

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

At the moment, the Foodbank is closed until 8 January. Please hang on to any donations until then.

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 . . .

24 Dec – 1 Jan: Kathleen Murray, Gary Truman, Len Burfield, Frederick Ibbunson, Kevin O'Leary, Jack Moir, Roy Brown, Isabel Moyses, Norah Connelly, Annie Hay, Peter Newman, Roland Gear, John Breheny, Margaret Eves, Celia Richardson, John Enright, Hannah Culff, Sean Flaherty, Pat Macgregor, Jane Spencer, Bernard McCarthy, Teresa Cunningham, Ivy Sullivan, Doris Ridey, Josie Allen, Tony Conway, Frances Jay and Daniel Hennessy.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK (from Saturday 26 December)

The light in honour of Our Lady is for Christina, Elizabeth & Richard.

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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday 24 Dec : 4.30 pm Lily & Jim O'Conner RIP (Nigel & Martin)
6.30 pm Eileen & Tommy Doolan RIP (Downey)
10.00 pm Members of Our Parish Community

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 25 Dec : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family)
11.30 am Winifred Long RIP (Long family)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 26 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 27 Dec : 9.00 am Edward Murphy RIP (Murphy family)
11.30 am Roy Brown RIP (Connie)
Monday 28 Dec : 9.00 am Roland & Alice Gear RIP (Chadwick)
Tuesday 29 Dec : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Welcome)
Wednesday 30 Dec : 9.00 am Tony Tyler & Geraldine Pickering int (Yore)
Thursday 31 Dec : 9.00 am Tony Conway RIP (Conway family)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday 1 January 2021 : 9.00 am Smyth family int (Freda)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Saturday 2 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 3 Jan : 9.00 am Martine Doolan RIP (Mick)
11.30 am Frances Larkin RIP (McKie)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

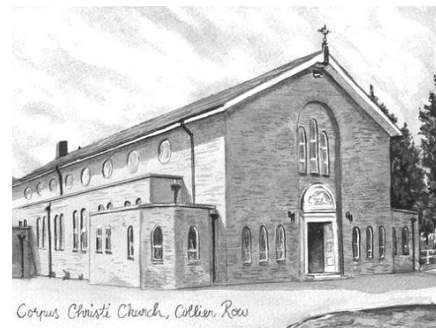
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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

24-25 December 2020



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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

every morning for private prayer:
9.00 am to 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

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



Wishing you joy, peace
and contentment
as we celebrate the
Feast of the Lord's Birth
- giving thanks that
"the Word
was made flesh
and dwelt among us".

Father Philip

CHRISTMAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

*“Let us pause before
the Child of Bethlehem.
Let us allow our hearts to be
touched, let us not fear this.
Let us not fear that our hearts
be moved. We need this!
Let us allow ourselves
to be warmed
by the tenderness of God”*
Pope Francis



Christmas Eve
4.30 pm Vigil Mass
6.30 pm Vigil Mass
10.00 pm Mass *'during the Night'*

Christmas Day
9.00 am Mass *'of the Dawn'*
11.30 am Mass *'of the Day'*

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Our Offerings at Christmas are a personal gift to our priest; these form a significant proportion of a parish priest's income for the year ahead. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use your numbered envelope; for everyone else, there are Christmas Offering envelopes, available in the porch.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Copies are available in the porch for you to take away and display in the windows of your homes.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Our Bishops have asked us to remind you that, according to an ancient tradition, Christmas and Easter, are such important Feasts that the Church 'suspends' time and extends the 24 hour day to a day of eight days - known as an Octave. Christmas Day begins on 25th December and concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on 1st January. Each of these days are a Christmas Day so, if you cannot get to Mass this Friday or would prefer a quieter Mass, why not try one of the other Masses of the Octave.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.

SUNDAY MASS

Next Sunday begins with our usual Saturday evening Mass at 6.30 pm which is Boxing Day evening – see you then!

PARISH OFFERINGS

The Parish Collections for the past few weeks: **6th December:** £682.45 (of which £406.00 was Gift Aided). **13th December:** £1546.40 (£1172.00 of this was Gift Aided). **20th December:** £737.29 (£533.00 Gift Aided). Last month's standing orders amounted to £2661.75. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

This week we keep the ancient feasts that fall within the Octave of Christmas – known as the *Comites Christi* – the Companions of Christ:

Monday is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** – the Gospel reading of this day recounts the heart-breaking story of their slaughter on the orders of King Herod.

Tuesday is the **National Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury** – surely everyone knows how Thomas was murdered by four knights in his own cathedral at Canterbury. Less generally acknowledged is his undoubted personal holiness as a priest, and his care for his people as their archbishop. He is rightfully patron of the parish clergy of England.

Friday is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – divine maternity of Mary was proclaimed as a belief and teaching of the Church at the Council of Ephesus in 431; in more recent times, the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) made the meaning explicit: "that Christ should be recognised, in the truest sense, as the Son of God and the Son of Man". Before this feast was inserted into the revised Roman calendar, the first day of the year had been dedicated to the remembrance of the circumcision of the Lord, which took place eight days after his birth, as prescribed by Jewish law.

MINISTRY ROTA

With a more simplified liturgy, due to restrictions currently in place, each Mass requires just two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated.

You will find it on the website, in the 'Rotas' section.

Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in. 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.

The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.

	Readers	Communion Minister
26-27 Dec		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Frank Smith	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	Martin O'Regan
2-3 Jan		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Vanessa Thompson	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Barbara Binder
9-10 Jan		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Shirley Hay	Margaret Moffat
16-17 Jan		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Nicola Charles	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Alison Greene
11.30 am	Michael Chadwick Terence Osuji	Helene Ward
23-24 Jan		
6.30 pm	Eileen Rogan-Hill Margaret Smith	Carole Miles
9.00 am	Roger King Wally Barnes	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Les Hislop Carleen Heath	Pat Smithers
30-31 Jan		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Stephen Doherty Nuala Doherty	Louise Seaton

*“We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter,
the historical encounter, the decisive encounter,
between God and mankind.
He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice”.*

St Paul VI, 23 December 1965