

### READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

### DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 29 May

Bishop Alan will lead a virtual pilgrimage from the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, which we can join using the Shrine's live-streaming service via their website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) or their YouTube channel 'Walsingham Catholic TV'.

### VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3 October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

### *Please remember in your prayers*

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

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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, Mary Treston and Gwen Wright.

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

**15-21 May:** Harold Bygrave, Joe Reilly, Denis Samwell, Frank Hull, Grace Reade, Michael Bradbrook, Rosina Tagg, Tony Fraser, Victor Sidoli, Lydia Moulton, Dennis Curnow and Marie McCormack.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Kathleen Frendo & Luke Hedderman.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the donor.

*The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; several weeks in 2022 have already been covered.*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 15 May : 6.30 pm Anthony Orsini RIP (Micallef)

Sunday 16 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Romford KSC)

Monday 17 May : 9.00 am Elizabeth & Thomas Hedderman RIP (Butcher)

Tuesday 18 May : 9.00 am Martin, Mary, Willie, Roseanna & Donna Ward RIP (Eddie)

Wednesday 19 May : 9.00 am Michael Bradbrook RIP (Reg & Bernie)

Thursday 20 May : 9.00 am Josef Czermak RIP (Pat)

Friday 21 May : 9.00 am John Smyth RIP (Freda)

#### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Saturday 22 May : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 23 May : 9.00 am Bob & Maureen Greene RIP (Greene Family)

11.30 am Jane Murphy RIP (John)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

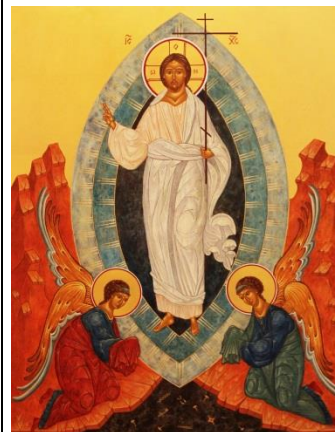
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#### to contact Church House:

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

15-16 May 2021



#### 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

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please keep our children in your prayers (there are sixty of them preparing for First Holy Communion in the summer) - they celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – important information for young people in Year 11

Quite a few parishes are not celebrating Confirmation this year - mainly because the usual preparation programmes could not be organised due to the current restrictions on meetings. If you are in Year 11 at the moment, come to Mass at this church, and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Father Philip to let him know you are interested. Either send an email (this would be the best option) or phone the Parish Office as soon as possible. You will need to give us an email or home address so we can send you details when they are finalised. **The absolute deadline for doing this is Sunday 25 July** – but don't wait until then!

Due to First Communion Masses, re-arranged marriages and a back-log of baptisms there are no suitable or free dates until the autumn term. **The Confirmation Mass will be held on the weekend of 20/21 November** (National Youth Sunday) - so you need to keep this weekend clear. Depending on the number of candidates and any remaining pandemic restrictions the Confirmation Mass will be held on either the Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning during the Mass at 11.30 am (which is when it would take place in 'normal times').

### LOCKDOWN EASING from Monday 17 May

*In church, the wearing of face masks and social distancing are still required.*

The church seating capacity for weekend Masses remains: **78 adults and 12 family groups** (by 'Family Group' we mean 1 or 2 parents/carers and children.

The group can also include an adult who is in a **permanent** bubble with the family).

*The main changes for us are the numbers permitted at the following events:*

**Baptisms:** 30 people | **Funerals:** 78 adults and 12 family groups (as for weekend Masses)

**Weddings:** 30 people (the couple & 28 guests). Dancing (presumably at the Reception) is not permitted!

**The next step** in lockdown easing is due from 21 June - possibly allowing full seating capacity once more.

## YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Parish Offerings** amounted to £641.54 (£363.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

### MOVING NOVENA - DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (located at the back of the church) was inaugurated in 1977. On Friday evenings ever since there has been a time of prayer to Our Lady (the Novena Devotions) – which has only been interrupted by Good Fridays and the recent lockdowns, when the church was closed for public worship. From Friday 4 June we are moving the Novena Prayer to Friday at 9.30 am, following the morning Mass.

### ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - Main Scale Teacher Required

The Governors of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint an enthusiastic and committed teacher to join our successful school. Required for 1st September 2021. Applications are warmly invited to join our supportive and enthusiastic team and be willing to work in any year group required. Salary depending on experience.

### MESSAGE FROM CHURCH GARDENERS

We urgently need small plant pots please which can be left in the Church porch. Sale of plants on Sunday morning 13<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

### 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.

### CLUB NEWS

In accordance with the current Government regulations, the Catholic Club will re-open on Monday 17 May. Hall bookings will be provisionally taken for dates after 1<sup>st</sup> July. Booking is via text on 07936 198570.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Dunstan** – an Archbishop of Canterbury, he died on 19 May 988. He was one of Anglo-Saxon England's greatest saints, a hugely dynamic and at times controversial figure who loomed large over the English church in his lifetime and in the centuries after his death. In art he is often depicted pinching the devil's nose with a pair of tongs.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena** - a Franciscan priest, he journeyed throughout Italy preaching and encouraging devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

### TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for more information.

### VACANCIES AT ST JOHN'S RC SCHOOL

St John's RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk). These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

### VACANCY FOR A MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (based in Newham) has a vacancy for a management accountant. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 17 May

### NEW ST BON'S ALUMNI NETWORK

Open to all former students and staff of St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events and opportunities to give back: <https://www.stbons.org/alumni/>

### VACANCY AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Teacher of History (ideal for an NQT). Start: September 2021. Closing Date: noon on Thursday 24 May 2021. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

“The Lord's Ascension into heaven, while inaugurating a new form of Jesus' presence among us, calls us to keep eyes and hearts open to encounter him, to serve him and bear witness to him to others. It is a matter of being men and women of the Ascension, that is, those who seek Christ along the paths of our time, bringing his word of salvation to the ends of the earth. On this journey we encounter Christ himself in our brothers and sisters, especially in the poorest, in those who suffer in their very flesh the harsh and humiliating experience of old and new forms of poverty.

As at the beginning the Risen Christ sent his Apostles with the power of the Holy Spirit, so too does he send all of us today, with the same power, so as to establish concrete and visible signs of hope. Because Jesus gives us hope. He went to heaven and opened the gates of heaven and the hope that we will reach it”.

Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli* Address, St Peter's Square, 13 May 2018

## MINISTRY ROTA

**Please check this rota carefully – it is updated weekly.**

*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*

15-16 May		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Victoria Cassettari
22-23 May		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Pridham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Margaret Moffat
29-30 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Catherine Burnett
5-6 June		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	Michaela Henkel
12-13 June		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Elaine New
19-20 June		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty	Alexandra Burt-Allen