

THE CRY OF CREATION – A STUDY DAY ON LAUDATO SI – Saturday 4 September

As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato si'*, on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark and associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to www.whatgoodnews.org – the event is scheduled for 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4th September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

JOB VACANCY – COOK & KITCHEN SUPERVISOR at Walsingham House Abbotswick

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting at the end of September 2021. The closing date is midday on 29th August. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can be found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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, Mary Treston and Gwen Wright.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

7-13 Aug: James Anderson, Bill Ragan, Peter Prendergast, Eileen Treston, Eileen Rogers, James White, Mary O'Callaghan, Michael Dennis, Dermot Forde, Ernest Pridmore, Siobhain Furlong, Thomas McCarthy and Carmela Clarke.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Joseph Frendo.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of James Birnie.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; several weeks in 2022 have already been covered.



MASS INTENTIONS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7 Aug : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 8 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Cole family)

11.30 am Julie Jennings RIP (Peters)

Monday 9 Aug : 9.15 am Chris Ogbechie – healing (Rose)

Tuesday 10 Aug : 9.15 am Chris Ogbechie – healing (Rose)

Wednesday 11 Aug : 9.15 am Chris Ogbechie – healing (Rose)

Thursday 12 Aug : 9.15 am Chris Ogbechie – healing (Rose)

Friday 13 Aug : 9.15 am Chris Ogbechie – healing (Rose)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 14 Aug : 6.30 pm John O'Rourke RIP (McCarthy)

Sunday 15 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2AP

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

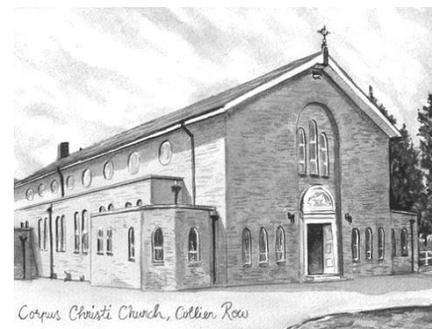
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7-8 August 2021



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

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

COVID-19 STEP FOUR GUIDANCE

For the time-being, please:

- **Sanitise your hands** on entry into the church.
- **Wear face coverings properly** - to protect others from being infected.
- **Keep to the new seating arrangements** - sit wherever you can find sufficient space and leave at least 1 metre between yourself and people who are not members of your household or bubble.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome David Shkambi and Oscar & Rory Rignall into God's Family and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Our congratulations and good wishes to Jade Sterry and Christopher Arekion who will marry here on Wednesday.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £737.41 (£330.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

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.

THE CHURCH REPOSITORY

The Repository is now open after all weekend Masses and also on request. There is a good selection of cards for all occasions including First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Christian Birthday cards, Get Well and Thinking of You cards, etc., together with other religious items. Please continue to wear face coverings while at the Repository. Thank you.

FATHERS' GROUP

Colin Smith will be starting a group for fathers in the coming weeks. This will be a great opportunity for dads of all ages in the parish to get together one evening a month for a short time of guided prayer in church followed by an informal social. The aim is to strengthen family men in their faith and example, and to build fellowship. Each month we will take a different theme or form of prayer. The group will be a joint initiative with St. Edward's in Romford. Please email Colin at colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com to register your interest or if you would like to find out more.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

An evening celebrating re-opening following lockdown: live music with **KELLY'S HEROES** on Friday 27 August – tickets £10.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **European Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)** – born at Wroclaw, Poland, in 1891 into a Jewish German family. Although raised in the Jewish tradition, at fourteen Edith declared herself an atheist. She studied philosophy at Göttingen and Freiburg with a special interest in phenomenology. Drawn to the Catholic faith, she converted and was baptised in 1922. Her career as a teacher was interrupted by the racist Nuremberg Laws, and she entered the Carmelite convent at Cologne, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In 1942, she was deported together with her sister, to the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where she died in a gas chamber. She was canonised in 1998 – a daughter of Israel and of the Church and has since been declared a Patron of Europe.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Lawrence** – deacon of the church at Rome under Pope Sixtus II, he was ordered by the city prefect to hand over the church's valuables. He collected together the poor and the sick and presented them, saying: 'Here is the church's treasure'. He was arrested in 258 during the persecution of Valerian, and was put to death by being roasted on a gridiron. According to tradition, when on the point of death, he said: 'Let my body be turned; one side is roasted enough'.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Clare** - born of a noble family at Assisi in 1194, she was deeply moved by the life and teaching of St Francis and decided to follow his example. She founded the order of Poor Clares, giving it a Rule that was approved in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX and was confirmed by Innocent IV, the year of Clare's death. When confined to her death-bed she was reputed to have been able to see what was going on in the convent chapel; as a result she was made patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII in 1958.

In the Orthodox Calendar, Wednesday is also the **Memorial of St Alexander of Comana** – patron saint of colliers (charcoal burners) – the origin of the name 'Collier Row'. So, he could be said to be our own patron saint. St Alexander prayer cards are available in the porch – please help yourself. The pub sign at the Colley Rowe Inn has an image of him.

Friday is the **Memorial of SS Pontian and Hippolytus** – both were martyrs of the early third century: Pontian being Pope and Hippolytus a priest. It is from the writings of Hippolytus that we know many details of the life and worship of Christians of that era.

Saturday is the **Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe** – during the Nazi occupation of his Polish homeland, this Capuchin friar harboured over 2000 Jews and other refugees. Arrested and taken to the original Auschwitz concentration camp, he begged to be allowed to die in place of another. Thrown into one of the notorious starvation cells, he was finished off with a lethal injection of phenol. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL – this year's virtual pilgrimage

Videos of the events celebrated during "Lourdes at Your Local" all remain on the BCYS YouTube channel, so if you want a week of "virtual" pilgrimage at any time in the summer, you will be able to watch and pray at times that suit you. The direct link to the week is: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLESr0mOwfx_Zcj5_CvgdpZKtL8aGZXoI0 or, for easier typing, the channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/BrentwoodCYS> and "Lourdes at your Local" is at the top of the page.

CYCLING FOR CHARITY - "Pedalling through the Pandemic"

Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of the Diocese, has been cycling for many months, heading towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. To find out more phone 01708-740308 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you want to donate via cheque or cash or sponsor him: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50 Thank you for any support you can give.

ON-LINE RETREAT - Living Laudato Si' : 15th – 18th October

Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section. There are also hard copies available in the Sacristy for those who do not use the internet.

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.

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*

3 = *Universal Prayer*

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

7-8 August		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green 3. Colin Smith	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Michaela Henkel
14-15 August		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. 3. Terence Osuji	Elaine New
21-22 August		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Shirley Hay	Catherine Burnett
28-29 August		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman	Henrietta Opposing
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3.	Michaela Henkel