

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, Mary Treston and Gwen Wright.

Those who have died recently . . .

Georgina Hewitt (previously known to parishioners as Gina Shonk) died on 1st February. Her ashes will be buried at Corbets Tey following a Memorial Mass here on Thursday.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

14-20 Aug: Peter Hughes, Winnie Dempsey, Elsie Lawrence, Jean Crane, Tommy Lyons, Maria Pilar Almaluez, Albert Hickey, Hetty Fortkamp, Anne Wotherspoon and Thomas Kelly.

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 Mary Peters.

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

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)

Monday 16 Aug : 9.15 am Christina Guyvers-White RIP (McGoay)

Tuesday 17 Aug : 9.15 am Peter Montrose RIP (Dolby)

Wednesday 18 Aug : 9.15 am Noreen Guilder RIP (Lawrence)

Thursday 19 Aug : 9.15 am Kelly Ellen Philpot RIP (Callcut/Tosley)

10.00 am Memorial Mass for Georgina Hewitt

Friday 20 Aug : 9.15 am Geoffrey Stechman RIP (Peters)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21 Aug : 6.30 pm Brendan Lynch int (Smyth)

Sunday 22 Aug : 9.00 am Holy Souls

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14-15 August 2021



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 week we welcome Max Fisher, Roseann Fernandes and Louis Barrett into God's Family and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £588.32 (£281.50 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 **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 Bernard** – a founder of the great Cistercian order of monks. His writings include important passages about Our Lady. It may have been St Bernard who wrote the *Memorare* and the hymns *Jerusalem the golden* and *Daily, daily, sing to Mary*.

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, Saturday 15 August 2020

When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity. Going to the moon serves us little if we do not live as brothers and sisters on Earth. But that one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth" (*Lumen gentium*, 68).

What does our Mother advise us? Today in the Gospel the first thing she says is: "My soul magnifies the Lord" (Lk 1:46). Accustomed to hearing these words, perhaps we no longer pay attention to their meaning, perhaps we no longer pay attention to their meaning. To "magnify" literally means "to make great", to enlarge. Mary "aggrandises the Lord": not problems, which she did not lack at the time, but the Lord. How often, instead, we let ourselves be overwhelmed by difficulties and absorbed by fears! Our Lady does not, because she puts God as the first greatness of life. From here the *Magnificat* springs forth, from here joy is born: not from the absence of problems, which come sooner or later, but joy is born from the presence of God who helps us, who is near us. Because God is great. And, above all, God looks on the lowly ones. We are His weakness of love: God looks on and loves the lowly.

Mary, in fact, acknowledges that she is small and exalts the "great things" (v. 49) the Lord has done for her. What are they? First and foremost, the unexpected gift of life: Mary is a virgin yet she becomes pregnant; and Elizabeth, too, who was elderly, is expecting a child. The Lord works wonders with those who are lowly, with those who do not believe that they are great but who give ample space to God in their life. He enlarges His mercy to those who trust in Him, and raises up the humble. Mary praises God for this.

And we - we might ask ourselves - do we remember to praise God? Do we thank Him for the great things He does for us? For every day that He gives us, because He always loves us and forgives us, for His tenderness? In addition, for having given us His Mother, for the brothers and sisters He puts on our path, and because He opened Heaven to us? Do we thank God, praise God for these things? If we forget the good, our hearts shrink. But if, like Mary, we remember the great things that the Lord does, if at least once a day we were to "magnify" Him, then we would take a great step forward. One time during the day to say: "I praise the Lord", to say, "Blessed be the Lord", which is a short prayer of praise. This is praising God. With this short prayer, our hearts will expand, joy will increase. Let us ask Our Lady, the Gate of Heaven, for the grace to begin each day by raising our eyes to Heaven, toward God, to say to Him: "Thank you!" as the lowly ones say to the great ones. "Thank you".

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 found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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/frdominic500at50 Thank you for any support you can give.

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.

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 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