

### COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

There is a basket in the porch for donations to the local Foodbank; at the moment they could do with the following items: *Tinned Potatoes & Vegetables - Tinned Meat and Fish - Instant Mash - Tinned Custard - Rice Pudding - Long Life Milk - Tomato Ketchup - Long Life Fruit Juice - Instant Coffee - Jam - Tinned Spaghetti - Sponge Puddings - Basic Toiletries*

*Please remember in your prayers*

#### Those who are ill, including . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Rita Blake, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Father Paul Dynan, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

#### Those who have died recently including . . .

**Don Philliston** died on Thursday 6 February; his wife Margaret died in October 2012. His Funeral Service will take place at Forest Park Crematorium on Wednesday 4 March at 2.15 pm.

**Johnny McCarthy**, husband of Maureen, died on Tuesday 11 February. In recent years they were living in Downham Market; Maureen died in November 2013. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 6 March at 10.30 am followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

**Mary Williams** – a Romford parishioner known to many here – died on Monday 24 February. Her body will be taken into St Edward's Church on Monday 9 March at 5.00 pm; her Requiem Mass will be celebrated there on Tuesday 10 March at 1.30 pm followed by burial at Romford Cemetery.

**Swithin Clancy** died on Tuesday 25 February. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 11 March at 11.15 am followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium at 12.45 pm.

#### Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time, including . . .

**29 Feb – 6 Mar:** Dorothy Harney, Kevin Campbell, Doug Calvy, Pauline Pohl, Cathy Hennessy, Sister Brendan, Paddy O'Connor, Maud McDonnell, Maria Cachia, Brian Denton, Tommy Greene, Lily Curnow, Tina Valentini and Pat O'Dell.

#### THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY

*This week, the light burning in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Doug Lawrence.*

#### MINISTRY ROTA

**29 Feb-1 Mar:** Group 4

**7-8 Mar:** Group 5

**14-15 Mar:** Group 6

**21-22 Mar:** Group 7

#### CHECKING ROTA

**1 Mar:** Peter Whipps

**8 Mar:** Linda Withers, Sophie Pritchard

**15 Mar:** Margaret Conway, Margaret Smith

**22 Mar:** Martin & Pamela Benson

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 29 Feb : 6.30 pm James Craig RIP (Fitzpatrick)

Sunday 1 Mar : 9.00 am Matthew Meer RIP (Hughes)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 2 Mar : 9.00 am Derek Ross RIP (O'Regan)

Tuesday 3 Mar : 9.00 am *Communion Service*

Wednesday 4 Mar : 9.00 am Wilma & Jim Ross ints (Pritchard)

Thursday 5 Mar : 9.00 am Doug Lawrence RIP (Liz & Sam)

Friday 6 Mar : 9.00 am Brian Mayes RIP (Peters)

10.30 am Requiem Mass for Johnny McCarthy

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 7 Mar : 6.30 pm Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 8 Mar : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Conceisao Fernandes & Carmen Alphonso RIP (Fernandes)

## Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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#### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

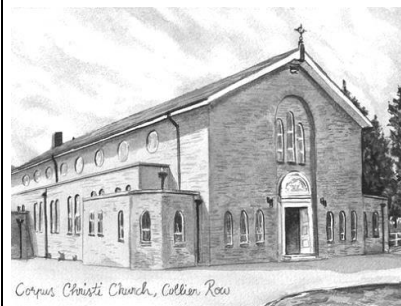
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## First Sunday in Lent

29 Feb – 1 March 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

#### PARISH WEBSITE

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

*The newsletter is also available on the website*

*The church is usually open daily until 5.00 pm*

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday : 9.00 am

#### COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday : 9.00 am

#### MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

#### WAY OF THE CROSS

followed by

#### 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

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

At the Saturday evening Mass this weekend, we welcome the young adults from our parish who are beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place here at Pentecost.

### RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday afternoon, the First Sunday of Lent, our candidates for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation will be presented to Bishop Alan during the Rite of Election, which takes place in the cathedral; the Bishop will accept them and 'number them amongst God's Elect' (his Chosen People) – hence the name of the Rite. Most years the cathedral is packed for this ceremony, and there are usually around 300 candidates from across the diocese. For many, this will be their first experience of belonging to the wider Church; please keep our five candidates in your prayers.

### 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 SPICMA - our special Lenten Offerings Appeal. There are copies of an information sheet about this charity in the porch; the bucket will be at the back of the church throughout Lent. We support this charity throughout the year – this Lent we hope to boost our giving to this very worthwhile cause.

**Some other suggestions to help make Lent special:** try to create some time for quiet – for thought and prayer, for pondering the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass or to Morning Prayer at 8.45 am or take part in the Way of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 pm. Go to one of the Lenten Talks at Brentwood Cathedral Hall or Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park – see information inside this newsletter.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £1267.94 (of which £459.63) was gift-aided. Thank you for your generous and continued giving.