

BCYS VOICES - I hear about refugees and I ask, "what can I do"?

Inspired by his grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader (and a Corpus Christi parishioner), travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mvRrDH0>. More details of the whole BCYS voices series and much more at www.bcys.net

CALAIS LIGHT

Hear the first hand story of a refugee who became a Harvard graduate: Calais Light's first online Zoom event features Celebrity Refugee author, Dina Nayeri, reading live from her award-winning book: The Ungrateful Refugee - What Immigrants Never Tell You. Dina escaped to the US from Iran at 8yrs old with her Mum, & won a Masters from Harvard. Register now for 22 April at 6.30 for exclusive reading & Q&A at: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/calais-light> and find more info at: <https://www.calaislight.com/>

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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, including . . .

Mary Brennan - died on Saturday 3 April. Mary retired in 1987 having worked at St Patrick's for around thirty years.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

10-16 April: Nelly Harrington, Catherine Press, Tony Hatt, James McNamara, Patricia Ellis, Philip Prior, Philip Gallacher, James Hazeltine, John Spence, Paddy Dunne and Rita Lewis.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Doug Lawrence.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of the donor.

The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; several weeks in 2022 have also been covered. 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. Six weeks are still available this year (commencing at weekends): 22/23 May, 3/4 July, 10/11 July, 4/5 September, 4/5 December and 11/12 December. Again, some weeks in 2022 have already been booked.



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 10 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 11 April : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Peters)

11.30 am Thomas Droney RIP (Margaret)

Monday 12 April : 9.00 am Intentions of Margaret (Nigel & Michael)

Tuesday 13 April : 9.00 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 14 April : 9.00 am Frank Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

Thursday 15 April : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (McGoay)

Friday 16 April : 9.00 am Helen & Ted Dean RIP (Pridham)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17 April : 6.30 pm Ann Rowan RIP (Jonas)

Sunday 18 April : 9.00 am Holy Souls

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

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Second Sunday of Easter

10-11 April 2021



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 : 9.00 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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 7.30 pm

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday to Friday until 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

STREAMING

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

EASTER THANKS

My thanks for your generous offerings to me personally this Easter, and for your many gifts and cards; I am most grateful for your kindness, Father Philip.

LENT OFFERINGS

This year our Lent Offerings totalled £1700.39 - which will be going to help SPICMA (Special Projects In Christian Missionary Areas) provide water wells in rural parts of Kenya and Uganda.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the **Easter Offerings** amounted to £4096.66 (£2897.00 of this was gift aided). The traditional **Holy Land Collection** on Good Friday realised £362.62 (of this, £165.00 was gift aided). In the past month, online donations and Standing Orders came to £2704.47. Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

This year's First Holy Communion programme has begun; please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this milestone in their lives. Any further potential candidates will need to enrol on the programme next year.

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.

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, GIDEA PARK

A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. S/he must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Closing date: Monday, 28 April 2021 at noon. Full details of the position and how to apply can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

Opening section of the *Urbi et Orbi* Message of His Holiness Pope Francis St Peter's Basilica, Easter Day 4 April 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy and peaceful Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen". It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmities, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord.

The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint.

The risen Christ is hope for all who continue to suffer from the pandemic, both the sick and those who have lost a loved one. May the Lord give them comfort and sustain the valiant efforts of doctors and nurses. Everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us, requires assistance and has the right to have access to necessary care. This is even more evident in these times when all of us are called to combat the pandemic. Vaccines are an essential tool in this fight. I urge the entire international community, in a spirit of global responsibility, to commit to overcoming delays in the distribution of vaccines and to facilitate their distribution, especially in the poorest countries.

The crucified and risen Lord is comfort for those who have lost their jobs or experience serious economic difficulties and lack adequate social protection. May he inspire public authorities to act so that everyone, especially families in greatest need, will be offered the assistance needed for a decent standard of living. Sadly, the pandemic has dramatically increased the number of the poor and the despair of thousands of people.

TRUSTESS FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table. Experience as a

trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.

	Readers	Communion Minister
10-11 April		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Wally Barnes	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji	John McKie
17-18 April		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Catharine Welcome	Adam Beddoe
24-25 April		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty	Barbara Binder
1-2 May		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick	Shirley Hay
8-9 May		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty	Onyema Agbebi
15-16 May		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Les Hislop	Victoria Cassettari

MINISTRY ROTA

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.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY (for September 2021)

at The Palmer Catholic Academy, Seven Kings – closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 23 April – details on the porch noticeboard.