

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

- items of food in tins or jars:** eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard, long life milk or fruit juice
items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste
cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

Between 1 January and 31 December 2022 the Foodbank fed 4,158 people (2471 adults, 1687 children). This compares to the previous year Jan - Dec 2021: 2,911 people (1573 adults 1338 children). There has been a further marked increase, so far, this month.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Cristiana Bianco, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Madge Hayes died on Friday 23 December. Her body will be brought to the church on Tuesday 24 January at 4.30 pm and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 25 January at 10.30 am, followed by Committal at Corbets Tey Crematorium.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

14-20 Jan: William Hay, John O'Driscoll, Edna Miller Jones, John Pidgeon, Francesco Milano, Edward Togher, John O'Brien, Agnes & Logan Kelly, Richard Wellman, Ellen Glen, Phyllis Guidotti, Rita O'Donoghue, Veronica Caldeira, John Dolby, John Dowling and Alice Anne Barthel.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of John O'Driscoll.

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 14 Jan : 6.30 pm John O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

Sunday 15 Jan : 9.00 am Joseph Duggan RIP (Peter)

11.30 am Fiona Vettath Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Monday 16 Jan : 9.15 am Agnes & Logan Kelly RIP (Gray)

Tuesday 17 Jan : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Wednesday 18 Jan : 9.15 am Maria de Graca Sobral RIP (Church Cleaning Team)

Thursday 19 Jan : 9.15 am Father Ken Payne RIP (PACT Northampton)

10.15 am Requiem Mass for Manus McBride

Friday 20 Jan : 9.15 am Pat McCarthy RIP (McGoay)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21 Jan : 6.30 pm Monsignor Anthony McDermott RIP (PACT Northampton)

Sunday 22 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

14-15 January 2023



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

STREAMING

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollerrow.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

This Sunday evening at 6.30 pm

here at Corpus Christi Church

(led by the choir of St Edward's, Romford Market Place)

ORDINARY TIME

The Christmas Season ended last Sunday, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary Time began on Monday and continues until 22 February, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Andrea Marie Alcid into the Church; we pray for her and her family, that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £749.96 (£304.20 of this was gift aided). Standing Order contributions in the past month came to £2965.25 with £112 given through the electronic cardreader. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2023 edition of the Diocesan Yearbook is available in the porch, priced £2.95. If you wish to purchase one, please place your payment in the wall safe labelled "Diocesan Directories".

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason a new Emergency Winter Appeal has been launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which are suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics: grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc. It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised to allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need.

The Appeal is being co-ordinated through the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in central London; if you would like to make a contribution, funds can be remitted to:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund Account Number: 20927317 Sort Code: 20-92-60 or by cheques made payable to Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address to send cheques: Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Anthony** – a man of wisdom, holiness and understanding of human nature. Early in the fourth century he organised the very first monks, groups of men who, like himself, lived as hermits. He became known as the 'friend of God' and died in the year 356.

Wednesday marks the beginning of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – it concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (25 January).

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Wulstan** – an Anglo-Saxon, he was born in 1008, became a priest and joined the Benedictines at Worcester. In 1062 he was ordained Bishop of Worcester and, because he had led his diocese so wisely, he was the only English bishop to retain his See following the Norman Conquest (all other bishops being replaced by Frenchmen). He died whilst engaged in his daily practice of washing the feet of twelve poor men. He was canonised in 1203.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Sebastian** – one of the most popular saints in the first centuries of the Church; a favourite army officer of the Emperor Diocletian until he was discovered to be a Christian. Then he was tied to a tree and used for archery practice and finally clubbed to death in about the year 288.

URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD ~ SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING ~ Thursday 26 January 6pm

Students currently in Year 11 and their parents are warmly invited to visit our school and meet our excellent and dedicated teaching staff. Students will have the opportunity to discuss their options with subject specialists as well as experience our school environment and gain an insight into what studying at our sixth form will be like for them. There will be a talk from school leaders at 6pm followed by the opportunity to see parts of the school and meet with our subject teachers. Further information about the subjects on offer and our entry criteria as well as online application forms can be found on our website: www.uai.org.uk/sixth-form

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/s123

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 19 January 2020

This second Sunday of Ordinary Time is in continuity with the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. The Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1: 29-34) again speaks to us of the manifestation of Jesus. Indeed, after being baptised in the River Jordan, He was consecrated by the Holy Spirit Who came upon Him, and was proclaimed Son of God by the voice of the heavenly Father (cf. Mt 3: 16-17 et seq.). The Evangelist John, unlike the other three, does not describe the event, but proposes to us the witness of John the Baptist. He was the first witness of Christ. God had called him and prepared him for this.

The Baptist cannot hold back the urgent desire to bear witness to Jesus and declares: "I have seen and have borne witness" (v. 34). John saw something shocking, that is, the beloved Son of God in solidarity with sinners; and the

Holy Spirit made him understand this unheard-of novelty, a true reversal. In fact, while in all religions it is man who offers and sacrifices something to God, in the event Jesus is God Who offers His Son for the salvation of humanity. John manifests his astonishment and his consent to this newness brought by Jesus, through a meaningful expression that we repeat each time in the Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!" (v. 29).

The testimony of John the Baptist invites us to start out again and again on our journey of faith: to start afresh from Jesus Christ, the Lamb full of mercy that the Father gave for us. Let us be surprised once again by God's choice to be on our side, to show solidarity with us sinners, and to save the world from evil by taking it on fully.

Let us learn from John the Baptist not to assume that we already know Jesus, that we already know everything about Him (cf. v. 31). This is not so. Let us pause with the Gospel, perhaps even contemplating an icon of Christ, a "Holy face". Let us contemplate with our eyes and yet more with our hearts; and let us allow ourselves to be instructed by the Holy Spirit, Who tells us inside: It is He! He is the Son of God made lamb, immolated out of love. He alone has brought, He alone has suffered, He alone has atoned for sin, the sin of each one of us, the sin of the world, and also my sins. All of them. He brought them all upon Himself and took them away from us, so that we would finally be free, no longer slaves to evil. Yes, we are still poor sinners, but not slaves, no, not slaves: children, children of God!

MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is also available in the on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

As usual, 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 (at 9.00 am the Acclamation is usually sung by the choir and people).

3 = Universal Prayer

14-15 January C		
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Frank Smith 3. Kammalunna Onyekonwu	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. 3.	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Les Hislop	Adam Beddoe
21-22 January D		
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Carol O'Kane 3. Vanessa Thompson	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Alex Hinton 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji 3. Humma Gill	Barbara Binder
28-29 January E		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Hanyelisa Onyekonwu 3. Kim Pritchard	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. Maria Green 3. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3.	Margaret Moffat
4-5 February A		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3. Gabrielle Gill	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. 2. Shirley Hay 3. Carleen Heath	Louise Seaton