

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised two study days – on Saturday 4 September and Saturday 2 October from 11.00 to 12.30 – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (*Laudato si'*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, 'The Cry of Creation' and 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

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

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 and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

28 Aug to 3 Sept: Mary Anne Falzon, William Hayes, Ralph Secker, Patrick Joseph Hughes, Paul Sullivan, Teresa Parker, Bob Wells, Tom Connolly, Bridget Overson and George Scott.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Doris and Ralph Stevens.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Teresa Smith.

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Amedrovi RIP (D'amico)

Sunday 29 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am George Okoye RIP (Ify)

Monday 30 Aug : 9.15 am For the people of Afghanistan (Welcome)

Tuesday 31 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 1 Sept : 9.15 am Lily McAndrew RIP (Haberlin)

Thursday 2 Sept : 9.15 am Kathleen & Anna Heraty int (Carroll)

Friday 3 Sept : 9.15 am Holy Souls

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 Sept : 6.30 pm Vittorio D'amico RIP (Marcello)

Sunday 5 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Cole family)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

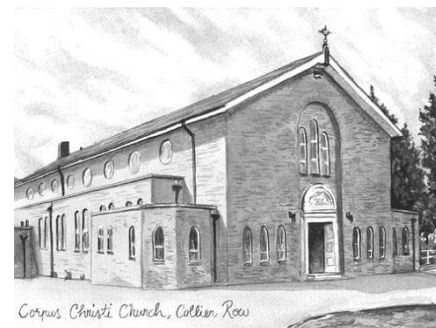
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 28-29 August 2021



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

MAINTAINING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

For the time-being, please:

- **Sanitise your hands** on entry into the church.
- **Wear face coverings properly** – this is to protect others from being infected (even if you are 'double-jabbed', you can carry the virus and pass it on to others).
- **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 Zachary Britton into God's Family and pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

If you have a child going into Year 3 in September (or older) and you would like them to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion next summer – please send us an email with the child's name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you (or telephone the Parish Office) and we will get back to you once the preparation programme has been finalised.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES

Our good wishes to Lilly for a wonderful day on Tuesday, when she celebrates a special milestone. Lilly is Sharon Newman's Nan and Linda Withers' Aunt.

BRING AND BUY SALE

Sunday 5 September ~ 9.00 am – 1.00 pm outside church.

Donations (in good condition please) can be left in advance in the church porch.

Help required on the day to set up stalls and sell goods.

All proceeds will go towards church gardening.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £599.11 (£328.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

GIFT AID ANNUAL STATEMENTS 2020-21

The annual Gift Aid statements have been emailed to those people for whom we have an email address. If you do not have an email address and require a printed statement please call the Parish Office to request one.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward** – three of the many women martyrs of the Reformation. **Margaret Clitherow** was born at York in 1536; she converted to Catholicism, for which she was imprisoned for two years. Upon release, she sheltered priests in her home. Arrested again, she was condemned to the horrible penalty of being slowly pressed to death. She died at York in 1586. **Anne Line** was born at Dunmow in Essex. A convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour in our church, a gift of the Catholic Women's League. **Margaret Ward** was hanged at Tyburn in 1588 for the crime of rescuing a priest.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Aidan** – a saintly bishop who established Holy Island as a missionary base for preaching the gospel in northern England. Aidan died in 651. His monastery became a powerhouse of prayer and faith, producing many saints of the north including St Cuthbert (whose Memorial is this Friday).

Wednesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Sebbi**, King of the East Saxons – after thirty peaceful years as king, he received the monastic habit at London, died shortly afterwards and was buried in Old St Paul's.

Friday is the **National Feast of St Gregory the Great** – a truly outstanding Pope and Doctor of the Church. It is said that he was captivated by the sight of a group of blond-haired people from England, on sale in the slave market. When told that they were Angles, he is supposed to have remarked: 'They are not Angles, but Angels'. In 596 he sent Augustine and forty Benedictine monks to convert these English people – Augustine becoming the first Archbishop of Canterbury. A pioneer of liturgical reform, the style of singing known as Gregorian Chant is named after him (though it was written many centuries after he died).

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.

An extract from the *Angelus Address*, **Pope Francis**, St Peter's Square, 30 August 2015
"Pay heed! With these words [*in today's Gospel Reading*], Jesus wants to caution us too, today, against the belief that outward observance of the law is enough to make us good Christians. Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable or, even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules, customs, even though we do not love our neighbour, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud. Literal observance of the precepts is a fruitless exercise which does not change the heart and turn into practical behaviour: opening oneself to meet God and his Word in prayer, seeking justice and peace, taking care of the poor, the weak, the downtrodden. We all know, in our communities, in our parishes, in our neighbourhoods, how much harm and scandal is done to the Church by those people who say they are deeply Catholic and often go to Church, but who then neglect their family in daily life, speak badly of others and so on. This is what Jesus condemns because this is a counter-witness to Christianity."

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.

28-29 August		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman	Henrietta Oppong
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
4-5 September		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll 3. Jean Capps	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Colin Smith 2. Lisa Walker 3. Maria Green	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Elaine New
11-12 September		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen
18-19 September		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	John McKie