



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 who have died recently . . .**

**Eddie Margot** died on Thursday 16 June; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 22 July at 11.30 am followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep Eddie in our prayers, together with Teresa and their family.

**Mick Hegarty** died on Saturday 25 June. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 21 July at 10.15 am followed by the Service of Committal at 11.15 am at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep Mick and his family in our prayers.

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

**16-22 July:** Thomas Tully, James Daly, Kathleen Brennan, Lily Verlander, Thomas Shaughnessy, Anne Healy, Edwin Hardacker, Eileen Brown, Roy Seaman, Vera Dunne, James Spring, Decimo Valentini, Grace Anderson, Ollie Bridewell and Emilio Tagliamonti.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 16 July : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Vettath family)  
Sunday 17 July : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am First Wedding Anniversary - in Thanksgiving (Arno & Remika)  
Monday 18 July : 9.15 am Anna Dunn RIP (Conway)  
Tuesday 19 July : 9.15 am Father Kevin Eastell RIP (PACT Westminster)  
Wednesday 20 July : 9.15 am Eddie Margot RIP (Welcome)  
Thursday 21 July : 9.15 am Ian Francis RIP (O'Regan)  
10.15 am Requiem Mass for Mick Hegarty  
Friday 22 July : 9.15 am Father Philip Willenbrock RIP (PACT Brentwood)  
11.30 am Requiem Mass for Eddie Margot

**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)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16-17 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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

This weekend we welcome Sequoia Gomes Ita into the God's Family, the Church. We pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £1221.44 (£337.10 of this was gift aided). The collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (gift-aided) came to £143.50. 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.

**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.

**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)

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Apollinaris of Ravenna** – a saint from Syria who, according to the Roman Martyrology is described as "a bishop who, according to tradition, while spreading among the nations the unsearchable riches of Christ, led his flock as a good shepherd and honoured the Church of Classis near Ravenna by a glorious martyrdom."

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi** – a Franciscan missionary from southern Italy. He achieved as much by his example as by his preaching. He died in 1619.

Friday is the **Feast of St Mary Magdalene** – one of the women disciples of Jesus, she was present on Calvary at the foot of the cross, and was also a witness to her Lord, risen from the dead. In recognition of the importance of her role in the life of the early Church, her liturgical celebration was raised from a simple 'Memorial' to a 'Feast Day' by Pope Francis.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Tony Conway.

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is in memory of Bob Greene.

*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.*

In this Sunday's Gospel passage Luke the Evangelist narrates Jesus' visit to the house of Martha and Mary, Lazarus' sisters (cf. Lk 10:38-42). They receive him, and Mary sits at his feet to listen to him; she leaves what she was doing in order to be close to Jesus: she does not want to miss any of his words. Everything is to be set aside when he comes to visit us in our lives; his presence and his words come before all else.

The Lord always surprises us: when we truly focus on listening to him, clouds disappear, doubts give way to truth, fears to serenity, and life's various situations find the right placement. When the Lord comes, he always puts things in order, even us.

In this scene of Mary of Bethany at Jesus' feet, Saint Luke shows the prayerful attitude of the believer, who is able to be in the Teacher's presence to listen to him and be in harmony with him. It means pausing a few minutes during the day to gather yourself in silence, to make room for the Lord who 'is passing' and to find the courage to stay somewhat 'on the sidelines' with him, in order to return later with serenity and strength, to everyday matters. Commending the conduct of Mary, who "has chosen the good portion" (v. 42), Jesus seems to repeat to each of us: "Do not allow yourselves to be overwhelmed by things to do, but first and foremost listen to the Lord's voice, in order to properly carry out the tasks that life assigns to you".

Then there is the other sister, Martha. Saint Luke says that it is she who receives Jesus (cf. v. 38). Perhaps Martha was the older of the two sisters; we do not know. But surely this woman had the charisma of hospitality. Indeed, while Mary listened to Jesus, Martha is completely caught up in many services. That is why Jesus says to her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things" (v. 41). With these words he certainly does not condemn the attitude of service, but rather the stress with which one lives at times. We too share Saint Martha's worries and, after her example, we recommend ensuring — in our families and in our communities — that one may experience the sense of welcome, of fraternity, so that each one may feel 'at home', especially the little ones and the poor when they knock at our door.

Thus, today's Gospel passage reminds us that the wisdom of the heart lies precisely in knowing how to combine these two elements: contemplation and action. Martha and Mary indicate the path to us. If we want to savour life with joy, we must associate these two approaches: on the one hand, 'being at the feet' of Jesus, in order to listen to him as he reveals to us the secret of every thing; on the other, being attentive and ready in hospitality, when he passes and knocks at our door, with the face of a friend who needs a moment of rest and fraternity. This hospitality is needed.

**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.

### 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**

16-17 July			B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman		Liz Lawrence
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		Barbara Binder
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