

*Please remember in your prayers*

**Those who are ill, including . . .**

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Father Paul Dynan, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

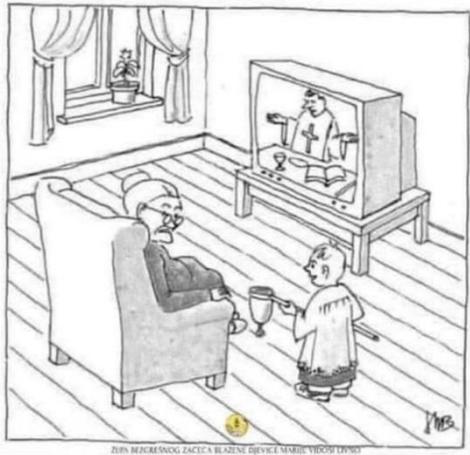
**Those who have died recently, including . . .**

**Rita Blake** – died on Thursday 19 March. She will be buried at St Patrick's Leytonstone on Wednesday 8 April at 11.00 am.

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

**28 March to 3 April:** Richard Curnow, Annie Tite, Dorothy Conway, Gerard Smith, Bridget Robinson, Veronica Wells, William Moralee, Martin Hearne, Margaret O'Mahoney, St John Paul II, John Burke, Margaret Keble and Florrie Noonan.

**THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY** This week, the light burning in honour of Our Lady is in memory of deceased Parishioners and Club members.



**PARISH OFFERINGS**

Whilst there are no public liturgies during the coming weeks, you may still want to contribute to the upkeep of the church. Any contributions could be put into an envelope (marked "Church") and posted through the letterbox of Church House. You could do the same with Gift Aid and Second Collection envelopes.

An alternative method, which is popular with several parishioners, is to set up a Standing Order with your bank; phone the Parish Office to find out about this (Mon-Fri, 9.00 am-12 noon).

Thank you for your on-going support.

< *Another alternative method!!*

**MESSAGE FROM OUR GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR, Michelle Mack**

For those in the Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme, your new envelopes for 2020/21 are available for you to pick up in the porch when the Church is once again open after the self-isolation period.

A number of Parishioners have asked how they may still continue to support Corpus Christi. You can, of course, do this through the Gift Aid scheme, but you may be interested to know that you can donate via your bank via on-line banking or using a Standing Order Mandate. Many Corpus Christ gift aiders do this already on a permanent basis but you could use this as a temporary measure and then continue to use your envelopes when the situation is normalised.

If you would like details of Corpus Christi bank account, please get in touch. If you do internet banking it is very simple to set up, otherwise we have standing order mandates which you, or someone on your behalf, can take to your bank.

The Gift Aid scheme is a very important source of extra revenue for your Church, at no extra cost to yourself. Last year we were refunded over **£11.000** from HMRC as the tax paid on donations.

On behalf of Father Philip, thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi.

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**BRITISH SUMMER TIME**

BST begins this weekend, with clocks going forward one hour and lighter evenings. In normal times, there would be some parishioners arriving (very) late for Mass!!

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

28-29 March 2020

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all public acts of worship in Catholic churches throughout Britain are suspended and churches are locked until further notice.*

*The weekly newsletter will take the form of an aid to personal prayer and reflection it includes some of the readings from Sunday's Mass.*



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

At any time on request

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

**PARISH WEBSITE**

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

## Prayers and Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

(for use in church or at home)

### Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Examination of Conscience

*Before reading to the Word of God, take a moment for reflection:*

- What am I grateful to God for today?
- Where did I stray from God: through words, actions or things I did not do?
- How might I do better tomorrow?
- What grace do I ask from God in order to live more closely in his love?

*You may wish to conclude by saying:*

Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.