



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.

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)

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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 . . .

13-19 Aug: Thomas McCarthy, Carmela Clarke, Peter Hughes, Winnie Dempsey, Elsie Lawrence, Jean Crane, Tommy Lyons, Maria Pilar Almaluez, Albert Hickey, Hetty Fortkamp, Anne Wotherspoon and Kath Tomlinson.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of the donor.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for Jeremy & Diane McCarthy - in thanksgiving.

Thanks to many generous donations, the shrine lights are being maintained for the whole of this year. A list in the porch gives 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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 13 Aug : 6.30 pm Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

Sunday 14 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Kate Tomlinson RIP (Clive)

Monday 15 Aug : 9.15 am Eddie & Darren Margot RIP (Teresa and family)

Tuesday 16 Aug : 9.15 am Father Pat Sammon int

Wednesday 17 Aug : 9.15 am Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Thursday 18 Aug : 9.15 am Michael & Mary Hegarty RIP (Chadwick)

Friday 19 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 20 Aug : 6.30 pm Victor Abolade Babalola RIP (Babalola family)

Sunday 21 Aug : 9.00 am Ronald Clive Nash RIP (Nassiwa)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 13-14 August 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

NEW ROTAS FOR SERVERS, READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

The new rota (starting next weekend) was uploaded to the parish website on 19 July; a few paper copies are available in the sacristy.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £711.30 (£385.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your kind giving.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS – hands and face

Please continue to: sanitise hands and prevent the spread of infection by wearing face coverings in church when there are a number of people present. At weekend Masses we have many people in the church, some of whom are vulnerable. All of us have a responsibility to keep them safe – so we ask you, if you can, to continue to wear face masks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Corpus Christi Church pre-Covid ran a liturgy group every Sunday at 11.30am Mass. The aim is to resume service to support our young children in having a productive, supportive and friendly experience at Mass, where they learn about Jesus and the Gospels in an age-related way. Ultimately we want our children to want to come to church.

We are looking to expand our team of catechists and are looking for volunteers to join our existing group of committed volunteers. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED. We are able to train anyone who wants to be involved. You will be required to undergo a DBS application as all volunteer roles where adults are working in regulated activities with children require this under safeguarding protocols.

If you enjoy working with young children Foundation to Year 2, have a passion for spreading God's Good News and enjoy working in a team, this is the role for you. As well as training, we will offer you support and a warm welcome.

Why do we want to expand our team? Quite simply the more adults we have the less burden lies on those in the team and we can ensure consistency of provision throughout the year.

We offer the liturgy every Sunday in term time only, so there are no commitments during school holiday periods. We run a rota so no one finds themselves leading every week. We provide all resources, you would just need to build in set up and clear up time particularly when leading the session. If interested please give me a call: Catherine Burnett 07980 808317.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary** – an example of what a good Christian ruler should be; he died in 1038.

Friday is the **Memorial of St John Eudes** – this French priest was the one who, about 300 years ago, was the first to spread 'official' devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

from the Pope's *Angelus Address* on the Solemnity of the Assumption, 15 August 2021

In today's Gospel, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, the Magnificat resounds in the liturgy. This hymn of praise is like a "photograph" of the Mother of God. Mary "rejoices in God because he has looked on the humility of his handmaid" (cf Lk 1:47-48).

Mary's secret is humility. It is her humility that attracted God's gaze to her. The human eye always looks for grandeur and allows itself to be dazzled by what is flashy. Instead, God does not look at the appearance. God looks at the heart (cf 1 Sam 16:7) and is enchanted by humility. Humility of heart enchants God. Today, looking at Mary assumed into heaven, we can say that humility is the way that leads to Heaven. The word "humility" comes from the Latin word humus, which means "earth". It is paradoxical: to arrive on high, into Heaven, what is needed is to stay low, like the earth! Jesus teaches this: "he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve. Mary, in fact, attributes no other "title" except servant to herself: she is, "the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38). She says nothing else about herself, she seeks nothing else for herself.

Today, then, let us ask ourselves, each one of us in our heart: how am I doing with humility? Do I seek to be recognized by others, to affirm myself and to be praised, or do I think rather about serving? Do I know how to listen, like Mary, or do I want only to speak and receive attention? Do I know how to keep silence, like Mary, or am I always chattering? Do I know how to take a step back, defuse quarrels and arguments, or do I always want to stand out? Let us think about these questions: how am I doing with humility?

In her littleness, Mary wins Heaven first. The secret of her success is precisely that she recognizes her lowliness, that she recognizes her need. With God, only those who recognize themselves as nothing can receive the all. Only those who empty themselves can be filled by him. And Mary is the "full of grace" (v. 28) precisely because of her humility. For us too, humility is always the point of departure, the beginning of our having faith. It is fundamental to be poor in spirit, that is, in need of God. Those who are filled with themselves have no space for God — and we are often full of ourselves - but those who remain humble allow the Lord to accomplish great things (cf v. 49).

GAP YEAR AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Held every Wednesday from 10:30am till 12:30pm at St Michael's Church, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford, RM2 5EL. Donation: £5.

RETRouvaille: a Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group

work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

A message from Kate Welcome

During my time in Lourdes I prayed for each of you and your intentions which were also left at the grotto. Donations you gave me were put in the appropriate box there. I arranged for a Mass to be said for all the parishioners of Corpus Christi for Fr. Philip and John. Lourdes water is available in the Sacristy; please bring your own bottle!

MINISTRY ROTA

Please note that there are a number of changes to the rota. Readers (and altar servers) are now organised into five groups: A – E

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*

13-14 August		A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. 3. Shirley Hay	Michael Chadwick
20-21 August		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman	Dylan Scott
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	Adam Beddoe
27-28 August		C
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. 2. Lisa Walker 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Barbara Binder
3-4 September		D
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	Margaret Moffat

Pope Francis recalls the beautiful thought - that the poet Dante calls the Virgin Mary, "humbler and loftier than any creature" (Paradise, XXXIII, 2).