

### 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](http://www.bcys.net)

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Closing date: Monday 14 April 2021 at noon. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

### *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, 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 . . .**

**3-9 April:** Margaret Keble, Florrie Noonan, Konrad Severin, Maire Coyle, Lily Burke, Sheila O'Leary, Christine O'Leary, Robert Ward, Vincent Bataller, Patrick Doyle, Joan Moran, John Prior, Jim Hoban, Michael Moyse, James Casey, Sister Raphael, Margaret Porter, Desmond Corduff, Cyril Field, Molly Welcome, Hanna Burns, Tony Shonk, Maureen Foley and Terry Cason.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Hannah, James & Kevin White.

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is for Jacqueline Birnie.

*The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch. There are a limited number of weeks still available this year.*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday 3 April : 7.30 pm Tony Serapiglia RIP (Lena Valentini)

Sunday 4 April : 9.00 am Molly Welcome RIP (Kate)

11.30 am Steven Serrette RIP (Terri)

Monday 5 April : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

Tuesday 6 April : 9.00 am Intention of the Donor

Wednesday 7 April : 9.00 am Mary Hegarty RIP (McCartan)

Thursday 8 April : 9.00 am Kay Conway RIP (Haberlin)

Friday 9 April : 9.00 am Sister Marion Charley RIP (McCartan)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 10 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 11 April : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Peters)

11.30 am Thomas Drone RIP (Margaret)

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## Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

3-4 April 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### STREAMING

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

*Wishing you a very happy Easter; may you experience much joy as we celebrate the resurrection. Christ has conquered death and is risen to newness of life!*

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

The Easter Offerings this weekend are a personal gift to our priest; this ancient tradition (together with our offerings at Christmas) form a substantial part of a priest's annual income.

#### LENT OFFERINGS

This year our Lent Offerings totalled over £1450, with a little more that has been given in the past day or so still to be counted. Your offerings will be going to help SPICMA (Special Projects In Christian Missionary Areas) provide water wells in rural parts of Kenya and Uganda.

#### GIFT AID ORGANISER

Michelle Mack moves to a new home in Sussex in the coming days. We thank her for the sterling work she has undertaken for several years now; the Gift Aid scheme provides thousands of pounds of extra income for the parish – recouped from the tax paid on your earnings or pensions. It costs you nothing, but does require somebody like Michelle to complete the returns to HMRC. A sincere and big 'thank you' to Michelle – and we wish her and Robert much happiness in the years to come.

#### FRESCO OF THE RESURRECTION

The medieval Church of the Holy Saviour in Chora (on the outskirts of Istanbul) was built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century in the Byzantine style. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, during the Ottoman era, the church was converted into a mosque; it became a museum in 1945, but was turned back into a mosque in 2020. The interior of the building is covered with some of the oldest and finest surviving Byzantine Christian mosaics and frescoes. This fresco (above) of the Resurrection shows Christ who has just broken down the gates of hell, pulling Adam and Eve out of their tombs. Behind Adam stand John the Baptist, David, and Solomon.

## PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £651.71 (of which £305.00 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued generosity.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

This year's First Holy Communion programme has begun; please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone in their lives. Any further potential candidates will need to enrol on the programme next year.

### 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.

*Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate*

*Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen*

*Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing*

*Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty*

*Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,*

*Glory and power are his for ever and ever.*

**St Hippolytus of Rome** (died approx AD 235)

### Pope Francis, from his *Homily* at the Easter Vigil in St Peter's Basilica, 11 April 2020

The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He, who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb, can also remove the stones in our hearts. So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!

Courage. This is a word often spoken by Jesus in the Gospels. Only once do others say it, to encourage a person in need: "Courage; rise, [Jesus] is calling you!" (Mk 10:49). It is he, the Risen One, who raises us up from our neediness. If, on your journey, you feel weak and frail, or fall, do not be afraid, God holds out a helping hand and says to you: "Courage!" ... You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter. You only need to ask him: "Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!" With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

This is the Easter message, a message of hope.

The greatest challenge of the day is:

how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us?

When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others,  
to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross,  
then we can truly say, "Now I have begun."

**Dorothy Day** (1897-1980), from *Loaves and Fishes* (Orbis Books, 1997)

## "WILL WE SURVIVE OR DROWN?"

Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in Northern France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in our Guided Meditation : "A minute on the Aegean Sea". Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on our website: [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) & please donate. Thank you.

### DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY (for September 2021)

at The Palmer Catholic Academy, Seven Kings – closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 23 April – details on the porch noticeboard.

## MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
<b>3-4 April</b>		
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>EASTER</b>	<b>VIGIL</b>
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Alexandra Burt-Allen
<b>10-11 April</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	John McKie
<b>17-18 April</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Adam Beddoe
<b>24-25 April</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty	Barbara Binder
<b>1-2 May</b>		
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
<b>8-9 May</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Please check this rota carefully - there are a number of changes.**

*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.*