

“WILL WE SURVIVE OR DROWN?”

Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in Northern France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in our Guided Meditation : “A minute on the Aegean Sea”. Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on our website: www.calaislight.com & please donate. Thank you.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **National Feast of St Patrick** – this apostle to Ireland established the faith there during the early fifth century. His success was due largely to his personal holiness. On this day we remember a prayer for the pupils and staff of our St Patrick’s Primary School.

Friday is the **Solemnity of St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – patron saint of the Universal Church, of the missions and of the dying.

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

Those who have died recently . . .

Mary Hegarty died on Wednesday 30 December; we remember Mick and their family in our prayers. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 24 March at 9.45 am.

David Barwell died on Saturday 13 February; his funeral will take place here on Friday 26 March at 10.30 am. We remember Helen and their family in our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

13-19 March: Eric Moores, Kevin White, Hannah White, Pat O’Mahoney, Robert Hitchcock, Dennis Carroll, Leslie Jones, Frances Byrne, Vera Wright, George Compton, Ivy Servois, Bernard Gay, Emmon Galvin, Julie Greene and Rita Blake.

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 the intentions of Pat Czermak.

The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch. There are a limited number of weeks available.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 13 March : 6.30 pm Intentions of Pope Francis
Sunday 14 March : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Matilda Fernandes)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 15 March : 9.00 am Hannah, James & Kevin White RIP (McGoay)
Tuesday 16 March : 9.00 am Paul Collins RIP (McCarthy)
Wednesday 17 March : 9.00 am Holy Souls
Thursday 18 March : 9.00 am Holy Souls
Friday 19 March : 9.00 am Josef Czermak RIP (Pat)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 20 March : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 21 March : 9.00 am David Pye RIP (Pye family)
11.30 am Cyril Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)

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Father Philip Denton

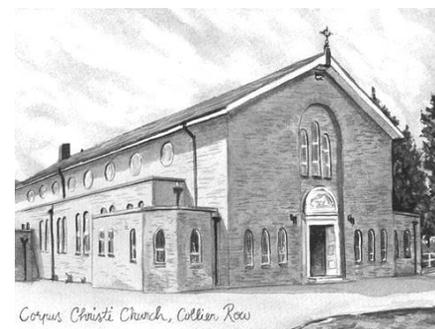
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Fourth Sunday of Lent - *Laetare*

13-14 March 2021



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

every morning for private prayer until 12 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

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent : 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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the parish website

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

DURING LENT

This year our special Lenten Offerings Appeal is helping to boost our support for SPICMA – providing water for rural parts of Kenya and Uganda. The bucket is at the back of the church throughout Lent and, if you have gift aid envelopes, you may wish to wait until Holy Week to include your Lenten Offerings in your gift-aided giving.

Some suggestions to help make Lent special: try to create some time for quiet – for thought, reflection and prayer, for pondering the Word of God. Come to a weekday Mass or follow it at home via livestreaming (access it from the Home page of the parish website: www.corpuschristicollierrow.org) , visit the church for private prayer (open daily until 12 noon) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 pm.

KYRIES IN LENT

During Holy Communion on the Sundays throughout Lent we will hear different musical settings of the Kyrie (the ‘Lord, have mercy’ from the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass). The setting this weekend is by William Byrd from his *Mass for Four Voices*. A convert, he composed much liturgical music for the Catholic liturgy at a time of turbulent change in the faith of this country. Under the patronage of the Petre family of Ingatestone Hall, he spent his later years living at Stondon Massey in Essex, where he died in 1623. As a Catholic, the site of his grave in the churchyard was left unmarked and is not known; there is a memorial to him in the parish church.

PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £561.56 (of which £259.00 was gift-aided). Standing Orders for the past month came to: £2678.61. Thank you for your continued generosity.

DONATIONS USING QR CODES

It is now possible to make donations using your mobile phone and QR codes. There are notices in the porch for contributions to the parish.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the Church – cards for Mother’s Day, 14th March and St. Patrick’s Day, 17th March. Easter cards will be available from this weekend (Easter Sunday 4th April).

MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
13-14 March		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Catherine Burnett
20-21 March		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Michaela Henkel
27-28 March		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Pridham	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Elaine New
3-4 April		
7.30 pm	EASTER	VIGIL
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Alexandra Burt-Allen
10-11 April		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	John McKie
17-18 April		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Adam Beddoe

THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

The CBA announces the live streamed launch of the latest document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission in its English translation. 'What is Man? A Journey through Biblical Anthropology' will be available from Darton Longman and Todd www.dltbooks.com Professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, professor at the Gregorian University and member of the Commission, will speak at the event on Saturday 20th March from 11 am GMT. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event. Please access the live stream free event by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions on the home page.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please check this rota carefully - there are a number of changes.

This rota is also on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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.*

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy.

They remove their face covering just before reading and replace it immediately afterwards.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.

BCYS VOICES - I hear about refugees and I ask, "what can I do"?

Inspired by his grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader (and a Corpus Christi parishioner), travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mvrRrDH0>. More details of the whole BCYS voices series and much more at www.bcys.net

HOLY WEEK ARRANGEMENTS

We have already been giving some thought to the shape of our liturgies during Holy Week. Last year, you will remember, places of worship were all closed down and Holy Week cancelled; this year we will be open but, as with all our recent Masses, there will have to be some adaptations to provide a Covid-secure liturgy. Congregational singing is still banned. We have now received detailed guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales, together with instructions from Rome:

GOOD FRIDAY

The Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday afternoon is relatively similar to what we are used to – with three key changes.

- The reading of the Passion will involve three readers with no congregational participation.
- The Solemn Prayers will be introduced by a reader from the ambo, with each prayer read by Father Philip at the Chair. An additional prayer has been inserted for use "in time of pandemic".
- The Veneration will be done by us all as the Cross is brought into the church in procession. Touching or kissing the Holy Cross is not permitted (as this the case for all images and pictures in the church).

HOLY SATURDAY

There will be some noticeable differences to the Great Vigil of Easter.

- The Liturgy of Light will take the form of a simple lighting of the new Paschal Candle (there will be no New Fire, Procession of Light or candles for the people).
- The number of scripture readings is reduced.
- Baptisms and Receptions into the Church are not taking place; the font will be blessed and we will renew our baptismal promises; there is to be no sprinkling with holy water and the stoups at the entrance to the church have to remain empty.

READERS

If you will be available to read at any of the Triduum liturgies – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday – please put your name on the sheet in the porch. We will use this to draw up a list of Readers for these ceremonies.

Message from Kate Welcome, Missio Parish Co-ordinator

Copies of the spring edition of the Missio magazine are now available at the back of the church. Amongst some very interesting articles is one highlighting the twenty missionaries killed worldwide in 2020: 8 priests, one Religious man, three Religious women, two seminarians and six lay people. These included two girls aged 10 and 12 in Nicaragua who were members of Mission Together, the junior branch of Missio. Also there is a countless number of Christians who died due to Covid. Many of these faithful people dedicated their lives to the care of others. Please remember you can give me your red box donations at any time or leave it in the sanctuary. Details of many other ways of donating to Missio directly are outlined in the Missio magazine in an article entitled Think Outside the Box. Thank you for your continued support of Missio, both financially and in prayer.

BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021

Join us in "giving" rather than "giving up" this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The NewWay Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 and if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org