

### BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

*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 who have died recently . . .**

**Eula Jude** died on Saturday 19 November; her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 14 December at 12.30 pm followed by burial at Forest Park Cemetery.

**Pat McCarthy** died on Tuesday 29 November; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 21 December at 11.15 am followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

#### **Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .**

**3-9 Dec:** Jack McCabe, Veronica Thorne, Kerrie Middleton, Anne Kavanagh, Reginald Blake, Malcolm Dudney, Mary Westrop, Michel (Ben) Farraud, Richard Tabram, Frank Parkin, Neil Barron, Eve Fearon, Mary Milano, Alfred Tidey, Stanley Ford, Christopher Pye, Johanna Murphy, Honora Burn and John Hatch.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Margaret Roche.

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is in memory of Peter Welcome.

*Thanks to many generous donations, the shrine lights are being maintained for the whole of this year. A list in the porch gives the few dates that are still available for 2023; envelopes are available in the porch should you wish to contribute to the upkeep of Our Lady's or St Joseph's lights.*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 3 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 4 Dec : 9.00 am Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

11.30 am Gill Hislop RIP (Welcome)

Monday 5 Dec : 9.15 am Gill Hislop RIP (Micallef)

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

Tuesday 6 Dec : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 7 Dec : 9.15 am Donor's Intention

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 8 Dec : 9.15 am Donor's Intention

Friday 9 Dec : 9.15 am Donor's Intention

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 10 Dec : 6.30 pm Father Kieran Dodd RIP (PACT Brentwood)

Sunday 11 Dec : 9.00 am Chris Pye & Ed Corcoran RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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## Second Sunday of Advent

3-4 December 2022



**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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £968.83 (£437.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your kind giving.

### BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2023 edition of the Diocesan Yearbook is available in the porch, priced £2.95. If you wish to purchase one, please place your payment in the wall safe labelled "Diocesan Directories".

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch from this weekend, and for several weeks thereafter, are boxes of religious Christmas Cards, priced at £3.50 per box and containing 18 cards, i.e., approximately 19p each.

### 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 fruit juice

**items for personal hygiene:** deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste

**cleaning products, especially:** washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

### VISIT TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – they are due to start school in September 2023. St Patrick's would like you and your child to come and visit our Reception Class. Please call or e-mail the school office to book your place on the visit on Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 pm: 01708-745655 or [office@saint-patricks.org.uk](mailto:office@saint-patricks.org.uk) *We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.*



### ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Brochures are available from CAFOD with ideas for alternative Christmas giving; instead of spending on presents for family or friends, buy something on their behalf for individuals or communities in the

developing world. £20 will buy 'Chirpy Chickens' for vulnerable families – so they can produce eggs to eat or sell. £28 will buy a 'Goat that Gives'.

### MISSIO

On behalf of the Missio organisation and the many people they serve who are struggling against poverty or persecution, I want to thank you for all the donations you have made this year. I much appreciate this, particularly at a time when our financial situation may have changed. Each of us can only do what we can in the present circumstances and every amount given, large or small, all adds up. I apologise if I haven't thanked you in person but your donations are valued as we continue the work of Jesus who always showed respect and care for others, whatever their status, their role in life, or their attitude towards him. If you wish to make a donation please do so before Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December which is the cut-off date for contributions this year. Obviously, I will let you know how much we as a parish have raised for Missio as soon as my record of donations has been audited. Mission calendars are available at the back of the church, help yourselves! Thank you, *Kate Welcome*.

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church** – we recall that, on 6 December 1979, our church was dedicated by Bishop Patrick Casey. We give thanks for this building, for those pioneers who had the inspiration and worked so hard to create it and for all who have built up the community that is the People of God, the Church, here at Corpus Christi.

In the Universal Calendar, Tuesday is also the **Memorial of Saint Nicholas** – according to tradition, a fourth century bishop in what is now Turkey. He is still popular in parts of Europe where children receive presents on his feastday. 'Santa Claus' is derived from a form of his name.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Ambrose** – a fearless defender of the Faith, who became Bishop of Milan in the year 374 and was very much a pastor to his people. He had a great deal to do with the conversion of St Augustine of Hippo – one of the most influential theologians in the history of the Church.

Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – from the very first moments of her existence in the womb of St Anne, her mother, Our Lady was preserved from the state of Original Sin: she was 'full of grace'. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote that this feast, falling as it does early in Advent, is also the 'basic preparation for the coming of the Saviour, as well as the happy beginning of the Church, without spot or wrinkle'.

### ADVENT RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th December, Walsingham House. A weekend of journeying through Advent with the Walsingham House team, open to anyone in school years 10 to 13. Join us for retreat sessions that bring alive the true meaning of Christmas in new and exciting ways, as well as times for peaceful prayer and reflection. The cost of the weekend is just £40, which will include all meals, accommodation and activities!

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

**Pope Francis, *Angelus Address (extracts)*, Sunday 8 December 2019**

[On Thursday] we celebrate the solemnity of Mary Immaculate, which takes place within the context of Advent, a time of expectation: God will accomplish what he promised. But on this feast day we are told that something has already been accomplished, in the person and the life of the Virgin Mary. Today we consider the beginning of this fulfilment, which is even before the birth of the Mother of the Lord. In fact, her immaculate conception leads us to that precise moment when Mary's life began to palpitate in her mother's womb: already there was the sanctifying love of God, preserving her from the contagion of evil that is the common inheritance of the human family.

In the Gospel the Angel's greeting to Mary resounds: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Lk 1:28). God has always thought of her and wanted her in his inscrutable plan, to be a creature full of grace, that is, full of his love. Yet, in order to be filled it is necessary to make room, to empty oneself, to step aside. Just as Mary did, she who knew how to listen to the Word of God and trust totally in his will, accepting it unreservedly in her own life. So much so that the Word became flesh in her. This was possible thanks to her "yes". To the Angel who asks her to be ready to become the mother of Jesus, Mary replies: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (v. 38).

Mary does not lose herself in reasoning, she does not place obstacles in the Lord's way, but she promptly entrusts herself and makes room for the action of the Holy Spirit. She immediately makes her whole being and her personal history available to God, so that the Word and the will of God may shape and bring them to fulfilment. Perfectly corresponding to God's plan for her, Mary then becomes the "all beautiful", the "all holy", but without the slightest shadow of complacency. She is humble. She is a masterpiece, whilst remaining humble, small, poor. In her is reflected the beauty of God which is all love, grace, gift of self.

I would also like to underline the word with which Mary defines herself in her surrender to God: she professes herself "the handmaid of the Lord". Mary's "yes" to God takes on from the beginning the attitude of service, of attention to the needs of others. The visit to Elizabeth which immediately follows the Annunciation testifies this concretely. One's availability to God is found in one's willingness to take on the needs of one's neighbour. All of this without clamour and ostentation, without seeking places of honour, without advertising, because charity and works of mercy needn't be exhibited as a trophy. Works of mercy are done in silence, in secrecy, without boasting of doing them. Even in our communities, we are called to follow the example of Mary, practicing the style of discretion and concealment.

May the feast of our Mother help us to make our whole life a "yes" to God, a "yes" made of adoration of him and of daily gestures of love and service.

### MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is also available in the on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

We have tried to include as many people as possible who were on the rota in 'normal times'.

If you have returned to Mass, are not on the rota and would like to be included – please let John know.

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

3-4 December		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Barbara Binder
10-11 December		C
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Margaret Moffat
17-18 December		D
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	