

Lady notices and, as she is a mother, she immediately turns to Jesus. The Scriptures, especially Prophets, point to wine as a typical element of the messianic banquet (Am 9:13-14; Joel 2:24; Is 25:6). Water is necessary to live but wine expresses the abundance of the banquet and the joy of the celebration. A feast without wine? I don't know.... By transforming into wine the water from the stone jars used "for the Jewish rites of purification" (v. 6) — it was customary: to purify oneself before entering a home — Jesus effects an eloquent sign. He transforms the Law of Moses into Gospel, bearer of joy.

And then, let us turn to Mary. The words that Mary addresses to the servants crown the spousal picture of Cana: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:6). Today too, Our Lady tells all of us to "Do whatever he tells you". These words are a precious legacy that our Mother left us. ... Truly, a New Covenant is pledged at this wedding. And a new mission is entrusted to the servants of the Lord, namely, the entire Church: "Do whatever he tells you". To serve the Lord means to listen and to put his Word into practice. It is the simple, essential recommendation of Jesus' Mother. It is the programme for a Christian's life.

*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 . . .**

**Joan Laporte** died on Wednesday 5 January; her Funeral Mass takes place here on Friday.

**John O'Driscoll** died on Friday 14 January; details funeral arrangements will be made in the coming days. Please keep Mary and their family in your prayers,

**Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .**

**15-21 Jan:** Edna Miller Jones, John Pidgeon, Francesco Milano, Agnes & Logan Kelly, Richard Wellman, Ellen Glen, Phyllis Guidotti, Rita O'Donoghue, Veronica Caldeira, John Dolby, John Dowling, Alice Anne Barthel, Hanna Herbert, Denis Daly and Eileen Waterfield.

**SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is for the intentions of Christina & Elizabeth.

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is in memory of John Dolby.

*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.*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 15 Jan : 6.30 pm Fiona Vettath Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Sunday 16 Jan : 9.00 am John Kelly RIP (Catherine)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 17 Jan : 9.15 am Lucy Rodrigues RIP (Fernandes)

Tuesday 18 Jan : 9.15 am Frank McKenna RIP (Lawrence)

Wednesday 19 Jan : 9.15 am Elizabeth Ann Adhern RIP (O'Gara)

Thursday 20 Jan : 9.15 am Frank and Hannah (Joan) Laporte RIP (Bartlett/Cuddysmith)

Friday 21 Jan : 9.15 am John O'Driscoll RIP (Hegarty)

12 noon Requiem Mass for Joan Laporte

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 22 Jan : 6.30 pm Emily Murray RIP (Ramstead)

Sunday 23 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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Father Philip Denton

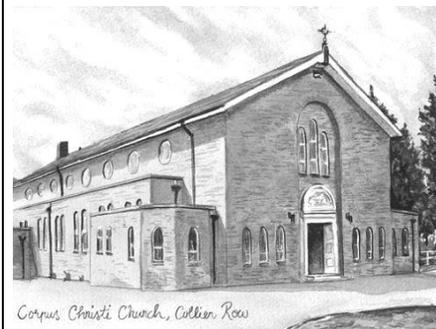
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**to contact Church House:**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

15-16 January 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



**EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE**

**Sunday 16 January at 6.30 pm**

here at Corpus Christi Church

*(led by the choir of St Edward's, Romford Market Place)*

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

If you are not a Catholic Christian and would like to explore the possibility of becoming one – there will be a brief introductory meeting for you on Sunday 23 January at 5.00 pm in the church. The meeting will last for about half an hour and we will explain what it would involve.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £732.82 (£363.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

**CRIB OFFERINGS**

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022**

Copies are available in the porch – priced £2.80, please put money in the wall safe.

**SERVERS, READERS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The rota for February to April is now available on the parish website; for those who do not use the internet, there are a few paper copies in the Sacristy.

## 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 QUESTIONS - What is the point of canon law?

This session will be given by Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 January 4.00 - 5.00 pm. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information: [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

### 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)

*Our thanks to all who frequently bring generous donations and leave them in the church porch – your kindness is much appreciated by the volunteers who run the Foodbank and by those people it assists. As a parish community we are grateful to Liz Lawrence, who is responsible for delivering your donations to the Foodbank each week.*

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Anthony** – a man of wisdom, holiness and understanding of human nature. Early in the fourth century he organised the very first monks, groups of men who, like himself, lived as hermits. He became known as the 'friend of God' and died in the year 356.

Tuesday marks the beginning of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – it concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (25 January).

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Wulstan** – an Anglo-Saxon, he was born in 1008, became a priest and joined the Benedictines at Worcester. In 1062 he was ordained Bishop of Worcester and, because he had led his diocese so wisely, he was the only English bishop to retain his See following the Norman Conquest (all other bishops being replaced by Frenchmen). He died whilst engaged in his daily practice of washing the feet of twelve poor men. He was canonised in 1203.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Sebastian** – one of the most popular saints in the first centuries of the Church; a favourite army officer of the Emperor Diocletian until he was discovered to be a Christian. Then he was tied to a tree and used for archery practice and finally clubbed to death in about the year 288.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Agnes** – another popular saint from the early Church. She was martyred whilst in her teens, about the year 304.

### BE PART OF THE WALSHINGHAM 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](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys

### 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](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## 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*

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

15-16 January		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Kerry Truman 3. Mick Doolan	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Roger King 3. Wally Barnes	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. 3. Triston Osuji	Barbara Binder
22-23 January		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green 3. Colin Smith	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Margaret Moffat
29-30 January		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. 3.	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. 3. Terence Osuji	Catherine Burnett
5-6 February		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Shirley Hay 3. Michael Chadwick	Adam Beddoe

### Pope Francis, from the *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 20 January 2019

Last Sunday, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we began the journey in the liturgical time called "Ordinary"; the time to follow Jesus in his public life, in the mission for which the Father sent him into the world. In today's Gospel (cf. Jn 2:1-11) we find the narrative of Jesus' first miracle. The first of these prodigious signs takes place in the village of Cana, in Galilee, during a marriage celebration. It is not by chance that there is a wedding at the beginning of Jesus' public life, because in him, God espoused humanity: this is the Good News, even though those who invited him do not yet know that the Son of God is seated at their table and that he is the true bridegroom. Indeed all the mystery of the sign of Cana is based on the presence of this divine bridegroom, Jesus, who begins to reveal himself. Jesus manifests himself as the bridegroom of the People of God, announced by the prophets, and he reveals to us the depth of the relationship which unites us to him: it is a New Covenant of love.

In the context of the Covenant, the symbol of wine, which is at the heart of this miracle, is fully understood. Just as the feast is culminating, the wine runs out. Our Lady notices this and says to Jesus: "They have no wine" (v. 3). Because it would have been bad to continue the feast with water! An embarrassment for those people. Our