

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, Woodford Bridge

is recruiting for a Finance Officer - term time only and an Assistant Caretaker - full time Previous experience for both roles is essential. For further information please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

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)

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 whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

18-24 Dec: Kath Jukes, Mary McCarthy, Brendan Mallon, Edward Lynott, Paddy Lehane, Thelma Burbidge, Henry Tunkin, Doris Meanley, Elizabeth (Lilah) Forster, Kathleen Murray, Gary Truman and Norman Barnard.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of the Greene and Archer families.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of the Dillane & Hardy families.

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

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)

Monday 20 Dec : 9.15 am Eileen Collier int (Welcome)

Tuesday 21 Dec : 9.15 am Mr Franklin RIP (Marlan & family)

Wednesday 22 Dec : 9.15 am Droney Family Christmas Mass Bouquet (Margaret)

Thursday 23 Dec : 9.15 am Norman Barnard RIP (Lawrence)

Friday 24 Dec : 9.15 am Holy Souls

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve Friday 24 Dec : 4.30 pm Norman Barnard RIP (Mary)

6.30 pm Gary Truman RIP (Kerry, Beth & Connor)

10.00 pm Josephine & Emilio Gasparini RIP (Gasparini/Dover)

Christmas Day Saturday 25 Dec : 9.00 am Mary Hegarty RIP (Mick)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Boxing Day FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 26 Dec : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Roy Brown RIP (Connie)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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to contact Church House:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18-19 December 2021



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – see details below

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

MASSES AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve: 4.30 pm | 6.30 pm | 10.00 pm

Christmas Day: 9.00 am | 11.30 am

Boxing 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 are now required for all (with very few exceptions).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Sheriyah Bonfield into the Church and pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £822.76 (£394.05 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Our Offerings at Christmas are a personal gift to our priest; these form a significant proportion of a parish priest's income for the year ahead. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use your numbered envelope; for everyone else, there are Christmas Offering envelopes, available in the porch.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Copies are available in the porch for you to take away and display in the windows of your homes.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols from Brentwood Cathedral can now be found on youtube. Search "Thresholds of Hope" for the video or copy <https://youtu.be/4qxsJoZJuc>

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 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.

VACANCY FOR A HEALTH & SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR

We are looking to recruit a suitably experienced Health & Safety Co-ordinator. This role will have responsibility to promote and develop the Diocesan safety culture, acting as the focal point guidance and training in relation to Health & Safety throughout the Diocese. Working with the Health and Safety Consultant to ensure all responsibilities associated with Health and Safety within the Diocese are adhered to including establishing, managing and monitoring standards, policies, processes, communications, training and systems. Further information in respect of this and other vacancies within the Diocese can be found in the Vacancies section of the Diocesan website:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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.

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
8-9 January		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. 3.	Caroline Rmastead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Shirley Hay 3. Carleen Heath	Adam Beddoe