme.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £621.77 (£367.00 of this was gift aided). The collection for Racial Justice Sunday came to £86.40 (gift-aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving. In addition, Irene Manby's family asked that the collection taken after her Requiem be given to the parish; it came to £89.28.

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.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What is new about the new evangelisation?

Input will be given by Fr Pahal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester, today, Sunday 20th February, 4.00 – 5.00 pm via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information: www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23

If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277-373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

FORTHCOMING BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS

Youth Mass Thursday 3rd March from 6 pm, Brentwood Cathedral

Lenten Revision Retreat 2nd - 3rd April, Walsingham House

Sponsored Sleepout 8th - 9th April, 8pm - 8am

Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 23rd - 30th July 2022

Youth Gather 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island

Further information can be found on the noticeboard in the porch.

Booking for all these events, and all information, online at www.bcys.net/events

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** – an Italian eleventh century reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal. He was venerated as a saint soon after his death in 1072 and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Chair of St Peter** – reminding us that the Bishop of Rome is the successor of St Peter and, as such, presides over the whole Church in love. He is the centre and focus of the unity of the Church, enabling it to be catholic, universal and orthodox – we share the faith and life of the Church of Rome, in communion with each other and God.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Polycarp** – according to Jerome, he was a disciple of the apostle John and became bishop of Smyrna. He died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to touch him.

Pope Francis, from the Angelus Address, St Peter’s Square, 24 February 2019

This Sunday’s Gospel passage (cf. Lk 6:27-38) concerns a central point that characterizes Christian life: love for enemies. Jesus’ words are clear: “I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you” (vv. 27-38). And this is not optional, it is a command. It is not for everyone, but for the disciples, whom Jesus calls “you that hear”. He is well aware that loving enemies exceeds our possibilities, but this is why he became man: not to leave us as we are, but to transform us into men and women capable of a greater love, that of his Father and ours. This is the love that Jesus gives to those who ‘hear him’. Thus it becomes possible! With him, thanks to his love, to his Spirit, we are able to love even those who do not love us, even those who do us harm.

In this way, Jesus wants God’s love to triumph over hatred and rancour in every heart. The logic of love, which culminates in Christ’s Cross, is a Christian’s badge and induces us to meet everyone with the heart of brothers and sisters. But how is it possible to overcome human instinct and the worldly law of retaliation? Jesus provides the answer in the same Gospel passage: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (v. 36). Those who hear Jesus, who make an effort to follow him even at a cost, become children of God, and begin to truly resemble the Father who is in heaven. We become capable of things we never thought we could say or do, and of which we would have been rather ashamed, but which now give us joy and peace instead. We no longer need to be violent, with words and gestures: we discover that we are capable of tenderness and goodness; and we sense that all of this comes not from ourselves but from him! And thus we do not brag about it but are grateful for it.

There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while, on the contrary, hatred and vengeance decrease it, marring the beauty of the creature made in God’s image.

This command, to respond to insult and wrongdoing with love, has created a new culture in the world: “a culture of mercy” — we need to learn this well! And properly practice this culture of mercy — which “can set in motion a real cultural revolution” (Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et Misera*, 20). It is the revolution of love, in which the protagonists are the martyrs of all times. And Jesus assures us that our behaviour, inspired by love for those who do us harm, will not be in vain. He tells us: “forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you” (vv. 37-38). This is beautiful. God will give us something beautiful if we are generous, merciful. We must forgive because God has forgiven us and always forgives us. If we do not forgive completely, we cannot expect to be forgiven completely. However, if our hearts are open to mercy, if we seal forgiveness with a brotherly embrace and secure the bonds of communion, we proclaim to the world that it is possible to overcome evil with good. At times it is easier for us to remember the harm they have done to us and not the good things; to the point that there are people who have this habit and it becomes a sickness. They are “collectors of injustice”: they only remember the bad things done. And this is not a path. We must do the opposite, Jesus says. Remember the good things, and when someone comes with some gossip, and speaks ill of another, say: “Yes, perhaps ... but he has this good quality...”. Turn the discussion around. This is the revolution of mercy.

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

19-20 February		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O’Driscoll 3. Jean Capps	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Colin Smith 2. Lisa Walker 3. Maria Green	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Margaret Moffat
26-27 February		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O’Kane 3.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Catherine Burnett
5-6 March		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	Elaine New
12-13 March		
6.30 pm	1. Kerry Truman 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Alexandra Burt-Allen