

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

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

24-30 Dec: Kathleen Murray, Gary Truman, Norman Barnard, Len Burfield, Frederick Ibbunson, Kevin O'Leary, Jack Moir, Roy Brown, Isabel Moyses, Norah Connelly, Annie Hay, Peter Newman, Roland Gear, John Breheny, Margaret Eves, Celia Richardson, John Enright, Hannah Culff, Sean Flaherty, Pat Macgregor, Jane Spencer and Mary Hegarty.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of the deceased members of the Greene & Archer families.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Norman Barnard.

Thanks to many generous donations, the shrine lights have been maintained for the whole of this year. A list in the porch gives the few dates that are still available for 2023; envelopes are available in the porch should you wish to contribute to the upkeep of Our Lady's or St Joseph's lights.



MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Saturday 24 Dec : 6.30 pm Norman Barnard RIP (Mary)

10.00 pm Roy Brown RIP (Connie)

Sunday 25 Dec : 9.00 am Dominic Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 26 Dec : 9.15 am John O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 27 Dec : 9.15 am Maria da Graca Sobral RIP (Smith)

Wednesday 28 Dec : 9.15 am Roland & Alice Gear RIP (Chadwick)

Thursday 29 Dec : 9.15 am Alfred & Clara Braganza RIP (Fernandes)

Friday 30 Dec : 9.15 am Francis & Lucy Rodrigues RIP (Fernandes)

10.15 am Requiem Mass for John McGowan

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 31 Dec : 6.30 pm Tony Conway RIP (Margaret)

Sunday 1 Jan : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Edward Murphy RIP (John)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

24-25 December 2022



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



The Nativity by Giotto (painted c1311-1320), Basilica of St Francis, Assisi

*“The Word
was made flesh
and lived among us”*

Wishing you
joy, happiness and peace
as we celebrate the
Feast of the Lord's Birth.

Father Philip

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Our Offerings at Christmas are a personal gift to our priest; these form a significant proportion of a parish priest's income for the year ahead. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use your numbered envelope; for everyone else, there are Christmas Offering envelopes, available in the porch.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £714.27 (£401.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your kind giving.

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

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

According to an ancient tradition, Christmas and Easter, are such important Feasts that the Church 'suspends' time and extends the 24-hour day to become a 'day' of eight days - known as an Octave. Christmas Day begins on 25th December and concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on 1st January. Each of these days are Christmas Day so, if you would prefer a quieter, less crowded Mass, why not try one of the other Masses of the Octave.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

This week we keep the ancient feasts that fall within the Octave of Christmas – known as the *Comites Christi* – the Companions of Christ:

Monday is the **Feast of St Stephen**, The First Martyr - this deacon's final glorious spoken witness to Christ is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. The first martyr of the Church: his last words and death are typical of many martyrs such then. It is worth reminding ourselves that the word '*martyr*' means 'witness': in his death, Stephen gave the ultimate witness to Christ.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St John**, apostle and evangelist – the word 'love' sums up his New Testament writings: God's love for us, our love for him in return, and the love we should have for one another.

Wednesday is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** – the Gospel reading of this day recounts the heart-breaking story of their slaughter on the orders of King Herod.

Thursday is the **National Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury** – surely everyone knows how Thomas was murdered by four knights in his own cathedral at Canterbury. Less generally acknowledged is his undoubted personal holiness as a priest, and his care for his people as their archbishop. He is rightfully patron of the parish clergy of England.

Friday this year is the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**.

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)

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".

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.*



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

24-25 December		E
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Kim Pritchard 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Liz Lawrence
10.00 pm	1. Kim Pritchard 2. 3. Mary O'Driscoll	
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Catharine Welcome	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Stephen Doherty 3.	Michael Chadwick
31 December-1 January		A
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Margaret Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen
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	Remika Quintus
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