

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM : 27 – 31 July



Join Bishop Alan and hundreds of people from across the Diocese for this virtual pilgrimage which includes Mass, Angelus, Rosary, reflections, Morning and Evening Prayer each day, all via YouTube, as well as Stations of the Cross, a Marian Procession, and a talent show on the final evening. To be part of the virtual Marian ("Torchlight") procession, send photos of yourself, family members and friends each with a lighted candle, to info@bcys.net. If you are a singer, joke-teller, dancer or can entertain in some other way, email us at info@bcys.net before next Sunday, 12th July, for more details of the talent show. The full pilgrimage information is at www.bcys.net including a daily timetable, YouTube details, and additional events for those aged 15-23.

Please remember in your prayers

Deacon Adrian Lowe is to be ordained to the priesthood at Colchester next Saturday. Due to coronavirus restrictions, it will be a very simple affair. Adrian was here on placement in June/July 2017. We wish him *ad multos annos!*

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, 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 . . .

4-10 July: Luigi Mormile, John Collins, Humphrey Long, Mark Barron, Harry Griffin, Joan Prior, Hannah (Ann) Jones, Dolly Ling, Jane (Jenny) O'Sullivan, Dick Crowley, Maureen Ruxton and May Martin.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Luigi Mormile.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 July : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 5 July : 9.00 am Ed & Margaret Corcoran RIP (Pye family)
11.30 am Humphrey Long RIP (Long family)
Monday 6 July : 9.00 am Ken Stanton RIP (Chadwick)
Tuesday 7 July : 9.00 am Father John Garrett RIP (PACT Brentwood)
Wednesday 8 July : 9.00 am Justine & Tony Knight RIP (Cast)
Thursday 9 July : 9.00 am Carlos Semporios RIP (Short)
Friday 10 July : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 July : 6.30 pm Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty/Harrison)
Sunday 12 July : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Eddie McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

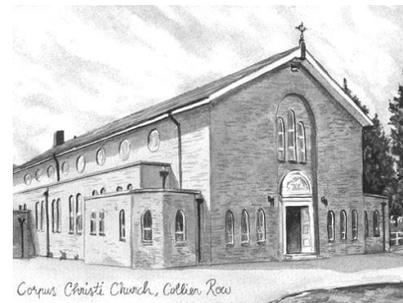
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4-5 July 2020



PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicolliarrow.org

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

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

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 at the following times:

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

WELCOME BACK!

MASS AND OTHER ACTS OF WORSHIP

In order for us to be able to gather for acts of worship, there are a number of rules that have to be followed to limit the possibility of the spread of Coronavirus; these have been issued by the government, with further guidance provided by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. They are outlined on the back of this week's Readings Sheet. This is going to be the "new normal" for some time to come. Thank you for your patience and willingness to be flexible.

PRIVATE PRAYER

We are grateful to the 48 volunteers who have offered to act as 'church stewards' so that we can have the church open at other times for private prayer. Do take the opportunity to pay a visit and spend some time in the peace and tranquillity of our church. If the opening times are not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please 'phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing. It could also help relieve the pressure on numbers at Sunday celebrations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy, which takes place during the 11.30 am Mass in term times, will hopefully recommence in September. For now, the worksheets the children would have used will be available in the porch for them to take home and try the activities and colouring tasks.

TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTER
11-12 July		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	Clare Scott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Shirley Hay
18-19 July		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Jean Capps	Graham Rogan-Hill
9.00 am	Pat Pridham Aimee Peters	Marguerite Crossfield
11.30 am	Onyema Agbebi Susan Smithson	Louise Seaton
25-26 July		
6.30 pm	Kerry Truman Kim Pritchard	Maria Smith
9.00 am	Ken Hay Lorna Lyons	Andrew Green
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Michael Chadwick	Martin O'Regan
1-2 Aug		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Nicola Charles	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Terence Osuji	Attracta Caulfield-Ross

Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in as usual. Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves. Communion Ministers will sanitise their hands with gel (available on the Credence Table) just before distributing Holy Communion.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Maria Goretti** – this Italian saint was a girl of twelve when she died. She had received fatal knife wounds in virtuously resisting a lustful attack by a young, local man named Alessandro Serenelli. He was sentenced to 30 years hard labour and, for some time, seemed viciously unrepentant. Then, around 1908, he experienced a vision of Maria in which she handed him 14 lilies, thought to be representative of the number of stab wounds she had received. From that day onwards, he proved a model prisoner. Released in 1927, he found a place as a gardener and lay-brother in a Capuchin monastery. He made his peace with Maria's mother and, in 1950, attended Maria's canonisation in the company of her family. He died in 1970.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong and his Companions** – from Wuchuan in Guizhou, China. He was a warden of a prison in which Christians were being held and was converted by their example. In 1781 he was ordained and went to do missionary work in western Sichuan. He was arrested in 1815 and, being already ill, died in prison after torture.

