

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAY

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 a further study day – on Saturday 2 October from 11.00 to 12.30 – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). This study day, "The Cry of the Poor" will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to this free live stream event go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. The talk 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 . . .

4-10 Sept: Joyce Brennan, Patrick (Patsy) Allen, Roy Collis, Kay Mason, Ada Spelling, Ralph Stevens, Catherine Wheelhouse, Kay Cole, Hannah Mary (Joan) England and Elizabeth Morrissey.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Kay Cole.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of Ken Hay.

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-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

Monday 6 Sept : 9.15 am Father John Cairns RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Tuesday 7 Sept : 9.15 am Breda Shaw int (O'Driscoll)

Wednesday 8 Sept : 9.15 am Noel O'Riordan int (Hegarty)

11.30 am Requiem Mass for Kath Tomlinson

Thursday 9 Sept : 9.15 am Philip Burgess int (Chadwick)

Friday 10 Sept : Members of Our Parish Community

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 Sept : 6.30 pm Brendan Lynch int (Smyth)

Sunday 12 Sept : 9.00 am Thanksgiving for the Community (Pye family)

11.30 am Vincent Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

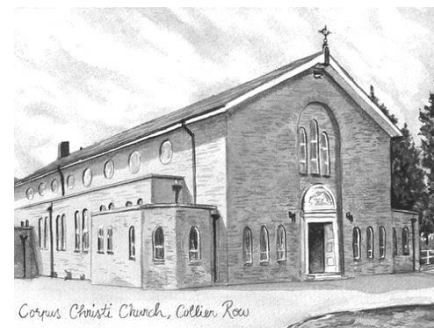
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4-5 September 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

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE FROM COVID by maintaining these precautions . . .

- **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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Bobby Belcher and Oliver Dunn into God's Family and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

THE RETURN OF THE THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club for over 60s has recommenced – come and join us, everybody welcome. Thursdays: 1.15 to 3.15 pm in the Parish Centre Hall. For more information 'phone Kay on 01708-722672.

THE RETURN OF THE RETIRING COLLECTION

After all Masses next weekend there will be the retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service – which provides resources, advice and guidance to our Catholics schools.

BRING AND BUY SALE ~ THIS SUNDAY

9.00 am – 1.00 pm outside church.

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

All proceeds will go towards church gardening.

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.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £723.86 (£360.00 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 . . .

Wednesday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – the birth of Mary is not narrated in the gospels, but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protoevangelium of James* along with *The Golden Legend*, the source of much iconographic tradition. The celebration was introduced into the calendar in the seventh century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Peter Claver** – from a peasant family near Barcelona, he became a Jesuit in 1601 and went to Majorca, where he was inspired to work in America. He was sent to Bogota in Colombia in 1610 and to Cartagena in 1616, where he remained for forty years. The city was the central slave market for the Caribbean area, and he made a special vow to minister to the enslaved African people there. He was alleged to have baptised and cared for over 300,000 of them. During the last four years of his life he was an invalid and was often neglected by his brethren. He died in 1654, was canonised in 1888 and, in 1896, was declared patron of the Church's missions among black people.

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.

"In the beginning there was God's Love.

Everything that is alive, beautiful, good and true is from God who is love.

Just as human life comes from the heart and womb of a mother,

and Jesus came from the heart and womb of a Mother: Love became flesh." – Pope Francis

MISSIO

Message from Kate Welcome, Parish Missio Co-ordinator:

Many thanks to all of you who have made contributions to Missio so far this year. Please be assured that every penny, or indeed every pound, counts and is used very wisely by Missio in their support of Catholic communities in countries where there is poverty, persecution or political turmoil. Two examples of this are that in 2020 2157 Seminarians trained for the Priesthood and 42 Convents, Churches or Chapels were built or reconstructed, many in poor and sometimes remote areas or where the Church is facing severe opposition or even aggression. Over £170,000 was distributed to children's projects, including the support of the world's poorest children. For example, in 2020, in South Africa 30 abandoned and orphaned children are living with HIV, were taken in at St. John's Care Centre where 3 religious sisters provided a loving home, nutritious meals and a sense of family.

Copies of the Autumn magazine are available at the back of the Church as are brown collecting envelopes. Let's keep up our efforts as much as we are able.

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.

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
25-26 September		
6.30 pm	1. Kerry Truman 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Adam Beddoe