

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest, by Monday 22 February, to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Irene Manby died on Monday 24 January; her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 18 February at 11.00 am followed by the Service of Committal at Corbets Tey Crematorium.

Josephine Camilleri-Walton, Mary Barnard's sister, died on Thursday 13 January; her Funeral Service is at Forest Park Crematorium on Wednesday 23 February.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

12-18 Feb: Edward Moyse, Fred Seeger, Fred Spurling, Bernard Tabram, Alice Harrington, David Barwell, Doris Hay, Claudio Sobral, William Denis Hall, Brenda Chipperfield and Kiera Aoife, Mary Gallen and Mick Jukes.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is for the intentions of all parishioners.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of the deceased members of the Smith family.

The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph are being generously supported by donations for much of 2022; a list of dates that are still available is in the porch. Ten weeks are available for the light at Our Lady's Shrine; fourteen weeks for St Joseph's Shrine.



MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Feb : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 13 Feb : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Barwell family)

11.30 am Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

Monday 14 Feb : 9.15 am Anthony Frendo & Irene Butcher RIP (Sue)

Tuesday 15 Feb : 9.15 am John O'Driscoll RIP (McCartan)

Wednesday 16 Feb : 9.15 am Irene Manby RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 17 Feb : 9.15 am John O'Driscoll RIP (private donor)

Friday 18 Feb : 9.15 am John O'Driscoll RIP (Peters)

11.00 am Requiem Mass for Irene Manby

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Feb : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 20 Feb : 9.00 am Alfred Wright & Nan Evans RIP (Wright)

11.30 am Mary Gallen RIP (Gallen family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

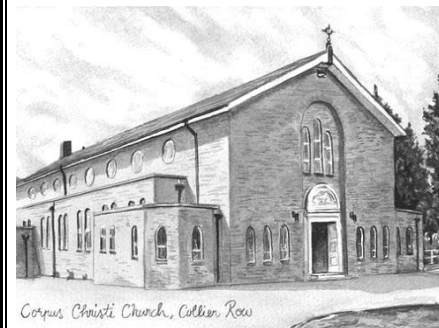
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12-13 February 2022



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

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

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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS ~ hands | face | space

The virus is still with us and, whilst there have been relaxations to the legally-required precautions, we have received guidance that encourages us to: sanitise hands, keep buildings ventilated and prevent the spread of infection by wearing face coverings in indoor settings where there are a number of people. At weekend Masses we have many people in the church, some of whom are vulnerable. All of us have a responsibility to keep them safe – so we ask you, if you can, to continue to wear face masks. We have re-opened all the pews to accommodate more people; please try to keep at least one metre from anyone who is not a member of your household; there is plenty of space to spread out.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Ezra Nembhardt into the Church and pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £689.83 (£259.50 of this was gift aided). The Lourdes Fund donations amounted to £104.80 (gift-aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

CRIB OFFERINGS

During the Christmas season, our Offerings at the Crib amounted to £1075.33 (£228.00 of this was gift-aided). These offerings will help to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION : What do devotions to Mary tell us about her Son, Jesus?

Input will be given by Fr Michael Barwick, assistant priest of Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow, today, Sunday 13th February, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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.

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23

If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277-373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23rd - 30th July 2022

Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (funding and grant opportunities are available!) You can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 to find out more and apply now! The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK : items of particular use at present . . .

instant coffee • long life milk • tinned custard • tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn
chocolate & crisps • long life fruit juice • deodorant • shower gel • shampoo
washing up liquid • clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **European Feast of SS Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop** – these two brothers were missionary priests to what is now the Czech Republic and Slovakia, where they are still greatly honoured. They lived in the ninth century and were responsible for creating an alphabet, based on Greek, for the local language – this alphabet is known as ‘Cyrillic’ (after Cyril) and used in countries such as Russia.

Thursday is the **Memorial of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** – the religious order of the ‘Servants of Mary’ (or Servites) had its beginning with these seven men at Florence, seven centuries ago. The Servites are particularly devoted to Our Lady’s Sorrows.

Pope Francis, from the *Angelus Address*, St Peter’s Square, 17 February 2019

Today’s Gospel presents us Saint Luke’s passage on the Beatitudes (cf. 6:17, 20-26). The text is arranged into four beatitudes and four admonitions denoted by the expression, “woe to you”. With these assertive and sharp words, Jesus opens our eyes and lets us look with his gaze, beyond appearances, beyond the surface and teaches us to discern situations with faith.

Jesus proclaims the poor, the hungry, the suffering and the persecuted blessed, and he admonishes those who are rich, satisfied, who laugh and are praised by the people. The reason behind this paradoxical beatitude lies in the fact that God is close to those who suffer and intercedes to free them from their bondage. Jesus sees this; he already sees the beatitude beyond its negative reality. And likewise, the “woe to you” addressed to those who are doing well today, has the purpose of “waking” them from the dangerous deceit of egotism, and opening them up to the logic of love, while they still have the time to do so.

The page from today’s Gospel thus invites us to reflect on the profound sense of having faith, which consists in our trusting completely in the Lord. It is about demolishing worldly idols in order to open our hearts to the true and living God. He alone can give our life that fullness so deeply desired and yet difficult to attain. Brothers and sisters, indeed there are many in our day too who purport to be dispensers of happiness: they come and promise us swift success, great profits within our reach, magical solutions to every problem and so on. And here it is easy to slip unwittingly into sinning against the first Commandment: namely idolatry, substituting God with an idol. Idolatry and idols seem to be things from another age, but in reality they are of all ages! Even today. They describe certain contemporary attitudes better than many sociological studies do.

This is why Jesus opens our eyes to reality. We are called to happiness, to be blessed, and we become so as of now, to the measure in which we place ourselves on the side of God, of his Kingdom, on the side of what is not ephemeral but rather endures for eternal life. We are happy if we acknowledge we are needy before God — and this is very important: “Lord, I need you” — and if, like him and with him, we are close to the poor, the suffering

and the hungry. We too are like this before God: we are poor, suffering, we are hungry before God. Although we possess worldly goods, we experience joy when we do not idolize or sell our souls out to them, but are able to share them with our brothers and sisters. Today the liturgy invites us once again to question ourselves about this and to be truthful in our heart.

Jesus’ Beatitudes are a decisive message which urges us not to place our trust in material and fleeting things, not to seek happiness by following smoke vendors — who are often vendors of death — experts in illusion. We should not follow them because they are unable to give us hope. May the Lord help us open our eyes to acquire a more penetrating view of reality, to heal the chronic shortsightedness with which the worldly spirit infects us.

With his paradoxical Word he stirs us and enables us to recognize what truly enriches us, satisfies us, gives us joy and dignity; in other words, what truly gives meaning and fullness to our lives. May the Virgin Mary help us listen to this Gospel passage with open hearts and minds so that it may bear fruit in our life and that we may become witnesses of the happiness that does not disappoint, that of God who never disappoints

MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is 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’.

At present, we do not need as many Communion Ministers as Readers – this will only change when it is safe to restore the chalice.

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

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

3 = Universal Prayer

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

12-13 February		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3. Kerry Truman	Caroline Ramstead
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
19-20 February		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O’Driscoll 3. Jean Capps	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Colin Smith 2. Lisa Walker 3. Maria Green	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Margaret Moffat
26-27 February		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O’Kane 3.	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Catherine Burnett
5-6 March		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	Elaine New