

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org. It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 29 May

Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website www.walsingham.org.uk or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3 October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

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 . . .

8-14 May: May Walsh, Win Breheny, Eileen Saggars, Joyce Shaw, Bridie Brown, Richard McLean and Richard Dietrich.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Anthony Long.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Chrissie O'Driscoll.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 8 May : 6.30 pm Louise Bennett RIP (Michael)
Sunday 9 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am N V Abraham RIP (Mathew)

Monday 10 May : 9.00 am Father Anthony Colebrook RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Tuesday 11 May : 9.00 am Helen & Ted Dean RIP (Pridham)

Wednesday 12 May : 9.00 am Julie Jennings int (Peters)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 13 May : 9.00 am Myrna Adler RIP (O'Driscoll)
7.30 pm Holy Souls

Friday 14 May : 9.00 am Chrissie O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 15 May : 6.30 pm Anthony Orsini RIP (Micallef)
Sunday 16 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Romford KSC)

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

8-9 May 2021



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.00 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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday until 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the parish website



Thursday 13 May

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Masses at 9.00 am and 7.30 pm

This is a Holyday of Obligation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please keep our children in your prayers (there are sixty of them) as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – important information for young people in Year 11

Quite a few parishes are not celebrating Confirmation this year - mainly because the usual preparation programmes could not be organised due to the current restrictions on meetings. If you are in Year 11 at the moment, come to Mass at this church, and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Father Philip to let him know you are interested. Either send an email (this would be the best option) or phone the Parish Office as soon as possible. You will need to give us an email or home address so we can send you details when they are finalised. **The absolute deadline for doing this is Sunday 25 July** – but don't wait until then!

Due to First Communion Masses, re-arranged marriages and a back-log of baptisms there are no suitable or free dates until the autumn term. **The Confirmation Mass will be held on the weekend of 20/21 November** (National Youth Sunday) - so you need to keep this weekend clear. Depending on the number of candidates and any remaining pandemic restrictions the Confirmation Mass will be held on either the Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning during the Mass at 11.30 am (which is when it would take place in 'normal times').

THE RISEN JESUS MEETS HIS DISCIPLES ON THE MOUNT OF THE ASCENSION

The image above is another panel on the reverse of the **Maestà Altarpiece** by *Duccio di Buoninsegna* (created 1308-1311)

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Parish Offerings** amounted to £588.89 (£335.05 of this was gift aided). In the past month, Standing Order contributions came to £2649.25 and there was a further £190.63 in on-line donations. Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Main Scale Teacher Required

The Governors of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint an enthusiastic and committed teacher to join our successful school. Required for 1st September 2021. Applications are warmly invited to join our supportive and enthusiastic team and be willing to work in any year group required. Salary depending on experience.

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 LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St John Houghton** – from Essex, he was a secular priest before becoming a Carthusian and prior of the London Charterhouse. He and his community refused to assent to the Acts of Succession and Supremacy of Henry VIII and he was executed in 1535 at Tyburn in his religious habit, together with two fellow Carthusians, a Bridgettine monk and a secular priest; these five were the first martyrs of the English Reformation.

Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** – the fortieth day of Easter marks the final appearance of the Risen Lord to his apostles and the moment he was taken up into heaven.

Friday is the **Feast of St Matthias** - he was chosen to take the place of Judas among the apostles. The traditions concerning his later life are conflicting, but his relics were allegedly removed by St Helena from Jerusalem to what is now St Matthias' Abbey at Trier in Germany.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

On Saturday 15 May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

CLUB NEWS

In accordance with the current Government regulations, the Catholic Club will re-open on Monday 17th May. Hall bookings will be provisionally taken for dates after 1st July. Booking is via text on 07936 198570.

[Please note: the government will announce on 10 May whether we can proceed, on 17 May, to the next stage of lockdown easing – which includes the re-opening of indoor drinking facilities such as the Club]

TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children' Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.

VACANCY FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER - Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. Information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10 May 2021.

VACANCIES AT ST JOHN'S RC SCHOOL

St John's RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

VACANCY FOR A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May.

MINISTRY ROTA

Please check this rota carefully – it is updated weekly.

This rota is also on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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.*

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy.

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

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table

8-9 May		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi
15-16 May		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Victoria Cassettari
22-23 May		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Prdiham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Margaret Moffat
29-30 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Catherine Burnett
5-6 June		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	Michaela Henkel
12-13 June		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Elaine New

"For if the sacred liturgy holds first place in the life of the Church, then the Eucharistic Mystery stands at the heart and centre of the liturgy, since it is the font of life that cleanses us and strengthens us to live not for ourselves but for God and to be united to each other by the closest ties of love".

Pope St Paul VI, Encyclical Letter *Mysterium Fidei*, September 1965