

SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS

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 two study days – on Saturday 4 September and Saturday 2 October from 11.00 to 12.30 – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (*Laudato si'*), and the promotion of global solidarity (*Fratelli Tutti*). These study days, 'The Cry of Creation' and 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks 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 . . .

21-27 Aug: Father Seán F Sheils, Anna Valentini, Teresa Smith, Charles Snoxell, Eileen O'Boyle, Margaret Willbourne, Cyril Thorne and Denis Myers.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of our parishioners.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Father Seán F Sheils.

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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21 Aug : 6.30 pm Holy Souls

Sunday 22 Aug : 9.00 am Holy Souls

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 23 Aug : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Welcome)

Tuesday 24 Aug : 9.15 am Gina and Tony Shonk RIP (Chadwick)

Wednesday 25 Aug : 9.15 am Intentions of the Donor

Thursday 26 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 27 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Saturday 28 Aug : 11.30 am Memorial Mass for Denis Myers

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Amedrovi RIP (D'amico)

Sunday 29 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am George Okoye RIP (Ify)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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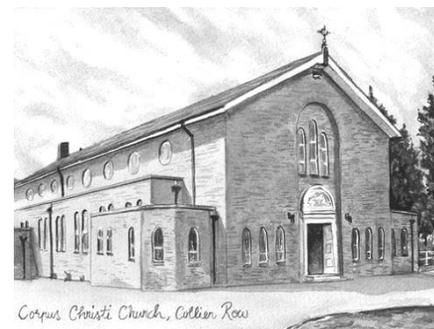
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

21-22 August 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

MAINTAINING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH

For the time-being, please:

- **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 or bubble.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This week we welcome Alyssa Sheikh and Ellie Conneely into God's Family and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

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 £811.00 (£373.00 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.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

An evening celebrating re-opening following lockdown: live music with **KELLY'S HEROES** on Friday 27 August – tickets £10.

BRING AND BUY SALE

Sunday 5 September ~ 9.00 am – 1.00 pm outside church.

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

Help required on the day to setup stalls and sell goods.

All proceeds will go towards church gardening.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Rose of Lima** – the first canonised saint from the New World. Her life in Peru followed the pattern of so many good women before her: penance and prayer, combined with practical help for the poor and sick. She died in 1617.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Bartholomew** – the call of this apostle to follow the Lord is told in the Gospel of today's liturgy. According to tradition he died a martyr's death by being flayed alive. There is a particularly graphic and gruesome statue of him in the Pope's cathedral in Rome (St John Lateran) holding up his complete skin (including facial features) and the knife used to skin him.

Thursday is the **Memorial of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God** – an Italian Passionist priest who spent eight years on mission work in England in the nineteenth century. It was he who received St John Henry Newman into the Church. Blessed Dominic died in 1849 and his body lies in its shrine at the church in Sutton, St Helens – until recently the home of the Passionists on Merseyside.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Monica** – the pious mother of St Augustine, she is said to have shed tears for her son, 'dead to the Faith until his conversion'.

Pope Francis, from the Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 19 August 2018

Jesus continues: "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (v. 53). Here the blood is present together with the flesh. In biblical language, flesh and blood express concrete humanity. The people and the disciples themselves sense that Jesus invites them to enter into communion with him, to 'eat' him, his humanity, in order to share with him the gift of life for the world . . .

This bread of life, the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, comes to us freely given at the table of the Eucharist. Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity. Each time we participate in the Holy Mass, in a certain sense, we anticipate heaven on earth, because from the Eucharistic sustenance, the Body and Blood of Jesus, we learn what eternal life is. It is living for the Lord: "he who eats me will live because of me" (Jn 6: 57), the Lord says. The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

As in that time, today too Jesus repeats to each of us: "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (v. 53). Brothers and sisters, it is not about material sustenance, but a living and life-giving bread, which conveys the very life of God. When we receive Communion we receive the very life of God.

JOB VACANCY – COOK & KITCHEN SUPERVISOR at Walsingham House Abbotswick

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting at the end of September 2021. The closing date is midday on 29th August. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

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.

21-22 August		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Shirley Hay	Catherine Burnett
28-29 August		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3.	Michaela Henkel
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