



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those who may wish to pray quietly. Before Mass, try to keep conversation to a minimum and avoid behaviour which could distract others.



Please switch off, or silence, mobile telephones.



A loop system is in operation throughout the church. Hearing aids that are equipped to do so should be switched to the 'T' position or to the loop setting appropriate to your equipment.



If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

#### THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK : items of particular use at present . . .

instant coffee • long life milk • tinned custard • tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn  
chocolate & crisps • long life fruit juice • deodorant • shower gel • shampoo  
washing up liquid • clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

#### *Please remember in your prayers*

##### *Those who are ill . . .*

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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 . . .*

**23-29 July:** Pauline Snoxell, Father Hugh Toninello MCCJ, James Riley, Mary Curtis, Patrick (Peter) Costello, Lesley Tubby, Mabel Gibson, Veronica Bishop and Winifred (Lily) Ward.

#### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is for the intentions of Ken Hay.

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is in memory of Pauline Snoxell.

*Thanks to many generous donations, the shrine lights are being maintained for the whole of this year. A list in the porch gives 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

##### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23 July : 6.30 pm Peter & Veronica Lynch RIP & deceased family members (Smyth)

Sunday 24 July : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Jane Ikwueke RIP (Emeagi)

Monday 25 July : 9.15 am Mary Curtis RIP (Foundation)

Tuesday 26 July : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving Linda Vettath (Vettath family)

Wednesday 27 July : 9.15 am Eddie Margot RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 28 July : 9.15 am Margaret Hull RIP (SVP)

11.00 am Requiem Mass for Palmira Emin

Friday 29 July : 9.15 am Matildes & Caitano Fernandes RIP (Delima)

##### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30 July : 6.30 pm Charlie Smyth RIP & deceased members of his family (Freda)

Sunday 31 July : 9.00 am Abolei and family RIP (Delima)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23-24 July 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Louis Noroozi into the God's Family, the Church. We pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £525.21 (£284.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your kind giving.

#### UKRAINE APPEAL

Should you wish to make further contributions to this appeal - you could place them in the offertory baskets or put them through the door of Church House (in an envelope marked "CAFOD – Ukraine Appeal"). Or you could contribute directly to CAFOD at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) Your donations will help local experts in Ukraine provide food, water, healthcare, shelter & clothing.

#### BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 23rd – 29th July 2022

This week the Diocese are travelling to Lourdes for the first time since 2019, with a total group of around 200. If you would like to be part of the pilgrimage from home, please do follow the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching @brentwoodcys You can also see us on "Lourdes TV" at [www.lourdes-france.org/en](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en) for our Grotto Mass on Tuesday 26 July at 09:30, The Torchlight (Marian) Procession on Wednesday 27 July at 22:00 and the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Thursday 28 July at 18:00.

#### CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS – hands and face

Please continue to: sanitise hands and prevent the spread of infection by wearing face coverings in church when there are a number of people present. At weekend Masses we have many people in the church, some of whom are vulnerable. All of us have a responsibility to keep them safe – so we ask you, if you can, to continue to wear face masks.

### A MESSAGE FROM KATE WELCOME

From the 25<sup>th</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> July I will be in Lourdes as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like me to light a candle, make a donation, pray for a special intention and so forth, I would be more than happy to do so. Please put your request in a named envelope and hand it to me, Fr. Philip or John by 24<sup>th</sup> July at the latest. Thank you.

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of St James** – this apostle, the brother of John, was the first to follow his Master in being put to death. According to tradition, he went to Spain to preach the gospel; whether this is an historical fact or not, his famous shrine at Santiago de Compostella still attracts pilgrims in their thousands.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of SS Joachim & Anne** – the parents of Our Lady, and hence, the maternal grandparents of Jesus. In France there is great devotion to St Anne, with churches and shrines in her honour – as at St Anne d'Auray.

