

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK : items of particular use at present . . .

instant coffee • long life milk • tinned custard • tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn
chocolate & crisps • long life fruit juice

deodorant, shower gel, shampoo • washing up liquid • clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

“On this third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy invites us to joy. Listen carefully: to joy. The prophet Zephaniah addresses these words to a small group of the people of Israel: “Sing aloud, O Daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!” (3:14) Shout with joy, rejoice, exult: this is this Sunday’s invitation. The inhabitants of the Holy City are called to rejoice because the Lord has taken away his judgments against them (cf v. 15). God has forgiven, he did not wish to punish! As a result the people no longer have any reason for sadness. There is no longer reason for desolation, but rather, everything leads to joyful gratitude toward God who always wishes to deliver and save those he loves. And the Lord’s love for his people is endless, tantamount to the tenderness of a father for his children, of a groom for his bride, as Zephaniah again says: “he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing” (v. 17). This is — so it is called — the Sunday of joy: the third Sunday of Advent, before Christmas.” - Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 16 December 2018

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie and Teresa Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Paul Jude died on Wednesday 1 December. His Requiem Mass takes place here on Tuesday 14 December at 10.30 am.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

11-17 Dec: Fred Archer, Edith Daley, Peter Welcome, Stanislaw Poniatowski, Hannah Ayers, Margaret Secker, Joe O'Donoghue, Ken Deal, Bernadette Mallon, Ted Repecki and Teresa Noble.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Teresa Noble.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Peter Welcome.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; a list of dates that are still available in 2022 is on the porch noticeboard.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 11 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 12 Dec : 9.00 am Chris Pye & Ed Corcoran RIP (Pye)

11.30 am RIP: Mary & Harry Campbell, John Pain & Brian Dixon (T & J Dixon)

Monday 13 Dec : 9.15 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (Hilda)

Tuesday 14 Dec : 9.15 am Bridget & James Casey int (Wilson)

10.30 am Requiem Mass for Paul Jude

Wednesday 15 Dec : 9.15 am Conceicao Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Thursday 16 Dec : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving

Friday 17 Dec : 9.15 am Father Hugh Doherty RIP (PACT Nottingham)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 18 Dec : 6.30 pm Violet Duggan RIP (Peter)

Sunday 19 Dec : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am John McCaffrey RIP (Marie)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

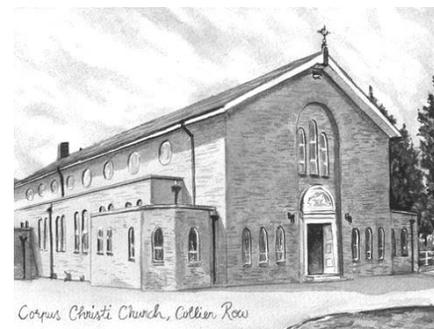
Father Philip Denton

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Third Sunday of Advent – “Gaudete”

11-12 December 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

KEEP EVERYONE SAFE FROM COVID by maintaining these precautions in church . . .

Sanitise hands • Wear face coverings • Keep to the seating arrangements

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday 20 December at 7.00 pm

also at St Edward the Confessor, Park End Road, Romford: Wednesday 15 December at 11.00 am

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: 4.30 pm | 6.30 pm | 10.00 pm

Christmas Day: 9.00 am | 11.30 am

Church seating continues to be restricted, with half of the pews taped off and at least 1 metre being left between yourself and people you do not live with.

To maintain a covid-safe environment we must not exceed our capacity – there can be no standing in the aisles or at the back or in the porch of the church.

Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; you will need to come early to avoid finding the church at its capacity.

Face coverings will be required for all (with very few exceptions).

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £686.07 (£309.50 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.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch: religious Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Candles, other Calendars and gifts, all reasonably priced. Please continue to wear face coverings while in the church porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

If you have a child in Year 3 (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). The Preparation Programme will begin after Christmas.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Lucy** – another of those martyr-saints from the early Church, so popular in their own time, but about whom we have few details now.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St John of the Cross** – one of the many saints who came forward after the Reformation upheaval. With St Teresa of Avila he renewed the great Carmelite Order. His poems and other writings – spiritual classics – are still widely read.

From Friday, readings and Masses are of the calendar date – 17th December onwards. The Gospel Acclamations use the ancient 'O Antiphons', which were originally the *Magnificat* antiphons sung at Evening Prayer; rich in theology and imagery, they are brilliant. The great Advent hymn 'O come, O come Emmanuel' is based on them.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What does the Incarnation of Christ mean?

takes place by Zoom today Sunday 12th December, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr David Pearce. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

ADVENT SERVICE VIDEO

is available to watch on youtube. "The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty." - *Pope Francis*. Go to Thresholds of Hope on youtube or copy: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

NEW YEAR RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Why not try something NEW this New Year? Join Youth 2000 at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green. NEW will be a weekend filled with fun, friendship, inspiring talks and, of course, lots of praise as we welcome in 2022. The retreat will run from Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January 2022. Head to www.youth2000.org/new <<http://www.youth2000.org/new>> today to book your space.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY : OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Coming together with loved ones this Christmas will have a special significance after the past year. Life has changed and perhaps there are things we see differently now. During Advent we are asked to listen to one another and to God as the Catholic Church worldwide embarks on our Synodal Pathway - Our Journey Together. Reflecting on journeys in the Christmas story: What was on the mind of Mary and Joseph as they made their way to Bethlehem? What did the shepherds say to one another after the angels left them? What did the wise men discuss as they followed the

star? Similarly, we would like you to embark on Our Journey Together and tell us about your faith journey. To find out more please visit: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/synod-2021-2023/>

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS

On Saturday 15 January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list, simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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 replace it immediately afterwards.

11-12 December		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	Catherine Burnett
18-19 December		
6.30 pm	1. Kerry Truman 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Elaine New
26 December		
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Colin Smith 3. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Les Hislop 3. Catharine Welcome	Alexandra Burt-Allen
1-2 January 2022		
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Pat Pridham 3. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	John McKie