



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those who may wish to pray quietly. Before Mass, try to keep conversation to a minimum and avoid behaviour which could distract others.



Please switch off, or silence, mobile telephones.



A loop system is in operation throughout the church. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or to the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Cristiana Bianco, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Charles O'Neill died on Saturday 12 November. His body will be brought to the church on Thursday 1 December at 5 pm; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 2 December at 11.15 am followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium at 12.45 pm.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

26 Nov–2 Dec: Pearl Williams, Thomas Keenan, Michael Spelling, Clement Collard, Jerry O'Mahoney, Leo Mason, Vera Spelling, Alf Dunsdon, Paul Jude, Doreen Macgregor, Louise Edwards and Mary O'Leary.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Marie and Tom Keenan.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of David Barwell.

Thanks to many generous donations, the shrine lights are being maintained for the whole of this year. A list in the porch gives the few dates that are still available for 2023; envelopes are available in the porch should you wish to contribute to the upkeep of Our Lady's or St Joseph's lights.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 26 Nov : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 27 Nov : 9.00 am Eddie Margot RIP (O'Driscoll)

11.30 am In Thanksgiving (Vettath Family)

Monday 28 Nov : 9.15 am Marie and Tom Keenan RIP (Dolby)

Tuesday 29 Nov : 9.15 am Joe and Michael Spelling RIP (June)

Wednesday 30 Nov : 9.15 am Maria da Graca Sobral RIP (Smith)

Thursday 1 Dec : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 2 Dec : 9.15 am Father Martin Orme RIP (PACT East Anglia)

11.15 am Requiem Mass for Charles O'Neill

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 3 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 4 Dec : 9.00 am Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

11.30 am Gill Hislop RIP (Welcome)

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First Sunday of Advent

26-27 November 2022



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

This weekend we begin the new Church year with the four-week season of Advent. The Roman Calendar says most explicitly: "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time."

The Christian word "advent" (*adventus*) is not of Christian origin: some pagan religions celebrated annually the manifestation of the divinity that came to dwell in its temple at a particular time of year; that feast was called *adventus*. Often a statue of the divinity was placed in the temple sanctuary – when it literally returned to its temple. The shift in meaning came with the institution of the season of Christmas-Epiphany; Christians celebrate the coming of the Son of God in the temple of his flesh and his return, when all is concluded. In this season, we are given the time and space to wait in 'joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ'.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Chace Boswell-Gittens into God's family, the Church; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living; our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; any offerings you make will help to provide Masses for the Holy Souls, celebrated during November and throughout the year.

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

was broken into this past week; the organisers and volunteers are working hard this weekend to restore order and make deliveries to those in need. They are particularly short of:

items of food in tins or jars: eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard long life milk or fruit juice

items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste

cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

VISIT TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 – they are due to start school in September 2023. St Patrick's would like you and your child to come and visit our Reception Class. Please call or e-mail the school office to book your place on a visit on Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 pm: 01708-745655 or office@saint-patricks.org.uk *We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.*



PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £661.36 (£285.00 of this was gift aided). The second collection for National Youth Day came to £347.03 (£175.40 gift-aided). Thank you for your kind giving.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2023 edition of the Diocesan Yearbook has arrived and is available in the porch, priced £2.95. If you wish to purchase one, please place your payment in the wall safe labelled "Diocesan Directories".

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch from this weekend, and for several weeks thereafter, are boxes of religious Christmas Cards, priced at £3.50 per box and containing 18 cards, i.e., approximately 19p each.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Brochures are available from CAFOD with ideas for alternative Christmas giving; instead of spending on presents for family or friends, buy something on their behalf for individuals or communities in the developing world. £20 will buy 'Chirpy Chickens' for vulnerable families – so they can produce eggs to eat or sell. £28 will buy a 'Goat that Gives'.

ADVENT SERVICE

at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27 November at 4.00 p.m. With music from the Cathedral choir, readings and lighting of the Advent wreath led by Bishop Alan Williams, this is a perfect way to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome. You can also watch this service on the Thresholds of Hope page on youtube: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Andrew** – it was Andrew who introduced his brother Simon (Peter) to the Lord. Eventually, with James and John, they left all to follow Jesus. Andrew is patron saint of Russia and Scotland.

Thursday is the **Diocesan Memorial of Blessed John Beche** – he became abbot of Colchester St John's in 1535 and refused to surrender his abbey to the King. His private remarks showing his disgust at the government's religious policy were enough for him to be arrested and executed at Colchester.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN – change of venue and times

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

YOUTH MASS WITH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Thursday 1st December from 6.00 pm at Brentwood Cathedral

For the season of Advent, we invite you to take part in a service of Reconciliation at Brentwood Cathedral followed by our Monthly Youth Mass. As well as priests being available to hear confession, there will be a number of prayer stations available to help you focus and reflect throughout the session. If you have never been to Reconciliation, have not been able to go for a number of years, or simply don't know where to start then please don't be put off – there will be plenty of people there to guide you and answer your questions PLUS there will be pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall beforehand (from 6 pm)!

ADVENT RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th December, Walsingham House. A weekend of journeying through Advent with the Walsingham House team, open to anyone in school years 10 to 13. Join us for retreat sessions that bring alive the true meaning of Christmas in new and exciting ways, as well as times for peaceful prayer and reflection. The cost of the weekend is just £40, which will include all meals, accommodation and activities!

MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is also available in the 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.

As usual, 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 (at 9.00 am the Acclamation is usually sung by the choir and people).

3 = Universal Prayer

26-27 November		
7 November		A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. 3. Shirley Hay	Adam Beddoe
3-4 December		
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6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Barbara Binder
10-11 December		
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6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Margaret Moffat
17-18 December		
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6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	