

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

items of food in tins or jars: eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard, long life milk or long life fruit juice, bags of sugar. **items for personal hygiene:** deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste
cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout to register, email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Last Few Places on Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Cristiana Bianco, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

25-31 Mar: Marie Keenan, Maureen Bolton, Marguerite Ibbunson, Eddie McGettigan, Anne Smith, Tom McDonnell, Teresa Howell, Richard Curnow, Annie Tite, Sister Raymond (Marie) Pycroft, Dorothy Conway, Gerard Smith, Phyllis McLean, Bridget Robinson, Veronica Wells, William Moralee and Martin Hearne.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Tom & Marie Keenan.
The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of Edith O'Dell.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 25 Mar : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 26 Mar : 9.00 am David Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Rosario Cardozo RIP (Fernandes)

Monday 27 Mar : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Rubery)

Tuesday 28 Mar : 9.15 am Marie Lloyd int (Welcome)

Wednesday 29 Mar : 9.15 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (Hilda)

Thursday 30 Mar : 9.15 am Father James Hannigan RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Friday 31 Mar : 9.15 am Holy Souls

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 1 Apr : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke and family)

Sunday 2 Apr : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Roy Brown RIP & Jean Beaumont RIP (Connie)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2AP

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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to contact CHURCH HOUSE:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

25-26 March 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

WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays in Lent : 7.30 pm

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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

LENT OFFERINGS FOR THE CAFOD

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Last weekend a further £93.66 was contributed to this Appeal; the total raised so far: **£1321.98**.

Our aid agency CAFOD is already delivering emergency aid to the stricken areas of Turkey and Syria. Our Lenten Offerings will also go to support this desperate cause. It is also possible to make a donation 'on-line' by visiting the CAFOD website, where there is an option, if you are a UK taxpayer, to gift aid your donation.

DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we set out on the journey to Easter, we ask ourselves: "What could I do to help deepen my spiritual life?" Giving something up shouldn't mean extra (saved) money in our pockets: why not give an appropriate amount to a charity of your choice or support our Lenten Offerings Appeal. The basket will at the back of the church throughout Lent. *Some other suggestions to help make Lent special:* try to create some time for quiet – for thought and prayer, for reflecting on the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass at 9.15 am (Monday to Friday) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES in Romford and Collier Row

Wednesday 29 March at 11.00 am ~ St Edward's Church, Park End Road, Romford

Thursday 30 March at 7.00 pm ~ Corpus Christi, Collier Row

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £789.24 (£334.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Evelyn Arter and Jessi Shafe into the family of the Church and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

With the new financial year approaching, your new Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network (an agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales), in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services (an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland) are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

LENTE LUNCHE

Lenten Lunches on Fridays between 12.30 and 2.00 throughout Lent at St Edwards Parish Hall, Park End Road, Romford Please come along for a ploughmans' lunch including tea and coffee and most importantly, a chat and get-together. All welcome. All proceeds to go towards various charities.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

HIT THE ROAD heads South-East

The Champion School's annual fundraising walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust takes place on Saturday, 29th April. The 20-mile walk from Woolwich starts off along the River Thames before heading through parks and woodlands to Charlton and Eltham and then making our way back to the river at Greenwich. We then follow the Thames to Tower Bridge, finishing our walk at the Brewdog, Tower Hill. The 10-mile walk starts near Grove Park Station and then follows the second half of the 20-mile route. The entry fee of £15 adults/£10 concessions includes a t-shirt and certificate. Further information, including online entry, is available on our school website. <https://www.thecampionschool.org.uk/beyond-the-classroom/hit-the-road>

CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please call Victoria on telephone: 01277-265284 or email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LOVE THE STRANGER – document published by the Bishops of England & Wales

Scripture tells us: "Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:19). The word 'stranger' is variously translated as 'foreigner', 'immigrant', 'sojourner' or 'alien'. However, the message remains consistent: those arriving from other parts of the world are our sisters and brothers. We are called to see Christ in them, for all people are created in His image. And we are called to see ourselves in them, for we all share this common humanity.

In 2023, people making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are also called by various names: 'refugees', 'asylum seekers', 'migrants', and often by more derogatory terms.

This publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department for International Affairs is shaped by, and articulates, our Christian duty to look beyond such labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life. It can be found online at the Bishops' Conference website: cbcew.org.uk

VACANCY FOR A HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Officer to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org Full job description: Health and Safety Officer JD Closing date for applications: 7 April 2023.

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota (from 11-12 March) is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

There are a few 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

25-26 March		C
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Louise Seaton
1-2 April		D
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	Michael Chadwick
8-9 April		E
7.30 pm	<i>Special Arrangements for the</i>	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Eileen Jonas 3.	
11.30 am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Arno Bastiampillai 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen
15-16 April		A
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Margaret Smith	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3.	Remika Quintus