Saturday is the **European Feast of St Benedict** - from the great monastery of Monte Cassino, which Benedict founded around the year 529, came the 'Rule of Benedict'. In one way or another, this Rule has been followed by many thousands of Religious women and men. Pope Paul VI named him Patron of Europe.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present. If there is something you need, please ask and it will be opened for you.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER - Catholic Education Service

Do you support the Church's provision of high-quality education for children across the country? Are you interested in supporting teachers, schools and colleges to achieve this mission? If so, we are seeking to appoint a Public Affairs Manager. The CES represents and promotes the national education policy of the Bishops in relation to the 2,300 Catholic schools, colleges and universities which the Church is responsible for across England and Wales.

The CES is looking for an enthusiastic individual to join its friendly public affairs team to work with MPs, Peers, MSs and other decision makers to promote and secure Catholic education in England and Wales. The successful applicant will be sympathetic to the teachings of the Catholic Church and supportive of Church schools. The CES is a family friendly charity that encourages a good work life balance, with working outside of normal office hours a rarity. The CES offers a range of benefits including a matched pension scheme and generous holiday allowance.

The role is based in the office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, a short walk from Victoria Station in Central London, subject to post Covid-19 restrictions.

Key Responsibilities:

- To liaise with parliamentarians and officials to ensure that the unique contribution of Catholic Education is integrated into Government thinking, decision making, policy and legislation.
- To influence Government policy relating to Catholic education.
- To develop effective public affairs strategies based upon knowledge of parliamentary process.
- To draft responses to consultations, briefings and policy papers as required
- To support and coordinate national campaigns in support of Catholic education.
- To work closely with colleagues from other faith-providers, particularly the Church of England Education Office, the Church in Wales and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Salary: c£35,000, subject to experience. Closing date for applications: 22nd July 2020 Interviews will be held on 29th July 2020 by video conferencing. Full job description is available at: catholiceducation.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancy-public-affairs-manager

For further information and/or a Job Description, please contact: HR@cbcew.org.uk Applicants must confirm their right to work in the UK and forward a full CV and covering letter illustrating their skills and motivation for this role to: HR@cbcew.org.uk

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). The Lord does not reserve this phrase for certain friends of his, no; he addresses it to "all" those who are weary and overwhelmed by life. And who could feel excluded from this invitation? The Lord knows how arduous life can be. He knows that many things weary the heart: disappointments and wounds of the past, burdens to carry and wrongs to bear in the present, uncertainties and worries about the future.

In the face of all this, Jesus' first word is an invitation, a call to move and respond: "Come". The mistake, when things go wrong, is to stay where we are, lying there. It seems obvious, but how difficult it is to respond and open ourselves! It is not easy. In dark times it feels natural to keep to ourselves, to ruminate over how unfair life is, over how ungrateful others are, how mean the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have had this awful experience a few times. But in this way, locked up inside ourselves, we see everything as grim. Then we even grow accustomed to sadness, which becomes like home: that sadness overcomes us; this sadness is a terrible thing. Jesus, however, wants to pull us out of this "quicksand" and thus says to each one: "Come! - Who? - You, you, you". The way out is in connecting, in extending a hand and lifting our gaze to those who truly love us. Today he says to each one: "Take courage; do not give in to life's burdens; do not close yourself off in the face of fears and sins. Come to me!"

He awaits us; he always awaits us. Not to magically resolve problems, but to strengthen us amid our problems. Jesus does not lift the burdens from our life, but the anguish from our heart; he does not take away our cross, but carries it with us. And with him every burden becomes light (cf. v. 30), because he is the comfort we seek. When Jesus enters life, peace arrives, the kind that remains even in trials, in suffering. Let us go to Jesus; let us give him our time; let us encounter him each day in prayer, in a trusting and personal dialogue; let us become familiar with his Word; let us fearlessly rediscover his forgiveness; let us eat of his Bread of Life: we will feel loved; we will feel comforted by him.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 9 July 2017