

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **National Feast of St David** – patron of Wales. Among the monasteries founded by this sixth century bishop, the main one was at what is now called St David's in Dyfed.

LEARNING FROM COVID

Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

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, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Mary Hegarty died on Wednesday 30 December; we remember Mick and their family in our prayers. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 24 March at 9.45 am.

David Barwell died on Saturday 13 February; his funeral will take place here on Friday 26 March at 10.30 am. We remember Helen and their family in our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

27 Feb – 5 March: Mary Newman, Dolly Hoy, Maureen Blake, Cecilia Lake, Anne O'Leary, Dorothy Harney, Kevin Campbell, Doug Calvy, Pauline Pohl, Cathy Hennessy, Sister Brendan, Paddy O'Connor, Maud McDonnell, Maria Cachia and Brian Denton.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Stephen & Martha Farrell.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Peggy.

The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch.



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 27 Feb : 6.30 pm Vittorio Ruocco RIP (Agnese)

Sunday 28 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 1 March : 9.00 am Thanksgiving (Donor's Intention)

Tuesday 2 March : 9.00 am Liam Clarke RIP (Myers)

Wednesday 3 March : 9.00 am Holy Souls

Thursday 4 March : 9.00 am Martha Farrell RIP – First Anniversary (Ramstead family)

Friday 5 March : 9.00 am Doug Lawrence RIP (Liz & Sam)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 6 March : 6.30 pm Tina Valentini RIP (Enza)

Sunday 7 March : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Kay Piercy RIP (Calvy)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

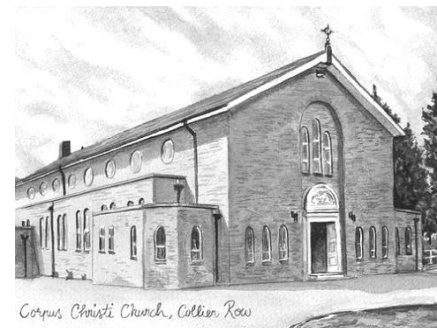
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Second Sunday of Lent

27-28 February 2021



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

every morning for private prayer until 12 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

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent : 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 WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the parish website

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This year our special Lenten Offerings Appeal will help to boost our support for SPICMA – providing water for rural parts of Kenya and Uganda. The bucket will be at the back of the church throughout Lent and, if you have gift aid envelopes, you may wish to wait until Holy Week to include your Lenten Offerings in your gift-aided giving.

Some other suggestions to help make Lent special: try to create some time for quiet – for thought, reflection and prayer, for pondering the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass or follow it at home via livestreaming (access it from the Home page of the parish website: www.corpuschristicollierrow.org), visit the church for private prayer (open daily until 12 noon) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Fridays at 7.30 pm.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Last Friday was the traditional day on which we fast, giving the money saved by reducing our food intake to help CAFOD with its work in the developing world. Donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal will help local experts work alongside communities to deliver better access to water and transform lives. Gifts of £10 will buy sturdy water containers so families can store water safely and £40 can bring safe drinking water to a hard-to-reach school. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

KYRIES IN LENT

During Holy Communion on the Sundays throughout Lent we will hear different musical settings of the Kyrie (the 'Lord, have mercy' from the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass). The setting this weekend is by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599) who spent almost his entire career at Seville Cathedral and is from his *Missa Surge prope*.

PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £735.31 (of which £385.70 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued generosity.

DONATIONS USING QR CODES

It is now possible to make donations using your mobile phone and QR codes. There are notices in the porch for contributions to the parish.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the Church porch for the next few weeks – cards for Mother's Day, 14th March and St. Patrick's Day, 17th March. Easter cards will be available in a few weeks' time (Easter Sunday 4th April).

MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
27-28 Feb		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick	Victoria Cassettari
6-7 March		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick	Margaret Moffat
13-14 March		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Catherine Burnett
20-21 March		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Michaela Henkel
27-28 March		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2. Vanessa Thompson	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Pat Pridham	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji	Elaine New
3-4 April		
7.30 pm	EASTER	VIGIL
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Carleen Heath	Alexandra Burt-Allen

PLEASE NOTE:

Please check this rota carefully - there are a number of changes.

This rota is also on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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.*

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy.

They remove their face covering just before reading and replace it immediately afterwards.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion.

Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The text below is a final extract from the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* in which Pope Francis declared this to be a year of special devotion to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church:

A Father in the Shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way ...

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person ...

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. ... The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focussed instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift ...

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9).

In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

VACANCY AT SIR WILLIAM PETRE ALMSHOUSES, INGATESTONE

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

MINUTE TAKER REQUIRED

The Champion School is looking to appoint a Minute Taker to work on an 'ad hoc' basis. Duties will consist of taking minutes for various Governor meetings throughout the year. Applicants should have strong previous minute taking experience, excellent attention to detail and strong IT Skills Word/MS Office. If you have the relevant experience and are looking for a new opportunity please contact Mrs Noddings, PA to the Headmaster on 01708-452332 or cnoddings@thecampionschool.org

FROM KATE WELCOME, MISSIO CO-ORDINATOR

Recently I had a letter from St. Joseph's Missionary Society, which is associated with the Missio charity that many of you generously support. It was sent to remind us of the Feast of St. Joseph on 19th March which is of particular significance as Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. I have arranged that a Mass be said at the Society Headquarters at Mill Hill during the national Novena to St. Joseph from the 10th to the 18th March. I have asked that the intention be for each and every one of us here in Corpus Christi Parish and for our intentions. After a year that has been one of exceptional difficulties and challenges I am sure we have a lot to ask St. Joseph to pray to God for, as well as to thank God for all that we have.