



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: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste.

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Julie & Teresa Smith

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Father Sean F Sheils.

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

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

19-25 Aug: Thomas Kelly, Mary Ellen (Helen) Parker, Father Sean F Sheils (third parish priest of Corpus Christi), Anna Valentini, Teresa Smith, Charles Snoxell, Eileen O'Boyle and Margaret Willbourne.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Aug : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 20 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Kate Tomlinson RIP (Clive)

Monday 21 Aug : 9.15 am Father Kevin Gradwell RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Tuesday 22 Aug : 9.15 am Intentions of the Donor

Wednesday 23 Aug : 9.15 am Terri-Lee Smith RIP (Smith family)

Thursday 24 Aug : 9.15 am Michael Healey RIP (Dolby)

Friday 25 Aug : 9.15 am Rhona & Dennis Condon RIP (Czermak)

7.00 pm Golden Jubilee Mass of Father Gino Ciangura OFMCap

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Amedrovi RIP (D'Amico)

Sunday 27 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Val & George int (Welcome)

Please let Father Philip know if ...

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19-20 August 2023



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £681.02 (£336.20 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

THANK YOU

Mary Brennan and her family would like to thank members of our parish community for your condolences and support, following the death of her brother Charles Gallen. Your kindness, prayers and Masses offered are all much appreciated.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Father Gino Ciangura, a Franciscan Capuchin from Malta, celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on 5 August. He has been a visitor here for a number of years and will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday at 7 pm.

Words from Pope Francis – top quotes from World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

From the Vigil of Prayer

• Mary does something that was not asked of her, and that she did not have to do. Mary goes (to Elizabeth) because she loved, and “whoever loves flies, runs and rejoices” (The Imitation of Christ, III, 5). That is what love does to us.

• This is interesting: instead of thinking about herself, she thinks of the other. Why? Because joy is missionary, joy is not just for one person, it is for sharing something with others.

• Yet, this joy we have, others have helped us to receive it. Let us look back, then, at all we have received, for it has prepared our hearts for joy. Each of us, if we cast our minds back, can recall those who have been rays of light in our lives: parents, grandparents, friends, priests, religious men and women, catechists, youth leaders, teachers, and so on. They are the “roots” of our joy.

• “In the art of climbing the mountain, what matters isn't not to fall, but not to remain fallen”. This is beautiful! When we need to lift someone up, or help them, do you notice how we are to do it? We look down on them. That is the only time, the only time that we are allowed to look down upon others, when we are offering to help them up. Yet, we often see people looking down on us, or over our shoulder, from above!

How sad. Instead, the only way, the only situation in which it is permissible to look down on others is... well, you tell me, out loud: to help them up.

• I am not sure if any of you like football ... I do! Think of how much training is needed in order to score a goal; how much effort is required to achieve a certain result. And if we fall, we get back up, or someone will help us get back up; let us not remain fallen; and let us train ourselves, train in order keep moving forward. All this is possible, not because we take a course on walking – there are no courses that can teach us how to journey in life – instead we learn, we learn from our parents, our grandparents, we learn from friends, giving each other a helping hand. We learn about life, and that trains us in how to journey onwards.

From the Final Mass – with 1,500,000 people

• After these exciting days, surely we feel like repeating the words of the Apostle Peter on the mount of the Transfiguration: "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" Now, we can also ask an important question: What will we take back with us as we resume our daily lives? I would like to answer this question with three verbs: to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid.

• Friends, I am telling you the truth: whenever you do works of love, you become light.

• To listen to Jesus, that is life's secret. Listen to what Jesus is saying to you. "But I don't know what he is saying to me". Well, take the Gospels and read there what Jesus is saying, what he is saying to your heart. ... He shows us the way of love.

• As young people, you have great dreams. The Church and the world need you, the young, as much as the earth needs rain. To all of you, dear young people, who are the present and the future, yes to all of you, Jesus now says: "Have no fear", "Do not be afraid!"

• I will tell you something else, also very beautiful: it is no longer I, but Jesus himself who is now looking at you. He knows each of your hearts, each of your lives; he knows your joys, your sorrows, your successes and failures. He knows your heart. Today, he says to you, here in Lisbon, at this World Youth Day: "Have no fear, take heart, do not be afraid!"

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Pius X** – pope at the beginning of the twentieth century; faced with many issues that he felt were threatening the Church, he was led to publish the encyclical *Lamentabili* – a condemnation of Modernism. He is also credited with an attempt to stem the huge numbers lapsing from the Faith. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and, in 1907, allowed First Holy Communion before Confirmation (changing what had been the custom and practice for nineteen centuries). Sadly, in much of the world, his experiment has not been successful. His sincere hope had been that all children would want to continue to receive the Lord in the Eucharist; for the vast majority they (or their families) do not. Pius also insisted on the importance of priests celebrating the 'proper' Sunday Mass (until then they could say any Mass – many simply memorised a favourite Mass and celebrated it week in, week out). So he was responsible for restoring 'Ordinary Time' with its readings and prayers; in art he is often depicted wearing green (Ordinary Time) vestments, giving Communion to a small child.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – in the old calendar, this was the octave day of the Assumption, which we celebrated last weekend. Today we honour Mary, assumed into heavenly glory and crowned as Queen of Heaven. Blessed Paul VI said: 'Seated beside the King of ages, Mary shines forth as Queen and intercedes as Mother'.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Rose of Lima** – the first canonised saint from the New World. Her life in Peru followed the pattern of so many good women before her: penance and prayer, combined with practical help for the poor and sick. She died in 1617.

Thursday is the **Feast of St Bartholomew** - the call of this apostle to follow the Lord is told in the Gospel of today's liturgy. According to tradition he died a martyr's death by being flayed alive. There is a particularly graphic and gruesome statue of him in the Pope's cathedral in Rome (St John Lateran) holding up his complete skin (including facial features) and the knife used to skin him.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Louis** – King Louis IX of France was renowned for his high personal standards, both as a family man and as a zealous Christian monarch. He died in 1270.

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.

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

19-20 August		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Mick Doolan 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Les Hislop 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen
26-27 August		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3.	Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Carleen Heath 3. Shirley Hay	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
2-3 September		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Jhnsn 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