

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)

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/sl23

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. Please note change to dates previously published: 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 . . .

7-13 Jan: John Allen, Nora Knight, Henry McDermott, Catherine Spurling, Alfred Bines, Tony Eyley, Violet Fordham, Patrick Hunt, Andy Carr, Jeanette Moss, Francis Byrne, Nell Merritt, Chris Rumford, Albert Twomey, Joyce Chadwick and Josephine Walton.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of the Dempsey family.
The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the Musiwa family.



MASS INTENTIONS

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 7 Jan : 6.30 pm Bill Doran RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 8 Jan : 9.00 am John O'Driscoll RIP (Margot)

11.30 am May Shanahan and family int (Donohue)

Monday 9 Jan : 9.15 am Charles O'Neill RIP (McGoay)

Tuesday 10 Jan : 9.15 am Bridget & James Casey int (Wilson)

Wednesday 11 Jan : 9.15 am Luke Hedderman & Carmen Frenedo RIP (Butcher)

Thursday 12 Jan : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Onyuke family)

Friday 13 Jan : 9.15 am Joyce & Stephen Chadwick RIP (Michael)

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)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

7-8 January 2023



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

STREAMING

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £879.28 (£322.00 of this was gift aided). 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.

VISIT TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 – they are due to start school in September 2023. St Patrick's would like you and your child to come and visit our Reception Class. Please call or e-mail the school office to book your place on the visit on Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 pm: 01708-745655 or office@saint-patricks.org.uk *We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.*



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL : CLOSING DATE for applications for September 2023

The closing date for applications for Reception intake September 2023 are due in by 15th January.

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".



EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 15 January at 6.30 pm

here at Corpus Christi Church

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

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 Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangney-tours.com)

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

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot** - born in the north of England in 1109, he became master of the household of King David of Scotland. In 1133 he joined the Cistercian community at Rievaulx in Yorkshire. Soon he was made abbot, first of Revesby, then of Rievaulx itself. Austere with himself, he was, we are told, remarkably gentle with his monks. His ascetical treatises, especially that *On Spiritual Friendship*, are full of charm.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - a fourth century bishop of Poitiers; his writings make it quite plain that Jesus is both man and God.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2020

This year's liturgy offers us the event of the Baptism of Jesus according to the Gospel of Matthew (cf. 3:13-17). The Evangelist describes the dialogue between Jesus who asks to be baptized and John the Baptist who wants to prevent him and observes: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (v. 14). This decision by Jesus surprises the Baptist: in fact the Messiah does not need to be purified; indeed he is the one who purifies. But God is Holy. His ways are not ours and Jesus is God's path, an unpredictable path. Let us remember that God is the God of surprises.

John had stated that there was an abyssal, unbridgeable difference between him and Jesus. I am not worthy to carry his sandals (cf. Mt 3:11), he had said. But the Son of God came precisely to fill this gap between man and God. If Jesus is completely on God's side, he is also completely on the side of mankind and he reunites what was divided. This is why he answers John: "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness" (v. 15). The Messiah asks to be baptized so that all righteousness be fulfilled, that God's design which passes through filial obedience and solidarity with fragile and sinful mankind, be fulfilled. It is the path of humility and of God's complete closeness to his children.

The prophet Isaiah also announces the righteousness of the Servant of God who fulfills his mission in the world with a style that is opposed to the worldly spirit. "He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard on the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench" (42:2-3). It is the attitude of meekness — the attitude of simplicity, of respect, of moderation and of hiddenness that is still asked today of the Lord's disciples. How many — it is sad to say — how many of the Lord's disciples boast that they are disciples of the Lord. Those who boast are not good disciples of the Lord. The good disciple is humble, meek, one who does good unobtrusively. In missionary work, the Christian community is called to approach others always offering and not imposing, bearing witness, sharing the concrete life of the people.

As soon as Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit alighted on him like a dove, as a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3:17). We rediscover our own Baptism in the Feast of the Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know we are loved children — the Father loves us all! —, the object of God's satisfaction, brothers and sisters of many brothers and sisters, assigned with a great mission to bear witness and proclaim the Father's boundless love to all mankind.

This Feast of the Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own Baptism. We too were reborn in Baptism. In Baptism the Holy Spirit came down to remain within us. This is why it is important to know the date of our Baptism. We know our date of birth, but we do not always know the date of our Baptism. Certainly, some of you do not know it Homework to do: when you return [home] ask: when was I baptized? When was I baptized? And celebrate the date of your Baptism in your heart, every year. Do it. This also does justice to the Lord who was so kind to us.

May Mary Most Holy help us to increasingly understand the gift of Baptism and to live it consistently in everyday situations.

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

7-8 January		B
6.30 pm	1. 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	
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. Hanyeolisa 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