

THE 18 HOUR CHALLENGE

To mark the beginning of the Lourdes week, young people are using the 18 hours they would be spending on the coach (and remembering the 18 apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette) in a wide variety of creative ways – including 44 of them (and Fr Dominic) each walking 18 miles, together covering the distance from Brentwood to Lourdes! Money raised will go to the BCYS and the CAFOD "Summer of Hope" Appeal. Sponsorship can be offered at www.bcys.net/donate or posted to Fr Dominic, 18 Hour challenge, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH (cheques to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service"). Our target is £1800 and we are very grateful for all sponsorship.

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/

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

Those who have died recently, including . . .

Donnelle Porter died on Saturday 27 June; her Funeral Service will take place at Forest Park Crematorium on Wednesday. Because of the pandemic, numbers will be strictly limited.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

18-24 July: Roy Seaman, Vera Dunne, James Spring, Decimo Valentini, Grace Anderson, Ollie Bridewell, Emilio Tagliamonti, Bert Chapman, Pauline Snoxell and Father Hugh Toninello MCCJ.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Tony Conway



MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 July : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 19 July : 9.00 am Teresa Arthur Benyah int – 80th Birthday (Joseph, Arnold & Yvonne)
11.30 am Ollie Bridewell RIP (Cochrane)

Monday 20 July : 9.00 am Doug Lawrence RIP (Liz)

Tuesday 21 July : 9.00 am Father Joseph Pham RIP (PACT Northampton)

Wednesday 22 July : 9.00 am Teresa & Frank Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

Thursday 23 July : 9.00 am Father Eamonn O'Hara RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Friday 24 July : 9.00 am Father Peter Stevens RIP (PACT Westminster)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25 July : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 26 July : 9.00 am Bob & Maureen Greene RIP (Alison)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family – Linda Vettath)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

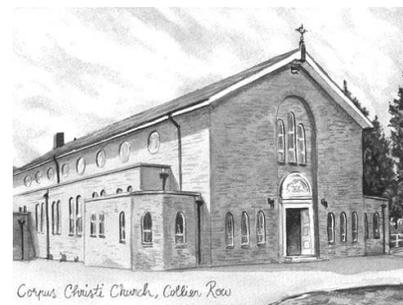
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18-19 July 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.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

MASS AND OTHER ACTS OF WORSHIP

Thank you for your patience and willingness to be flexible; it meant that, for the past fortnight, we have been able to celebrate Mass again - and it has been going smoothly. We have to follow rules that have been issued by the government, with further guidance provided by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The aim is to limit the possibility of the spread of the Coronavirus; this is going to be the "new normal" for some time to come.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are allowed to have the church open during the day for private prayer, but there must be two stewards on duty all the time. We could do with some volunteers, who would be prepared to set aside an hour each week – particularly for the following times:

Monday: 4 pm – 5 pm **Tuesday:** 11 am - 12 noon **Thursday:** 11 am - 12 noon and 3 pm – 4 pm

Saturday: 3 pm - 4 pm and 4 pm - 5 pm

As several of our stewards have found, it may be that no-one visits the church during your hour's duty; but there is great symbolism in having churches open as places of prayer and welcome. And, as one local priest puts it: "A locked church is a defeated church".

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.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £773.50 (of which £434.85 was gifted aided). £200.60 was given to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea. Thank you for your continued support.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

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.

REPOSITORY

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy, which takes place during the 11.30 am Mass in term times, will hopefully recommence in September. For now, the worksheets the children would have used will be available in the porch for them to take home and try the activities and colouring tasks.

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM : 27 – 31 July



Join Bishop Alan and hundreds of pilgrims from across the Diocese in a full week of pilgrimage including daily Mass, Rosary, Angelus, Morning and Night Prayer, daily Reflections ... and a Talent Show! For the virtual Marian (Torchlight) procession we welcome photos of you, family members and friends, alone or together, holding a lighted candle. Please send these to info@bcys.net by next Sunday, 12th July. If you are a singer, dancer, joke-teller or entertainer, email us at info@bcys.net and we will help you submit your act for the talent show. For those age 15-23 there is an additional social programme, and full details of the whole pilgrimage can be found at www.bcys.net, with links to YouTube.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi** – a Franciscan missionary from southern Italy. He achieved as much by his example as by his preaching. He died in 1619.

Wednesday is the **Feast of St Mary Magdalene** – one of the women disciples of Jesus, she was present on Calvary at the foot of the cross, and was also a witness to her Lord, risen from the dead. In recognition of the importance of her role in the life of the early Church, her liturgical celebration was raised from a simple 'Memorial' to a 'Feast Day' by Pope Francis.

Thursday is the **European Feast of St Bridget of Sweden** – a fourteenth century Swede, devoted wife and mother of eight. As a widow, she founded the religious order of Bridgettines, one of their main apostolates is hospitality.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Charbel Maklout** - a nineteenth century Maronite monk, priest and hermit in the Lebanon; his reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. Following his death, Christians and Muslims soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage; it was renowned for cures. Blessed Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonised him twelve years later.

Saturday is the **Feast of St James** – this apostle, the brother of John, was the first to follow his Master in being put to death. According to tradition, he went to Spain to preach the gospel; whether this is an historical fact or not, his famous shrine at Santiago de Compostella still attracts pilgrims in their thousands.

REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
18-19 July		
6.30 pm	Frank Smith Jean Capps	Graham Rogan-Hill
9.00 am	Pat Pridham Aimee Peters	Marguerite Crossfield
11.30 am	Onyema Agbebi Susan Smithson	Louise Seaton
25-26 July		
6.30 pm	Doug Mongan Kim Pritchard	Maria Smith
9.00 am	Ken Hay Lorna Lyons	Andrew Green
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Michael Chadwick	Attracta Caulfield-Ross
1-2 Aug		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Terence Osuji	Martin O'Regan
8-9 Aug		
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 Aug		
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 Aug		
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

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.

Prayer belongs to everyone: to men and women of every religion, and probably also to those who profess none. Prayer arises in our innermost self, in that interior place that spiritual authors call "heart" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2562-2563). Therefore, it is not something peripheral that prays within us, it is not some secondary and marginal ability that we have, but rather it is our most intimate mystery. It is this mystery that prays. Feelings pray, but one cannot say that prayer is only feeling. Intelligence prays, but praying is not simply an intellectual act. The body prays, but one can speak with God even having the most serious disability. Thus the entire man prays if he prays with his "heart" - Pope Francis, General Audience, 13 May 2020