Friday is the **Memorial of SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus** – originally this day celebrated St Martha on her own, but last year Pope Francis issued a decree adding her brother and sister to the commemoration. He wrote: "in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them ... Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death".

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 11:1-13), Saint Luke narrates the circumstances in which Jesus teaches the "Lord's Prayer". They, the disciples, already know how to pray by reciting the formulas of the Jewish tradition, but they too wish to experience the same "quality" of Jesus' prayer because they can confirm that prayer is an essential dimension in their Master's life. Indeed each of his important actions is marked by long pauses in prayer. Moreover, they are fascinated because they see that he does not pray like the other teachers of the time, but rather his prayer is an intimate bond with the Father, so much so that they wish to be a part of these moments of union with God, in order to completely savour its sweetness.

Thus, one day they wait for Jesus to finish praying in a secluded place and then they ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray" (v. 1). In responding to the disciples' explicit question, Jesus does not provide an abstract definition of prayer, nor does he teach an efficient technique to pray in order to "obtain" something. Instead, he invites his own to experience prayer, by putting them directly in communication with the Father, causing them to feel nostalgic for a personal relationship with God, with the Father. Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

Hence, he delivers the "Lord's Prayer" to them, perhaps the most precious gift left to us by the Divine Master during his earthly mission. After revealing to us his mystery as Son and brother, with that prayer Jesus allows us to enter into God's paternity. I want to underscore this: when Jesus teaches us the "Our Father", he allows us to enter into God's paternity and he points the way to enter into a prayerful and direct dialogue with him, through the path of filial intimacy. It is a dialogue between a father and his son, of a son with his father. What we ask in the "Our Father" is already fulfilled for us in his Only-begotten Son: the sanctification of the Name, the advent of the Kingdom, the gift of bread, of forgiveness and of delivery from evil. As we ask, we open our hand to receive; to receive the gifts that the Father has shown us in his Son. The prayer that the Lord taught us is the synthesis of every prayer and we address it to the Father, always in communion with our brothers and sisters. Sometimes distractions can occur in prayer, but we often feel the need to stop at the first word, "Father", and feel that paternity in our heart.

**Pope Francis, Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 21 July 2019**

### GAP YEAR AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

A gap year at Walsingham House is a tremendous opportunity, and there are currently four places on next year's volunteer Team. It is absolutely ideal for any young adult committed to discovering more about their Catholic faith, and living that faith in an environment of community, service to young people, retreat leadership, energy and joy. The year offers practical and social skills, and is often a pathway to chaplaincy,

teaching, or further avenues of Youth Ministry within the Church. There is an updated item on the BCYS website: <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/>

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Held every Wednesday from 10:30am till 12:30pm at St Michael's Church, Main Road, Gidea Park, Romford, RM2 5EL. Donation: £5.

### SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY CONFERENCE

aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, we are excited for what God will do through this event. The Conference takes place on Saturday 17th September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

### MINISTRY ROTA

Please note that there are a number of changes to the rota. Readers (and altar servers) are now organised into five groups: A – E

The Rota is also available in the on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

We have tried to include as many people as possible who were on the rota in 'normal times'.

At present, we do not need as many Communion Ministers as Readers – this will only change when it is safe to restore the chalice.

If you have returned to Mass, are not on the rota and would like to be included – please let John know.

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*

23-24 July			C
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Caroline Ramstead	
9.00 am	1. 2. Lisa Walker 3.	Liz Carthy	
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Margaret Moffat	
30-31 July			D
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Shantay Charles 3. Carol O'Kane	Clare Scott	
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Andrew Walker	
11.30 am	1. Humma Gill 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Elaine New	
6-7 August			E
6.30 pm	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Chantelle Makamba	
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. 3. Maria Green	Auxilia Rayan	
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3. Arno Bastiampillai	Alexandra Burt-Allen	
13-14 August			A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	David Elliott	
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Andrew Green	
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. 3. Shirley Hay	Michael Chadwick	