

BCYS VOICES - I hear about refugees and I ask, "what can I do"?

Inspired by his grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader (and a Corpus Christi parishioner), travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mvRrDH0>. More details of the whole BCYS voices series and much more at www.bcys.net

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org. It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3 October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

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 . . .

1-7 May: Peter Graham, Darren Margot, Barry Ladner, Jeanette Cerquella, Simon Osuji, Eileen Parkin, Fred Foster, Melville Montrose, Frank Ennis and Louise Marguerite Bennett.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Darren Margot.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Roy Brown.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 1 May : 6.30 pm Sammut Family RIP (Micallef)

Sunday 2 May : 9.00 am Darren Margot RIP (Margot Family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 3 May : 9.00 am Terry Cason RIP (Kath)

Tuesday 4 May : 9.00 am Justine & Tony Knight RIP (Cast)

Wednesday 5 May : 9.00 am Canon Owen O'Neill RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Thursday 6 May : 9.00 am Frank Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

Friday 7 May : 9.00 am Rosetta Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 8 May : 6.30 pm Louise Bennett RIP (Michael)

Sunday 9 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am N V Abraham RIP (Mathew)

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

1-2 May 2021



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.00 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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday until 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Our prayers, congratulations and good wishes to Ifunaya Ilochi and James Cham who celebrate their marriage here next Saturday. This is our first wedding for over a year and takes place with some remaining legal restrictions – face masks, numbers limited to fifteen and no congregational singing being the most obvious. In spite of this, we hope their celebration is a joyous and memorable one.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – important information for young people in Year 11

Quite a few parishes are not celebrating Confirmation this year - mainly because the usual preparation programmes could not be organised due to the current restrictions on meetings. If you are in Year 11 at the moment, come to Mass at this church, and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Father Philip to let him know you are interested. Either send an email (this would be the best option) or phone the Parish Office as soon as possible. You will need to give us an email or home address so we can send you details when they are finalised.

Due to First Communion Masses, re-arranged marriages and a back-log of baptisms there are no suitable or free dates until the autumn term. **The Confirmation Mass will be held on the weekend of 20/21 November** (National Youth Sunday) - so you need to keep this weekend clear. Depending on the number of candidates and any remaining pandemic restrictions the Confirmation Mass will be held on either the Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning during the Mass at 11.30 am (which is when it would take place in 'normal times').

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Parish Offerings** amounted to £640.30 (£365.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

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 RISEN JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES gathered in a room behind closed doors

The image above is another panel on the reverse of the **Maestà Altarpiece** by *Duccio di Buoninsegna* (created 1308-1311)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Saturday (morning) is the **Memorial of St Joseph the Worker** – the Church reminds us today, International Labour Day, of the true nobility and value of work, pointing to the working life of Joseph the Carpenter (the scriptures use the word *tekton* which is better translated as “handyman”) of Nazareth.

Monday is the **Feast of SS Philip & James** - in the Gospel reading today we hear Jesus’ reply, at the Last Supper, to Philip’s request: ‘Lord, let us see the Father’. James is sometimes called ‘the Less’, simply to distinguish him from the other better-known apostle of the same name.

Tuesday is the **National Feast of the English Martyrs** – originally Pope Paul VI canonised a representative group of Forty Martyrs and their feastday was kept in October; Pope John Paul II canonised many more. This is now the day on which we recall the heroism of the hundreds of saints and blessed, and thousands more of our forefathers, who gave their lives rather than deny the Faith ‘that comes to us from the apostles’.

Thursday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St John Payne** - a convert from near Peterborough, he was educated for the priesthood at Douai where he was ordained in 1576. He was based at Ingatestone until he was betrayed, and was executed at Chelmsford in 1582.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM CAFOD

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well (see the picture on the noticeboard) and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER

On Saturday 15 May from 11 am until 12.30 pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme ‘The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis’ vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?’ Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

CLUB NEWS

In accordance with the current Government regulations, the Catholic Club will re-open on Monday 17th May. Hall bookings will be provisionally taken for dates after 1st July. Booking is via text on 07936 198570.

[Please note: the government will announce on 10 May whether we can proceed, on 17 May, to the next stage of lockdown easing – which includes the re-opening of indoor drinking facilities such as the Club]

TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children’ Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.

VACANCY FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER - Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. Information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10 May 2021.

VACANCIES AT ST JOHN’S RC SCHOOL

St John’s RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

VACANCIES AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Teacher of History (0.6). Teacher of MFL. Start: September 2021. Closing Date: noon, Thursday 6 May 2021. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

VACANCY FOR A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May.

MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
1-2 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick	Shirley Hay
8-9 May		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi
15-16 May		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O’Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Victoria Cassettari
22-23 May		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Prdiham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Margaret Moffat
29-30 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Catherine Burnett
5-6 June		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	Michaela Henkel

Please check this rota carefully – it is updated weekly.

This rota is also on the parish website, in the ‘Rotas’ section.

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.

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy. They remove their face covering just before reading and replace it immediately afterwards.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table