

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)

LENT MASS READINGS

All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB LTD

Saturday 18 March - Irish Evening with 'The Craic' Tickets £7

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 who have died recently . . .

Melba Castelynn died on Saturday 28 January; her Funeral Service will take place at Forest Park Crematorium Chapel on Monday 27 February at 12 noon.

John Leyden died on Thursday 26 January; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 28 February at 10.30 am followed by burial at Romford Cemetery.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

25 Feb- 3 Mar: Bruno Celaschi, Swithin Clancy, Ted Dean, John William Sherman, David Schrier, Mary Newman, Dolly Hoy, Maureen Blake, Cecilia Lake, Jack Galvin, Anne O'Leary, Dorothy Harney, Kevin Campbell, Doug Calvy and Pauline Pohl.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of John O'Driscoll.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of John O'Driscoll.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 25 Feb : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 26 Feb : 9.00 am Peg Riordan & family int (Donohue)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 27 Feb : 9.15 am Ted Dean RIP (Pridham)

Tuesday 28 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls

10.30 am Requiem Mass for John Leyden

Wednesday 1 Mar : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Thursday 2 Mar : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 3 Mar : 9.15 am Prisca Sinclair Hendricks RIP (Sequerah)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 4 Mar : 6.30 pm Doug Lawrence RIP (Liz and Sam)

Sunday 5 Mar : 9.00 am Bridie McDonough RIP (Donohue)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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to contact Church House:

First Sunday of Lent

25-26 February 2023



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

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.corpuschristicollierrrow.org

LENT OFFERINGS FOR THE CAFOD

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

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 be 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Tristan and Neriyah Daley into the Christian community; we pray that they and their family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £894.05 (£357 of this was gift aided). The special collection for the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal amounted to £803.28 (£244 of this total was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURE

"The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" to be given by Baroness Caroline Cox at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday 1 March at 7.00 p.m. Free Entry. No need to book. All welcome.

LENT FAST DAY

This Friday is the CAFOD Lent Fast Day, your donations to the Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give next weekend using your gift aid envelope, special CAFOD envelope or going to cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

SPICMA – WATER FOR AFRICA

This week we sent a cheque to SPICMA (Special Projects in Christian Missionary Areas) with the proceeds from The Bucket at the back of the church. In the past ten years, we have raised £20,609.73 to help provide water wells in African countries.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

From next weekend, 25th/26th February, and for a few weeks thereafter, cards for St Patrick's Day 17th March and Mothers' Day 19th March, will be on sale in the Church Porch.

LENTEN LUNCHEs

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday is the **National Feast of St David**, bishop and 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.

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

TRUSTEES FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. Thank you.

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to recruit an MSO for the Brentwood diocese. This is a part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make appeals, work with conferences, attend meetings and meet with people where appropriate. Travel expenses are paid. For further information on salary, responsibilities and details on how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date for applications is Tuesday 28 February 2023.

SCHOOL VACANCIES

at the Ursuline Academy Ilford: *Teacher of Science* (Biology) w/ Health & Social Care. *Teacher of Mathematics*. Start: September 2023 Closing Date: noon, Friday 10 March 2023. For information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

at St John's RC School, Woodford Bridge: *Full time Class Assistants:* previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. *Speech and Language Therapist* with at least 1yrs experience ideally of working in schools. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. For application packs please contact the school office by email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk or on 020-8504 1818.

at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster: *Full time Attendance & Pastoral Support Officer* and *Full time Learning Support Assistant* Details of both these positions is on the noticeboard in the porch.

at St Peters RC Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham: an experienced *School Office Receptionist with Administration and Finance responsibilities*. Term-time plus 5 days. Please call the office for more information Tel. 0208 270 6524. Closing date 6th March.

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 - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)

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. 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

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 February		D
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Shantay Charles 3. Carol O'Kane	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Humma Gill 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Remika Quintus
4-5 March		E
6.30 pm	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. 3. Maria Green	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3. Arno Bastiampillai	Adam Beddoe
11-12 March		A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. 3. Shirley Hay	Barbara Binder
18-19 March		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat