



Donations of any long-life products are always very welcome. At the moment, the following items are especially needed:

Tins, bottles or jars of: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, custard, jam, honey, marmalade, cooking oil, long-life milk and fruit juice (including low sugar).

Bags or boxes of: flour, sugar, cereal, biscuits, tea bags.

Items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste.

Cleaning products: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big).

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of deceased members of the Foley-Garcia families.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the members of the Musiwa family.

Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Isabella Ayres, Francesco Bianco, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Alice Ragan, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

26 Aug-1 Sept: Cyril Thorne, Denis Myers, Mary Anne Falzon, William Hayes, Ralph Secker, Patrick Joseph Hughes, Paul Sullivan and Teresa Parker.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Amedrovi RIP (D'Amico)

Sunday 27 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Val & George int (Welcome)

Monday 28 Aug : 9.15 am Bernie Curley int (Conneely)

Tuesday 29 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 30 Aug : 9.15 am Thanksgiving Margaret Fitzpatrick (Moffat)

Thursday 31 Aug : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 1 Sept : 9.15 am Deceased Members of the Sammut Family (Micallef)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 2 Sept : 6.30 pm Vittorio D'Amico RIP (Marcello)

Sunday 3 Sept : 9.00 am Maureen Kivineen RIP (Hughes)

11.30 am Father Gino int (Friends from Collier Row)

Please let Father Philip know if ...

**you are new to the parish,
you are moving within the parish
or you are leaving the parish.**

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

26-27 August 2023



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 OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £772.85 (£394.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS ~ FINAL CALL

If you are about to go into Year 12 or a college and would like to be Confirmed please speak with Father Philip urgently, if you haven't already done so, to register your interest. The final date to do this is Sunday 10 September (the Confirmation has been advertised since April for a total of 16 weeks). The preparation programme will begin in the middle of September, with the Confirmation Mass taking place on the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 26 November).

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE : MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

GIDEA PARK FAITH TALK ~ THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20th September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be

available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed on-line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Augustine** – this convert became, as Bishop of Hippo in north Africa, one of the greatest ever leaders, thinkers and teachers of the Faith. The story of his conversion is told in the classic spiritual book now known as *The Confessions of St Augustine*. He died in 430.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist** – the horrific drama of his death, on the orders of the weak yet powerful Herod, is told in the gospel of today's liturgy. There are a number of churches dedicated to this feast, including the Anglican church at Doddington in Kent. Telephoning the vicarage there must be somewhat alarming: "*Beheading of John the Baptist, may I help you?*"

Wednesday is the **Memorial of SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward** – three of the many women martyrs of the Reformation. **Margaret Clitherow** was born at York in 1536; she converted to Catholicism, for which she was imprisoned for two years. Upon release, she sheltered priests in her home. Arrested again, she was condemned to the horrible penalty of being slowly pressed to death. She died at York in 1586. **Anne Line** was born at Dunmow in Essex. A convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour in our church, a gift of the Catholic Women's League. **Margaret Ward** was hanged at Tyburn in 1588 for the crime of rescuing a priest.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne** – a saintly bishop who established Holy Island as a missionary base for preaching the gospel in northern England. Aidan died in 651. His monastery became a powerhouse of prayer and faith, producing many saints of the north including St Cuthbert.

Friday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Sebbi** – after thirty peaceful years as king, he received the monastic habit at London, died shortly afterwards and was buried in Old St Paul's.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 23 August 2020

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mt 16:13-20) presents the moment in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. This Apostle's confession is provoked by Jesus himself, who wishes to lead his disciples to take the decisive step in their relationship with him. Indeed, Jesus' entire journey with those who follow him, especially with the Twelve, is a journey of educating their faith. First of all, he asks: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" (v. 13). The Apostles liked to talk about people, as we all do. We like to gossip. Speaking about others is not so demanding; this is why we like it; even 'flaying' others. In this case the perspective of faith rather than gossip is already required, and so he asks, 'What do the people say that I am?'. And the disciples seem to compete in reporting the different opinions, which perhaps, to a large extent, they themselves shared. They too shared them. In essence, Jesus of Nazareth was considered a prophet (v. 14).

With the second question, Jesus touches them to the core: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 15). At this point, we seem to perceive a moment of silence, as each one of those present is called to put themselves on the line, manifesting the reason why they follow Jesus; therefore a certain hesitation is more than legitimate. Even if I were to ask you now, 'For you, who is Jesus?', there would be a little hesitation. Simon takes them off the hook by declaring forthrightly, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). This answer, so complete and luminous, does not come from an impulse of his own, however generous — Peter was generous — but rather it is the fruit of a particular grace of the heavenly Father. Indeed, Jesus himself says to him: "flesh and blood has not revealed this to you" — that is, culture, what you have studied, no, this has not revealed it to you. It was revealed to you by "my Father who is in heaven" (v. 17). To confess Jesus is a grace of the Father. To say that Jesus is the Son of the living God, that he is the Redeemer, is a grace that we must ask for: "Father, give me the grace to confess Jesus".

At the same time, the Lord acknowledges Simon's prompt response to the inspiration of grace and therefore adds, in a solemn tone, "you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it" (v. 18). With this affirmation, Jesus makes Simon understand the meaning of the new name He has given him, 'Peter': the faith he has just shown is the unshakeable 'rock' on which the Son of God wishes to

build his Church, that is, the Community. And the Church goes forward always on the basis of Peter's faith, that faith that Jesus recognizes [in Peter] and which makes him the head of the Church.

Today, we hear Jesus' question directed to each one of us: 'And you, who do you say I am?'. To each one of us. And each one of us must give not a theoretical answer, but one that involves faith, that is, life, because faith is life! 'For me you are ...' and then to confess Jesus. An answer that demands from us too, as from the first disciples, inward listening to the voice of the Father and consonance with what the Church, gathered around Peter, continues to proclaim. It is a matter of understanding who Christ is for us: whether he is the centre of our life, whether he is the goal of our commitment in the Church, of our commitment in society. Who is Jesus Christ for me? Who is Jesus Christ for you, for you, for you ...? An answer that we should give every day ...

May Mary Most Holy, blessed because she believed, be our guide and model on the path of faith in Christ, and make us aware that trust in him gives full meaning to our charity and to all our existence.

MINISTRY ROTA

On the current rota, you will be in two groups, reading or ministering once every four weeks.

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

There are paper copies in the Sacristy.

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

26-27 August		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3.	Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Carleen Heath 3. Shirley Hay	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
2-3 September		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Jhnson Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Wally Barnes	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Michael Chadwick Donna Hector Margaret Moffat
9-10 September		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Catharine Welcome 3. Maria Green	Susana Gracia Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3. Onyema Agbebi	Adam Beddoe Remika Quintus
16-17 September		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 3. Mick Doolan	Jean Capps Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Alexandra Burt-Allen