

#### CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

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#### CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Kay Cole.

A number of people have 'planned ahead' and booked dates for 2021; envelopes are available in the porch if you would like to be sure of a particular week next year. There are only 15 weeks still free.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 Sept : 6.30 pm Kenny Roche RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 6 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Cole family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 7 Sept : 9.00 am Teresa (Tess) Parr RIP (Chadwick)

Tuesday 8 Sept : 9.00 am Canon John Duckett RIP (PACT Brentwood)

Wednesday 9 Sept : 9.00 am Father Paul Dynan RIP (PACT Brentwood)

Thursday 10 Sept : 9.00 am Father Tom Jordan RIP (R Paris)

Friday 11 Sept : 9.00 am George Peters RIP (Rita)

##### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Sept : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 13 Sept : 9.00 am Thanksgiving for Our Community (Pye)

11.30 am Vince Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)

extracts from **Pope Francis**, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 7 September 2014

The Gospel this Sunday, taken from Matthew, Chapter 18, presents the theme of brotherly correction within the community of believers, that is: how I must correct another Christian when he does what is not good. Jesus teaches us that, should my Christian brother commit a sin against me, offend me, I must be charitable toward him and, first of all, speak with him personally, explain to him what he said or did that was wrong ... The approach is one of sensitivity, prudence, humility, attention towards the one who committed a fault, to avoid wounding or killing the brother with words. Because, you know, words too can kill! ... The purpose is to help the person realize what he has done, and that through his fault he has offended not only one, but everyone. But it also helps us to free ourselves from anger or resentment which only causes harm: that bitterness of heart which brings anger and resentment, and which leads us to insult and aggression. It's terrible to see an insult or taunt issue from the mouth of a Christian. It is ugly. Do you understand? Do not insult! To insult is not Christian. Understood? To insult is not Christian! ...

Actually, before God we are all sinners and in need of forgiveness. All of us. Indeed, Jesus told us not to judge. Fraternal correction is a mark of the love and communion which must reign in the Christian community; it is, rather, a mutual service that we can and must render to one another. To reprove a brother is a service, and it is possible and effective only if each one recognizes oneself to be a sinner and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. The same awareness that enables me to recognize the fault of another, even before that, reminds me that I have likewise made mistakes and I am often wrong.

This is why, at the beginning of Mass, every time, we are called before the Lord to recognize that we are sinners, expressing through words and gestures sincere repentance of the heart. And we say: "Have mercy on me, Lord. I am a sinner! I confess to Almighty God my sins". And we don't say: "Lord, have mercy on this man who is beside me, or this woman, who are sinners". No! "Have mercy on me!" We are all sinners and in need of the Lord's forgiveness. It is the Holy Spirit who speaks to our spirit and makes us recognize our faults in light of the Word of Jesus. And Jesus himself invites us all, saints and sinners, to his table.

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5-6 September 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

#### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.corpuschristicollierrow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### 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

#### MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday : 5.30 – 6.30 pm

or any other time on request

*The church is open at the following times:*

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

#### CHURCH CAR PARK – new arrangements for weekday Masses

The children all return to school this week and many changes have had to be made to the way the school operates. One of these changes will affect parishioners who come to weekday Mass. The main area of the church car park will be closed to all traffic and will be used by pupils as they line up, socially-distanced, ready to enter the school grounds. Start times will be staggered. If you come to Mass by car, the entrance in Lowshoe Lane (long disused) will now be open each morning at 8.45 am to allow parking in the area in front of the church. Because it is a very limited space, this area is only for those coming to Mass and is not to be used by people dropping off their children. Each day the gates will be locked when everyone has left the church. As usual, the whole car park will be open for Masses on Saturday and Sunday.

#### SEATING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

**Are you sitting in the right place?** Please ensure you sit in places that are marked as follows:



< this place is only for someone who is on their own

< these places are only for two people from the same household or bubble

< these places are only for families – groups of three or more people from the same household or bubble

As more people return to church for our weekend Masses, we need to ensure that we make the best use of the spaces that are available and maintain social distancing.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £673.56 (of which £305.50 was gifted aided). Thank you for your continued support.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

This weekend we have the first of this year's (lockdown-interrupted) First Holy Communion celebrations. Because of the restrictions placed upon us, it will be a much simpler affair than is usual; but we hope it will be no less memorable for the children and their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

## REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present; please ask if you would like it opened for you.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – the birth of Mary is not narrated in the gospels, but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protoevangelium of James* along with *The Golden Legend*, the source of much iconographic tradition. The celebration was introduced into the calendar in the seventh century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Peter Claver** – from a peasant family near Barcelona, he became a Jesuit in 1601 and went to Majorca, where he was inspired to work in America. He was sent to Bogota in Colombia in 1610 and to Cartagena in 1616, where he remained for forty years. The city was the central slave market for the Caribbean area, and he made a special vow to minister to the enslaved African people there. He was alleged to have baptised and cared for over 300,000 of them. During the last four years of his life he was an invalid and was often neglected by his brethren. He died in 1654, was canonised in 1888 and, in 1896, was declared patron of the Church's missions among black people.

## Please remember in your prayers

### Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

### Those who have died recently . . .

**Denis Myers** died on Thursday 27 August; he had been ill for some time. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 18 September at 12 noon followed by burial at Upminster Cemetery. Due to restrictions placed on us by the Government only a very limited number of family and friends may attend – up to a maximum of thirty people; the family are hoping to live-stream the Requiem for those who cannot be there in person. We keep his wife Vronnie and their family in our prayers.

### Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

**5-11 Sept:** Roy Collis, Kay Mason, Ada Spelling, Ralph Stevens, Catherine Wheelhouse, Kay Cole, Joan England, Elizabeth Morrissey, Michael Heneghan, Kathleen Collis and Betty Pacitto.

## VACANCY – Brentwood Cathedral Site : Site Manager - details on porch noticeboard

## BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

has registered for the Fun Walk which normally takes place at the Barleylands Farm site in Billericay. This year, participants and parish groups are invited to walk 2k or 5k anywhere they wish at any time during September and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to help support our work. All details & sponsorship forms are available on [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under the Events/Virtual Fun Walk tab or follow us on social media for updates. We would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups who would like to walk for us – please email Libby: [iphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:iphillips@bccs.org.uk)

## KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are able to have the church open during the day for private prayer; we are required to have two stewards on duty all the time we are open. Several of those who have been stewarding, since the church was re-opened in June, have now returned to

work; we are grateful for the hours they have given. If you could volunteer to cover a set hour each week – have a word with John to see where there are gaps you might be able to fill.

## SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing.

## REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

|                        | Readers                                     | Communion Minister   |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>5-6 September</b>   |   |                      |
| 6.30 pm                | Kim Pritchard<br>Doug Mongan                | Carmelina Fulton     |
| 9.00 am                | Lorna Lyons<br>Ken Hay                      | Katie Fernandes      |
| 11.30 am               | Triston Osuji<br>Shirley Hay                | Catherine Burnett    |
| <b>12-13 September</b> |   |                      |
| 6.30 pm                | Nicola Charles<br>Sophie Pritchard          | Gail Furniaux        |
| 9.00 am                | Alex Hinton<br>Eileen Jonas                 | Alison Greene        |
| 11.30 am               | Terence Osuji<br>Michael Chadwick           | Michaela Henkel      |
| <b>19-20 September</b> |   |                      |
| 6.30 pm                | Eileen Rogan-Hill<br>Margaret Smith         | Henrietta Oppong     |
| 9.00 am                | Roger King<br>Wally Barnes                  | Auxilia Rayan        |
| 11.30 am               | Les Hislop<br>Carleen Heath                 | Alexandra Burt-Allen |
| <b>26-27 September</b> |   |                      |
| 6.30 pm                | Sue Butcher<br>Connor Furniaux              | Chantelle Makamba    |
| 9.00 am                | Charles Gallen<br>Mary Brennan              | Roger King           |
| 11.30 am               | Stephen Doherty<br>Nuala Doherty            | Elaine New           |
| <b>3-4 October</b>     |   |                      |
| 6.30 pm                | Frank Smith<br>Mary O'Driscoll              | Caroline Ramstead    |
| 9.00 am                | Maria Green<br>Lisa Walker                  | Olivia Paton         |
| 11.30 am               | Catharine Welcome<br>Atracta Caulfield-Ross | Susan Byrne          |
| <b>10-11 October</b>   |   |                      |
| 6.30pm                 | Vanessa Thompson<br>Jean Capps              | Eileen Rogan-Hill    |
| 9.00 am                | Pat Pridham<br>Aimee Peters                 | Wally Barnes         |
| 11.30 am               | Onyema Agbabi<br>Susan Smithson             | Adam Beddoe          |

*With a more simplified liturgy, due to restrictions currently in place, each Mass requires just two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.*

*Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated. You will find it on the website, in the 'Rotas' section.*

*Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.*

*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.*

*The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.*

*Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands just before distributing Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.*