

BCYS VOICES - I hear about refugees and I ask, "what can I do"?

Inspired by his grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader (and a Corpus Christi parishioner), travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mVrRDH0>. More details of the whole BCYS voices series and much more at www.bcys.net

CALAIS LIGHT

Hear the first hand story of a refugee who became a Harvard graduate: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: *The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You*. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info at: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY (for September 2021)

at The Palmer Catholic Academy, Seven Kings – closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 23 April – details on the porch noticeboard.

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 and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

17-23 April: Henry Fordham, Helen Dean, Genevieve Percival, Dennis Kelleher, David McGoay, Evelyn Collis, Michael O'Shea, Joseph Spelling, Hector Stratton, Denis Miller, Patricia McDermott, Kathleen Pow, Samantha Read, Sheila Casey, Mick Rubery, Mabel Mullin, Lily McCabe and Rose Reilly.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Michael Rubery.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Rose Kelly.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17 April : 6.30 pm Ann Rowan RIP (Jonas)

Sunday 18 April : 9.00 am Holy Souls

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 19 April : 9.00 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 20 April : 9.00 am Fr James Earley RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Wednesday 21 April : 9.00 am Rose Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

Thursday 22 April : 9.00 am Thanksgiving – Vettath family (Arun)

Friday 23 April : 9.00 am Peter Welcome RIP (Kate)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 24 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 25 April : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Jonas)

11.30 am Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)

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Third Sunday of Easter

17-18 April 2021



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

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

STREAMING

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

SUNG VESPERS – the Evening Prayer of the Church

This Wednesday (21 April) at 6.15 pm in our church. As before, this will be led by a small group of singers from Brentwood Cathedral and will last approximately 30 minutes. The service will also be livestreamed.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Parish Offerings** amounted to £579.41 (£350.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

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.

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. It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

SPICMA – boreholes in Uganda

We have received a letter of thanks from SPICMA for our Lenten Offerings and other donations made during the past months (totalling £2363.45). They write that they plan to focus the funds on "one of two borehole projects we are currently considering. There is a parish in Kotido, Uganda which is in need of a borehole to help surrounding villagers during periods of drought. There is also a rural school in Moroto Diocese, Uganda which has requested our help, as they cannot afford to purchase water from unreliable government sources. A borehole would help them remain open".

CLUB NEWS

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

[Please note: the government will announce on 10 May whether we can proceed to the next stage of lockdown easing – which would include opening indoor drinking facilities]

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Closing date: Monday 28 April 2021 at noon. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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 for more information.

ASSISTANT MANAGER - Walsingham House at Abbotswick

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10 May 2021.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Anselm** – a Benedictine monk who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His writings were a major influence on philosophical thinking in the Middle Ages. His ontological argument for the existence of God became a classic: "God is that than which no greater can be thought" (think about it!). In 1092, he established at Chester the Benedictine Abbey of St Werburgh – now Chester Cathedral. He died in 1109.

Friday is the **National Solemnity of St George** – martyr and a patron of many places, including Georgia, Portugal, Ethiopia, Russia, England, Palestine, Malta, Venice, Beirut, Aragon and Catalonia. Little is known for certain about him, but it is highly unlikely that he ever killed a dragon.

Saturday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus, Bishop** – a Roman abbot, sent to England by Pope Gregory in the wake of St Augustine. He worked in Kent for three years before becoming the first Bishop of London. Banished to France for refusing Holy Communion to the king's apostate sons, in 619 he was recalled to England as Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in 624.

Pope Francis, from the *Regina Caeli Address*, St Peter's Square, 15 April 2018

At the centre of this Third Sunday of Easter there is the encounter with the Risen One experienced by his disciples, all together. This is evidenced especially by the Gospel which introduces us once again to the Upper Room, where Jesus manifests himself to the Apostles, addressing this greeting to them: "Peace to you" (Lk 24:36). It is the greeting of the Risen Christ, who gives us peace: "Peace to you!" It is a matter of both inner peace and the peace that is established in interpersonal relationships. The episode recounted by Luke the Evangelist rests heavily on the realism of the Resurrection. Jesus is not a spirit. Indeed, it is not about an apparition of Jesus' spirit, but of his real presence with his risen body.

Jesus realizes that the Apostles are unsettled in seeing him, that they are bewildered because the reality of the Resurrection is inconceivable to them. They believe they are seeing a spirit; but the Risen Jesus is not a spirit; he is a man with body and soul. This is why, in order to convince them, he says to them: "See my hands and my feet" — he shows them his wounds — "that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (v. 39). And since this did not seem enough to overcome the disciples' disbelief — the Gospel says something interesting: there was so much joy they had within - that this joy prevented them from believing it: "No, it cannot be! It cannot be so! So much joy is not possible!" And Jesus, in order to convince them, asks them: "Have you anything here to eat?" (v. 41). They offer him some broiled fish; Jesus takes and eats it in front of them, in order to convince them.

ANNUAL MIGRANTS' MASS

In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for Migrants on Saturday 1 May 2021 at 11.20am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill. Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. Livestream the Mass at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
17-18 April		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Adam Beddoe
24-25 April		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty	Barbara Binder
1-2 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick	Shirley Hay
8-9 May		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi
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

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.