

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 long life 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)

During 2022 the Foodbank fed 4,158 people (2471 adults, 1687 children). This compares to the previous year: 2,911 people (1573 adults 1338 children). There has been a further marked increase, so far, this year. Thank you for your generous donations.

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 . . .

Christine Lynott died on 23 January; her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 10 February at 10.15 am followed by burial at Forest Park Cemetery.

John Leyden died on Thursday 26 January; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 28 February at 10.30 am followed by burial at Romford Cemetery.

Melba Castelynn died on Saturday 28 January; her Funeral has yet to be arranged.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

4-10 Feb: Doris Stevens, Josephine Arias, Marie Krysztofek, Luigi Dellamura, Bessie Page, Sheila Chater, Henry Spencer, Michael Walsh, Don Philliston, Stephen Chadwick, Jack Long, Steve Mazza, Peggy McGeary, Alice Gear, Arthur Westrop, James Malanafey, Stan Richards, Geoffrey Lewis, Cyril Dennis, Dymna Samwell, Josef Czernak, Giovanna Malanafey, May Burfield, Anne Pye, Maureen Leedham and Audrey Coker.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of David Barwell.
The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Cyril Sequerah.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 Feb : 6.30 pm Elizabeth Rifat (nee O'Shea) RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 5 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 6 Feb : 9.15 am Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Tuesday 7 Feb : 9.15 am Stephen & Joyce Chadwick RIP (Michael)

Wednesday 8 Feb : 9.15 am Alice & Roland Gear RIP (Chadwick)

Thursday 9 Feb : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 10 Feb : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Vettath)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 Feb : 6.30 pm John Hendricks RIP (Sequerah)

Sunday 12 Feb : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Barwell family)

11.30 am John McKernan RIP (Nora and family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

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to contact Church House:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4-5 February 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Cody O'Sullivan into God's Family and pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £709.47 (£310.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY

The Governors of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a Midday Assistant to work as part of our team. Applications are warmly invited to join our supportive and enthusiastic team. We need someone who has a positive and caring attitude, a nurturing nature and a fun-loving personality. The successful candidate will be able to work as part of a team and on their own initiative. Experience working with children is preferable but not essential, on the job training will be provided. Applicants are encouraged to contact the school by email: office@saint-patricks.org.uk or telephone 01708 745655 to arrange a visit.

Hours: Required for 5 days per week, 1 hour per day/39 weeks per year. **Salary:** Scale 2 points 3 – 4. Pro rata salary of £2,859 - £2,906 p.a. (FTE £24,012 - £24,408 p.a.). To start as soon as possible.

St Patrick's can offer you: A caring, warm and friendly school. An opportunity to be part of a strong and dedicated staff team who are committed to high standards.

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".

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

VACANCY AT SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL

Full time – Learning Support Assistant

Required as soon as possible. Permanent post – subject to probationary period. 29 hours a week term time only. Monday to Friday 8:45 – 3:30. APTC Scale 2 Points 3 – 4 £24,012 - £24,408 per annum pro rata – actual pay £16,742 - £16,471 per annum. Further details on the porch noticeboard. Please contact the School for an application form and further details or look at the 'Job vacancies' section of the school website www.sacredheartofmary.net and apply via the TES. Closing date: Tuesday 7 February 2022.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout to register, email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. Thank you.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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 (tangey-tours.com)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions** – at the same time that the Church in this country was suffering persecution, Japan was also producing many martyrs. Among them were today's saints – brutally put to death, mainly by crucifixion, at Nagasaki in 1597.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Scholastica** – the sister of St Benedict, it is not known whether she lived in community or alone, she lived near the monastery at Monte Cassino and Benedict visited her shortly before she died.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB LTD ~ FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 18 February Dennis Stratton & Dave Edwards Tickets: £7
Saturday 18 March Irish Evening with Craic Tickets £7

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 9 February 2020

In today's Gospel Reading (cf. Mt 5:13-16), Jesus says to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world" (vv. 13-14). He uses a symbolic language to indicate to those who intend to follow him some criteria for living presence and witnessing in the world.

First image: salt. Salt is the element that gives flavour and which conserves and preserves food from corruption. The disciple is therefore called to keep society far from the dangers, the corrosive germs which pollute the life of people. It is a question of resisting moral degradation, sin, bearing witness to the values of honesty and fraternity, not giving in to worldly flattery of careerism, of power, of wealth. "Salt" is the disciple who, despite daily failures — because we all have them — gets up again from the dust of his errors, and begins again with courage and patience, every day, to seek dialogue and encounter with others. "Salt" is the disciple who does not look for consensus and praise, but strives to be a humble, constructive presence, faithful to the teachings of Jesus who came into the world not to be served, but to serve. And there is a great need for this attitude!

The second image that Jesus proposes to his disciples is that of light: "You are the light of the world". Light disperses darkness and enables us to see. Jesus is the light that has dispelled the darkness, but it [darkness] still

remains in the world and in individuals. It is the task of Christians to disperse it by radiating the light of Christ and proclaiming his Gospel. It is a radiance that can also come from our words, but it must flow above all from our "good works" (v. 16). A disciple and a Christian community are light in the world when they direct others to God, helping each one to experience his goodness and his mercy. The disciple of Jesus is light when he knows how to live his faith outside narrow spaces, when he helps to eliminate prejudice, to eliminate slander, and to bring the light of truth into situations vitiated by hypocrisy and lies. To shed light. But it is not my light, it is the light of Jesus: we are instruments to enable Jesus' light to reach everyone.

Jesus invites us not to be afraid to live in the world, even if sometimes there are conditions of conflict and sin there. In the face of violence, injustice, oppression, the Christian cannot withdraw into self or hide in the security of his own enclosure; the Church also cannot withdraw into herself, she cannot abandon her mission of evangelization and service. Jesus, at the Last Supper, asked the Father not to take the disciples out of the world, to leave them, there, in the world, but to guard them from the spirit of the world. The Church expends herself with generosity and tenderness towards the little ones and the poor: this is not the spirit of the world, this spreads light, it is salt. The Church listens to the cry of the least and the excluded, because she is aware that she is a pilgrim community called to prolong Jesus Christ's saving presence in history.

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

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. Debbie Cullis 2. Shirley Hay 3. Carleen Heath	Louise Seaton	
11-12 February			B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Clare Scott	
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Roger King 3. Wally Barnes	Alison Greene	
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Triston Osuji	Michael Chadwick	
18-19 February			C
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba	
9.00 am	1. 2. Catharine Welcome 3.	Liz Carthy	
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen	
25-26 February			D
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Shantay Charles 3. Carol O'Kane	David Elliott	
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Andrew Walker	
11.30 am	1. Humma Gill 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Remika Quintus	