

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

items of food in tins or jars: eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard, long life milk or long life fruit juice, bags of sugar.

items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste

cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE : MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

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 in memory of Joseph Frendo.

Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Isabella Ayres, Francesco Bianco, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Alice Ragan, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

5-11 Aug: George Goodfellow, Joseph Frendo, Father Tom Jordan, Peter Montrose, James Anderson, Bill Ragan, Peter Prendergast, Eileen Treston, Eileen Rogers, James White, Mary O'Callaghan and Michael Dennis. Sunday 6 August is the anniversary of the death of Saint Pope Paul VI.



MASS INTENTIONS

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 5 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 6 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Les Hislop int (Welcome)

Monday 7 Aug : 9.15 am Maureen Kivineen RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 8 Aug : 9.15 am Father Paul Hardy RIP (PACT Northampton)

Wednesday 9 Aug : 9.15 am Eileen Clancy RIP (O'Driscoll)

Thursday 10 Aug : 9.15 am Anthony, Elizabeth & Christina int (Rajan)

Friday 11 Aug : 9.15 am Charles Gallen RIP (O'Driscoll)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Aug : 6.30 pm Eileen Rogers RIP (Connelly)

Sunday 13 Aug : 9.00 am Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

11.30 am Seamus Gallen RIP (Gallen family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5-6 August 2023



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

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Peter, James and John, the disciples closest to Jesus, receive a glimpse of the glory that is his. On Mount Tabor, where he had gone to pray, his face appears to shine like the sun and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses (who represents The Law) and Elijah (representing The Prophets) appear. It is worth recalling that at this time the Jewish Scriptures had not been finalised – two main sections were recognised: The Law and The Prophets (the third section - The Writings - was not added until the second century AD). The appearance of Moses and Elijah are, therefore, significant: they represent the Bible as it was then: the Law and the Prophets; here we see Jesus in dialogue with representatives of the Word of God. And a voice is heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £662.00 (£337.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

SITE MANAGER VACANCY - CATHEDRAL HOUSE BRENTWOOD

The successful applicant will identify and carry out effectively, routine and reactive maintenance tasks, regular health and safety checks and other general duties associated with the management of

buildings and grounds comprising the Cathedral House and the Brentwood Parish. Hours: 35 hours per week. Salary: £23,000 - £27,000 p/a depending on experience. Start Date: ASAP. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) recruitment@brcd.org Closing date for applications is 14th August 2023.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Sixtus II and Companions** – in 258, with several others, this saint was put to the sword after only twelve months as Bishop of Rome.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Dominic** – founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans. These friars set new standards of learning in the Church in the later Middle Ages.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 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'

Friday 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 deathbed 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, Friday 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. The pub sign at the Colley Rowe Inn has an image of him.

Some words of Holy Father Francis at the Welcome Ceremony, World Youth Day, Lisbon

Wednesday 3 August

Welcome and thank you for being here. I am pleased to see all of you, and also to hear the delightful noise you are making! This makes me share your infectious joy. It is good to be together in Lisbon ...

You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you, not only in these days, but from the very beginning of your days. He called you by name. Let us listen to the word of God that called us by name. Try to imagine these words written in large letters. Then consider that they were written within you, on your hearts, as if setting the direction of your lives, the meaning of who you are: you have been called by name. Each of us is called by name. You, you and you, all of us here, myself included: all of us have been called by name. Not impersonally, but by name. Think of this: Jesus called me by name. His words are inscribed in our hearts, and we come to realize that they are written in the hearts of every one of us, as a kind of title that tells people who we are, who you are. You have been called by name. None of us is a Christian by chance; all of us were called by name. At the beginning of the story of our lives, before any talents we may have, before any shadows or wounds we may be carrying in our hearts, we were called. Why? Because we are loved. This is something beautiful. In God's eyes, we are precious children, and he calls us each day in order to embrace and encourage us, to make of us a unique and original masterpiece. Each of us is an "original", whose beauty we can only begin to glimpse ... we are loved the way we are, without makeup. Do you understand that? And each of us is called by name ... we, his Church, are the community of those who are called: not of people who are better than others – no, absolutely not – but of sinners, called as such. Let us think seriously for a moment about that: we are called as we are, with our problems and limitations, our overflowing joy, our desire to be better and to get ahead in this world. We are called as we are. Think of this: Jesus calls me as I am, not as I would like to be. We are the community of brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of the same Father.

Friends, I want to be clear with you, for you are allergic to falsity and empty words: in the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone. Jesus says this clearly. When he sends the apostles to invite people to the banquet which a man had prepared, he tells them: "Go out and bring in everyone", young and old, healthy and infirm, righteous and sinners. Everyone, everyone, everyone! In the Church there is room for everyone. "Father, but I am a wretch, is there room for me? There is room for everyone! ...

Dear young friends, I encourage you to reflect on the beautiful fact that God loves us. God loves us as we are, not how we want to be or how society wants us to be. As we are! He calls us with our faults and failings, our limitations and our hopes in life. That is how God calls us. Trust, because God is a Father and a Father who loves us.

MINISTRY ROTA

On the current rota, you will be in two groups, reading or ministering once every four weeks.

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

There are paper copies in the Sacristy.

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

5-6 August		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Alex Hinton Wally Barnes Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. 3.	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat Donna Hector
12-13 August		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Clare Scott Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Maria Green Liz Carthy Susan Gracia
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Onyema Agbebi Remika Quintus Adam Beddoe
19-20 August		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Mick Doolan 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Les Hislop 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen
26-27 August		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3.	Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Carleen Heath 3. Shirley Hay	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder