

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.

REPOSITORY

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

LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM

Hundreds of people from across the Diocese watched and prayed at Masses and liturgies last week, and enjoyed the social content too. Everything is on www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys, in case you missed it. Thank you for great generosity as over £4500 was raised by the "18 hour challenge" to be split between the BCYS, and CAFOD's coronavirus appeal, "Summer of Hope".

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! The deadline to apply is 2 October 2020 and the start date is January 2021. For the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. Please visit: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/

VACANCY AT THE CAMPION SCHOOL

Learning Support Assistant – One-Year Contract. Scale APTC 2 Spinal Point 4 £21,210 (FTE) 32 hours per week (39 weeks per year). Further details on porch noticeboard. Please apply online. Closing date: 12 noon Monday 17 August 2020.

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, 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 . . .

1-7 Aug: Michael Cole, Harry Church, George Goodfellow, Joseph Frendo and Pope St Paul VI.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Michael Cole.



MASS INTENTIONS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1 August : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 2 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Cole family)

11.30 am Michael Bradbrook RIP (Reg & Bernie)

Monday 3 Aug : 9.00 am Marie McCarthy (née O'Sullivan) RIP (Eugene)

Tuesday 4 Aug : 9.00 am Canon Eddie Matthews RIP (PACT Westminster)

Wednesday 5 Aug : 9.00 am Kathleen & Joseph Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Thursday 6 Aug : 9.00 am Deceased Members of Smyth & Lynch families (Freda Smyth)

Friday 7 Aug : 9.00 am Intentions of the Donor

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8 Aug : 6.30 pm Margaret Philliston RIP (Gardner)

Sunday 9 Aug : 9.00 am Mary Gallen RIP (Charles)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

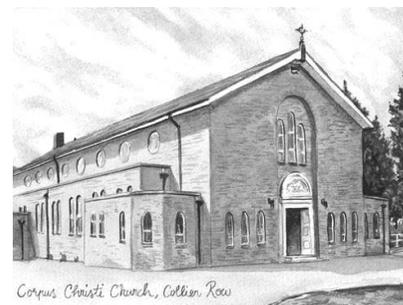
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1-2 August 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

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

PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ COVID UPDATE

Earlier this week, the Government issued further instructions to places of worship:

1. *Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they meet at church; they should maintain social distancing from anyone outside their household or bubble.*
2. *People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church.*

Then, at lunchtime on Friday, the Prime Minister announced that from next Saturday (8 August) face masks or coverings **must be worn** in all places where members of the public mix, including places of worship. So please, if you are coming to church, bring a face covering with you. We will a small supply of disposable masks for any that forget.

CHURCH CAR PARK

During the school holiday the church car park will be open for use for those coming to weekday Mass. However, because of anti-social behaviour there during the past few months, the car park will be closed for the rest of the day. It will be open for weekend Masses as usual.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £916.99 (of which £558.50 was gifted aided). Thank you for your continued support.

FATHER ADRIAN LOWE

It was good to see the newly-ordained Father Adrian this week (he called for a social visit); he has left a few copies of his ordination prayer card – they are available in the porch, if you would like to take one.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome William and Theodore Shaw into God's family, the Church. May they and their family grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are able to have the church open during the day for private prayer; we are required to have two stewards on duty all the time we are open. If you are in the area, 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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St John Mary Vianney** – the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Like his Divine Master, St John hated sin, but loved the sinner.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major** – this feast honours Our Lady and the famous church built in her honour in Rome 1500 years ago – Santa Maria Maggiore. The site is said to have been indicated by a miraculous, isolated fall of snow there in August.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** – Peter, James and John, the disciples closest to Jesus, receive a glimpse of the glory that is his. On Mount Tabor, where he had gone to pray, his face appears to shine like the sun and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses (who represents The Law) and Elijah (representing The Prophets) appear. It is worth recalling that at this time the Jewish Scriptures had not been finalised – two main sections were recognised: The Law and The Prophets (the third section - The Writings - was not added until the second century AD). The appearance of Moses and Elijah are, therefore, significant: they represent the Bible as it was then; here we see Jesus in dialogue with representatives of the Word of God. And a voice is heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Friday is the **Memorial of St Sixtus II and his Companions** – in 258, with several others, this saint was put to the sword after only twelve months as Bishop of Rome.

Saturday is the **Memorial of St Dominic** - founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans. These friars set new standards of learning in the Church in the later Middle Ages.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 3 August 2014

This Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish (Mt 14:13-21) ... They all ate and were satisfied, and there were even leftovers!

We can understand three messages from this event. The first is compassion. In facing the crowd who follows him and - so to speak - "won't leave him alone", Jesus does not react with irritation; he does not say: "These people are bothering me". No, no. He reacts with a feeling of compassion, because he knows they are not seeking him out of curiosity but out of need. But attention: compassion - which Jesus feels - is not simply feeling pity; it's more! It means to suffer with, in other words to empathize with the suffering of another, to the point of taking it upon oneself. Jesus is like this: he suffers together with us, he suffers with us, he suffers for us. And the sign of this compassion is the healing of countless people he performed. Jesus teaches us to place the needs of the poor before our own. Our needs, even if legitimate, are not as urgent as those of the poor, who lack the basic necessities of life. We often speak of the poor. But when we speak of the poor, do we sense that this man or that woman or those children lack the bare necessities of life? That they have no food, they have no clothing, they cannot afford medicine.... Also that the children do not have the means to attend school. Whereas our needs, although legitimate, are not as urgent as those of the poor who lack life's basic necessities.

The second message is sharing. The first is compassion, which Jesus felt, and the second is sharing. It's helpful to compare the reaction of the disciples with regard to the tired and hungry people, with that of Jesus. They are different. The disciples think it would be better to send them away so they can go and buy food. Jesus instead says: "you give them something to eat". Two different reactions, which reflect two contrasting outlooks: the disciples reason with worldly logic, by which each person must think of himself; they reason as if to say: "Sort it out for yourselves". Jesus reasons with God's logic, which is that of sharing. How many times we turn away so as not to see our brothers in need! And this looking away is a polite way to say, with white gloves, "Sort it out for yourselves". And this is not Jesus' way: this is selfishness. Had he sent away the crowds, many people would have been left with nothing to eat. Instead those few loaves and fish, shared and blessed by God, were enough for everyone. And pay heed! It isn't magic, it's a "sign": a sign that calls for faith in God, provident Father, who does not let us go without "our daily bread", if we know how to share it as brothers.

Compassion, sharing. And the third message: the miracle of the loaves foreshadows the Eucharist. It is seen in the gesture of Jesus who, before breaking and distributing the loaves, "blessed" them (Mt 14:19).

It is the same gesture that Jesus was to make at the Last Supper, when he established the perpetual memorial of his Redeeming Sacrifice. In the Eucharist Jesus does not give just any bread, but the bread of eternal life, he gives Himself, offering Himself to the Father out of love for us. But we must go to the Eucharist with those sentiments of Jesus, which are compassion and the will to share. One who goes to the Eucharist without having compassion for the needy and without sharing, is not at ease with Jesus.

Compassion, Sharing, Eucharist. This is the path that Jesus points out to us in this Gospel. A path which brings us to face the needs of this world with fraternity, but which leads us beyond this world, because it comes from God the Father and returns to Him.

REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
1-2 August		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Terence Osuji	Martin O'Regan
8-9 August		
6.30 pm	Margaret Smith Eileen Rogan-Hill	Kim Ayling
9.00 am	Wally Barnes Roger King	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Les Hislop	Barbara Binder
15-16 August		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat
22-23 August		
6.30 pm	Mary O'Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Linda Withers
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	John McKie
29-30 August		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Victoria Cassettari
5-6 September		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Michael Chadwick Triston Osuji	Catherine Burnett

With a more simplified liturgy due to restrictions currently in place each Mass requires 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.

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.

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

Readers will need to sanitise their hands before and after reading; Communion Ministers just before distributing Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.