



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 & cleaning products: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste,

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

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of the Foley-Gracia family.

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

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, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston and Yvonne Wilson.

Those who have died recently . . .

Alice Ragan died on Thursday evening; we keep her and the family in our prayers. Arrangements for her funeral will be announced in the coming days,

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

2-8 Sept: Bob Wells, Tom Connolly, Bridget Overson, George Scott, Joyce Brennan, Patsy Allen, Roy Collis, Rose Sheridan, Kay Mason, Ada Spelling and Ralph Stevens.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 2 Sept : 6.30 pm Vittorio D'Amico RIP (Marcello)
Sunday 3 Sept : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Father Gino int (Friends from Collier Row)

Monday 4 Sept : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 5 Sept : 9.15 am All children starting the new School Year (Vettath)

Wednesday 6 Sept : 9.15 am Rose Sheridan RIP (Tom)

Thursday 7 Sept : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 8 Sept : 9.15 am Trish Sharpe RIP (Jonas)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 Sept : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 10 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Maureen Kivineen RIP & Eileen Clancy RIP (Hughes)

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2-3 September 2023



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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS ~ FINAL CALL

If you have already given your name to Father Philip – there is an envelope for you to collect with an application form and the preparation programme details. See Father Philip or John after Mass.

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).

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £868.51 (£398.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service which works on behalf of the bishops to support Catholic education, representing our interests in negotiations and discussions with the government.

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 20 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 Cuthbert** – a monk at Melrose and at Ripon; following the Synod of Whitby, he was asked to go as Prior to Lindisfarne under its new Benedictine Rule. In 685 he was ordained abbot-bishop. He died in 687 and his tomb became a popular pilgrimage shrine. In the ninth century, Viking raids led to an end of monastic life at Lindisfarne and in 875 his shrine was transported across the north until it reached Durham in 995. There the shrine became one of the most frequented in medieval Europe. At the Reformation his shrine was destroyed and his body re-buried on the same site, where it remains to this day.

Friday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – the birth of Mary is not narrated in the gospels, but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protoevangelium of James* along with *The Golden Legend*, the source of much iconographic tradition. The celebration was introduced into the calendar in the seventh century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 16:21-27) is linked to that of last Sunday (cf. Mt 16:13-20). After Peter, on behalf of the other disciples as well, has professed his faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, Jesus himself begins to speak to them about his Passion. Along the path to Jerusalem, he openly explains to his friends what awaits him at the end in the Holy City: he foretells the mystery of his death and Resurrection, of his humiliation and glory. He says that he will have to "suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16:21). But his words are not understood, because the disciples have a faith that is still immature and too closely tied to the mentality of this world (cf. Rom 12:2). They think of too earthly a victory, and therefore they do not understand the language of the cross.

At the prospect that Jesus may fail and die on the cross, Peter himself rebels and says to Him: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" (v. 22). He believes in Jesus — Peter is like this — he has faith, he believes in Jesus; he believes; he wants to follow him, but does not accept that his glory will pass through the Passion. For Peter and the other disciples — but for us too! — the cross is an uncomfortable thing, the cross is a "hindrance", whereas Jesus considers the "hindrance" escaping the cross, which would mean avoiding the Father's will, the mission that the Father has entrusted to him for our salvation. For this reason Jesus responds to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 23) ...

Addressing everyone then, Jesus adds: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 24) ...

Thus the task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's Love, it is a sign of Jesus' Sacrifice, and is not to be reduced to a superstitious object or an ornamental necklace. Each time we fix our gaze on the image of Christ crucified, let us contemplate that he, as the true Servant of the Lord, has accomplished his mission, giving life, spilling his blood for the pardoning of sins. And let us not allow ourselves to be drawn to the other side by the temptation of the Evil One. Therefore, if we want to be his disciples, we are called to imitate him, expending our life unreservedly out of love of God and neighbour.

May the Virgin Mary, united to her Son unto Calvary, help us not to retreat in the face of the trials and suffering that witnessing to the Gospel entails.

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

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
23-24 September		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Ngozi Obiakonwu Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Shirley Hay 3. Arno Bastiampillai	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton



Please let Father Philip know if ...

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