

BCYS VOICES - I hear about refugees and I ask, "what can I do"?

Inspired by his grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader (and a Corpus Christi parishioner), travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mvRrDH0>. More details of the whole BCYS voices series and much more at www.bcys.net

CALAIS LIGHT

Hear the first hand story of a refugee who became a Harvard graduate: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info at: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org. It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

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, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

24-30 April: Kathleen Mullane, Win Eyley, Anne Hay, Bery Waterfield, Millie Kromer, Patrick Callcut, Nancy Harrison, Joyce Baxter, John Patrick Long, Margaret Gallacher, Bill Hughes and Gladys Galvin.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Nancy Harrison.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Sean Sheridan.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; several weeks in 2022 have already been covered.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 24 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 25 April : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Jonas)

11.30 am Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)

Monday 26 April : 9.00 am Mary Brennan RIP (Dolby)

Tuesday 27 April : 9.00 am Margaret Alake int (Welcome)

Wednesday 28 April : 9.00 am Holy Souls

Thursday 29 April : 9.00 am Intention of the Donor

Friday 30 April : 9.00 am Sean Sheridan RIP (O'Driscoll)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 1 May : 6.30 pm Sammut Family RIP (Micallef)

Sunday 2 May : 9.00 am Darren Margot RIP (Margot Family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

24-25 April 2021



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

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday until 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday - the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We have nine seminarians in formation for our diocese at this time; please pray for them all today and in the future. Vocations prayer cards are available in the porch and there are special envelopes to use if you would like to have a Mass said for vocations.

Brentwood Students for the Priesthood: At the Beda College in Rome we have Deacon Tony Grant who is to be ordained a priest in the summer. At Oscott College in Birmingham we have the Deacon Michael Barwick who is also to be ordained priest this summer. Both Tony and Michael spent time here on placement a few years ago. There are four other students at Oscott: Alexander Johnson, Jonathan Burden, Frank Westcott and Alex Wyndham. At Allen Hall in Chelsea we have Damien Wade who is to be ordained deacon this year and also Matúš Meleg and Moses Itene.

MISSIO

A message from Kate Welcome, Missio Co-ordinator: In 2020 our Parish raised £1,086.69 through our red boxes and donations to Missio. Thank you for such a wonderful effort, this figure is only a little down on that of 2019. The missionaries and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by Covid-19.

Thank you so much for your continuous efforts. A poster from Missio is on display at the back of the church.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

On Saturday 15 May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Parish Offerings** amounted to £590.17 (£348.40 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

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 LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Peter Chanel** – a French missionary priest belonging to the Society of Mary (the 'Marists') he went to the South Pacific, where he suffered martyrdom by being clubbed to death in 1841; he was aged thirty-eight. St Peter was canonised by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Bishop Alan is a Marist and has also worked in the South Pacific.

Thursday is the **European Feast of St Catherine of Siena** - a member of the Dominican Order, it was through her example of holiness, and her wisdom, that she made a great impact on the Church of her time, which was split by the 'Great Schism'. St Pope Paul VI gave her the title 'Doctor of the Church'. She died in 1380; her tomb is under the high altar in the Roman church of *Santa Maria sopra Minerva*.

CLUB NEWS

In accordance with the current Government regulations, the Catholic Club will re-open on Monday 17th May. Hall bookings will be provisionally taken for dates after 1st July. Booking is via text on 07936 198570.

[Please note: the government will announce on 10 May whether we can proceed to the next stage of lockdown easing – which would include opening indoor drinking facilities]

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Closing date: Monday 28 April 2021 at noon. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. Information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10 May 2021.

ANNUAL MIGRANTS' MASS

In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for Migrants on Saturday 1 May 2021 at 11.20am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill. Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. Livestream the Mass at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

VACANCIES AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Teacher of History (0.6). Teacher of MFL. Start: September 2021. Closing Date: noon, Thursday 6 May 2021. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3 October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
24-25 April		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty	Barbara Binder
1-2 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick	Shirley Hay
8-9 May		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi
15-16 May		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Victoria Cassettari
22-23 May		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Pridham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Margaret Moffat
29-30 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Catherine Burnett

Please check this rota carefully – it is updated weekly.

This rota is also on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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.

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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.