

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.

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)

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.

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 . . .

Carol Tabram died on Thursday 11 November; her Funeral Service will take place in church on Tuesday 7 December at 11.30 am.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

20-26 Nov: John Alfred Gillard, Patrick McDonnell, Maureen McCarthy, Brian Dixon, Joe Wheelhouse, Daniel McGoay, John Kelly, Lisha McGeogh, David Deane and Hannah Barrett.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Maureen & Johnny McCarthy.

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

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

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 20 Nov : 6.30 pm Holy Souls
Sunday 21 Nov : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (McCarthy family)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community
Monday 22 Nov : 9.15 am Father Patrick O'Doherty RIP (PACT Nottingham)
Tuesday 23 Nov : 9.15 am Mary Kiernan RIP (Droney)
Wednesday 24 Nov : 9.15 am Joseph Duggan RIP (Peter)
Thursday 25 Nov : 9.15 am Anthony Piedade Fernandes RIP (Rose)
Friday 26 Nov : 9.15 am Rose Sheridan RIP (Tom)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 27 Nov : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Vettath family)
Sunday 28 Nov : 9.00 am Marie & Tom Keenan RIP (Dolby)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

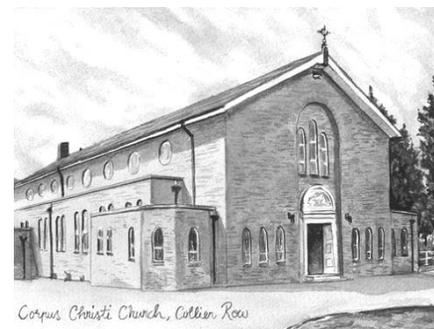
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Solemnity of Christ the King

20-21 November 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

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there is a retiring collection for the work of the Catholic Youth Service. Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. At the Masses on Sunday morning a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS; there will be a collection after all Masses for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £814.89 (£382.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

NEW ROTAS - for Altar Servers, Readers & Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

New rotas are available in the "Rota" section of the parish website; paper copies can be collected from the Sacristy.

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; we will get back to you once the arrangements have been finalised.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch from next weekend, and for several thereafter, 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.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our departed relatives and friends before the altar throughout the month of November. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please write the names of those you wish remember on the sheet provided and place it, with any donation, in the envelope. These may then be handed in to the sacristy, placed in the offertory baskets or put through the letter box at Church House. Your donations will enable Masses to be offered for the Holy Souls throughout the coming weeks and months.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Cecilia** – as a virgin-martyr she was held in high honour from the sixth century onwards, but her dates and history are unknown. Her body was discovered in the catacomb of St Callistus outside the ancient City of Rome and was transferred to the Basilica built in her honour in Trastevere, the area “across the Tiber”. She is patron of musicians.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Clement I** – he was the third successor of St Peter as Bishop of Rome and is remembered mainly by an important letter he wrote to the Corinthians. He was put to death in what is now the Crimea in 101 AD, the third year of the Emperor Trajan, by being thrown into the sea tied to an anchor. Our parish has a link with this first century Pope. Following an ancient tradition, when an altar is consecrated, the relics of a saint are placed under or inside it. The altar of our church contains the relics of two early Roman martyrs (St Rufina and St Clement); every time we celebrate Mass, as the priest kisses the altar, he does so to reverence and honour these holy saints.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions** – born in today’s Vietnam in 1795, his pagan parents sold him to a catechist who educated him; he was baptised, studied theology and was ordained priest in 1823. During persecutions under King Minh-Manh he was arrested several times – finally in 1839 he was imprisoned and beheaded. Together with 116 other Vietnamese martyrs he was beatified in 1900 and canonised in 1988.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria** – according to tradition, a virgin-martyr, who was put to death in the early 4th century at the hands of the pagan emperor Maxentius. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar, who became a Christian around the age of fourteen, and converted hundreds of people to Christianity. In 1969 her feast day was removed from the General Roman Calendar, however, she continued to be commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on November 25; in 2002, her feast was restored to the Calendar as an optional memorial.

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.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12th December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems & stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3pm or 7pm, however there will be limited capacity at each event and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing, in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373959.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION . . .

Why should we listen to the Church? takes place by Zoom on Sunday 21st November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Stephen Morrison, O Praem, Chelmsford. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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.

27-28 November		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O’Driscoll 3. Jean Capps	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Colin Smith 2. Lisa Walker 3. Maria Green	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Barbara Binder
4-5 December		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O’Kane 3.	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3.	Margaret Moffat
11-12 December		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Carmeline 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 Newe

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph ends on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 December); perhaps during these final weeks we could use the prayer to St Joseph written by the Holy Father Francis:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*