

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

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

items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste
cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Last Few Places on Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB LTD

Saturday 18 March - Irish Evening with 'The Craic' Tickets £7

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

11-17 Mar: Nicholas Zervos, Liam Brennan, Bridie Clancy, Karl Deal, Maria Mazza, John Harrington, Eric Moores, Kevin White, Hannah White, Pat O'Mahoney, Robert Hitchcock, Dennis Carroll, Leslie Jones and Frances Byrne.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Dennis & Marguerite Carroll.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the staff and pupils of St Patrick's School.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 11 Mar : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 12 Mar : 9.00 am Stephen Lee RIP (Serrette)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 13 Mar : 9.15 am Welcome family (Kate)

Tuesday 14 Mar : 9.15 am Matildes Fernandes RIP (Delima)

Wednesday 15 Mar : 9.15 am Hannah, James & Kevin White RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 16 Mar : 9.15 am Joan Marian Studman RIP (Capps)

Friday 17 Mar : 9.15 am Intentions of the Donor

11.00 am St Patrick's Day School Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 18 Mar : 6.30 pm Holy Souls

Sunday 19 Mar : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Maria Julia Nobrega RIP (Diaz)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Third Sunday of Lent

11-12 March 2023



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

WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays in Lent : 7.30 pm

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

LENT OFFERINGS FOR THE CAFOD

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Last weekend a further £120.74 was contributed to this Appeal; the total raised so far: **£1108.69**. Our aid agency CAFOD is already delivering emergency aid to the stricken areas of Turkey and Syria. Our Lenten Offerings will also go to support this desperate cause. It is also possible to make a donation 'on-line' by visiting the CAFOD website, where there is an option, if you are a UK taxpayer, to gift aid your donation.

DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we set out on the journey to Easter, we ask ourselves: "What could I do to help deepen my spiritual life?" Giving something up shouldn't mean extra (saved) money in our pockets: why not give an appropriate amount to a charity of your choice or support our Lenten Offerings Appeal. The basket will at the back of the church throughout Lent. *Some other suggestions to help make Lent special:* try to create some time for quiet – for thought and prayer, for reflecting on the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass at 9.15 am (Monday to Friday) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £887.53 (£338.90 of this was gift aided); included in this figure is £163.79 which was collected following the Requiem Mass for John Leyden. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion in the summer celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please remember them in your prayers.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

As we continue to make available for sale in the Church Porch, cards for St. Patrick's Day 17th March and Mother's Day 19th March, please note that from next weekend 11/12th March and for several weeks thereafter Easter cards will be available. Easter Sunday is 9th April.

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled Do this in memory of me, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Lenten Lunches on Fridays between 12.30 and 2.00 throughout Lent at St Edwards Parish Hall, Park End Road, Romford Please come along for a ploughmans' lunch including tea and coffee and most importantly, a chat and get-together. All welcome. All proceeds to go towards various charities.

LENT MASS READINGS

All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout to register, email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HIT THE ROAD heads South-East

The Champion School's annual fundraising walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust takes place on Saturday, 29th April. The 20-mile walk from Woolwich starts off along the River Thames before heading through parks and woodlands to Charlton and Eltham and then making our way back to the river at Greenwich. We then follow the Thames to Tower Bridge, finishing our walk at the Brewdog, Tower Hill. The 10-mile walk starts near Grove Park Station and then follows the second half of the 20-mile route. The entry fee of £15 adults/£10 concessions includes a t-shirt and certificate. Further information, including online entry, is available on our school website. <https://www.thecampionschool.org.uk/beyond-the-classroom/hit-the-road>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please call Victoria on telephone: 01277-265284 or email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 15 March 2020

(given, during the pandemic, from the Vatican's Apostolic Library)

The Gospel passage from today, the Third Sunday of Lent, tells us of Jesus' meeting with a Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-42). He is on a journey with his disciples and takes a break near a well in Samaria. The Samaritans

were considered heretics by the Jews, and were very much despised as second-class citizens. Jesus is tired, thirsty. A woman arrives to draw water and he says to her: "Give me a drink" (v. 7). Breaking every barrier, he begins a dialogue in which he reveals to the woman the mystery of living water, that is, of the Holy Spirit, God's gift. Indeed, in response to the woman's surprised reaction, Jesus says: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (v. 10).

Water is the focus of this dialogue. On the one hand, water is an essential element that slakes the body's thirst and sustains life. On the other, water is a symbol of divine grace that gives eternal life. In the biblical tradition God is the source of living water: as it says in Psalms and in the Prophets: distancing oneself from God, the source of living water, and from his Law, leads to the worst drought. This is the experience of the People of Israel in the desert. During their long journey to freedom, as they were dying of thirst, they cried out against Moses and against God because there was no water. Thus, God willed Moses to make water flow from a rock, as a sign of the Providence of God, accompanying his people and giving them life (cf. Ex 17:1-7).

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota (from 11-12 March) is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

There are a few paper copies in the Sacristy.

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

11-12 March		A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. 3. Shirley Hay	Barbara Binder
18-19 March		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat
25-26 March		C
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Louise Seaton
1-2 April		D
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	Michael Chadwick