

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter** – reminding us that the Bishop of Rome is the successor of St Peter and, as such, presides over the whole Church in love. He is the centre and focus of the unity of the Church, enabling it to be catholic, universal and orthodox – we share the faith and life of the Church of Rome, in communion with each other and God.

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. We remember Helen and their family in our prayers.

David Smith (son of Gerry and Anne Smith and brother of Mike) died on Sunday 14 February.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

20-26 Feb: Kevin Connor-Leedham, Julia Lehane, Frances Tite, Bob Baxter, Ted Dean, John William Sherman and David Schrier.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Doris Hay.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Mike Smith.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 20 Feb : 6.30 pm Elizabeth Wakefield RIP (Nigel & Michael)

Sunday 21 Feb : 9.00 am Nan Evans RIP (Marie Wright & family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 22 Feb : 9.00 am Delia Lobley RIP (Conway)

Tuesday 23 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Bourne int (Gray)

Wednesday 24 Feb : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (Dolby)

Thursday 25 Feb : 9.00 am Father Enda Keenan RIP (PACT Brentwood)

Friday 26 Feb : 9.00 am Faith & Michael Babalola & family (Ruphina)

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

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

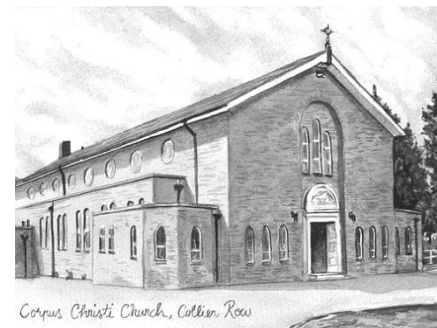
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First Sunday of Lent

20-21 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. 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 - 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 (we had hoped to do this last year and then churches were closed during the first national lockdown).

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 FASY DAY

This Friday is 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.

KYRIES IN LENT

During Holy Communion on the Sundays throughout Lent we will hear different musical settings of the Kyrie (the 'Lord, have mercy') – this weekend by Nicholas Gombert (c1495 – c1560) from his *Missa Media Vita* for 5 voices. Probably born in French-speaking southern Flanders, he spent much of his life with the chapel choir of Emperor Charles V in Spain, a role which took him all over Europe. He ended his career as canon at the cathedral of Tournai.

PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £280.62 (of which £168.00 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 from this weekend and 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
20-21 Feb		
6.30 pm	1. 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Lorna Lyons	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Triston Osuji	Margaret Moffat
27-28 Feb		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. 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. Eileen Rogan-Hill	Frank Smith
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Roger King	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Les Hislop	Helene Ward
13-14 March		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Stephen Doherty	Catherine Burnett
20-21 March		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2.	Michaela Henkel
27-28 March		
6.30 pm	1. 2.	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. 2. Pat Pridham	Wally Barnes
11.30 am	1. Susan Smithson 2. Onyema Agbebi	Elaine New

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 further 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 Working Father

An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized from the time of the first social Encyclical, Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

As our Catholic community adapts to lockdown and worshipping at home, with restrictions on mingling in church, CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collections will look different this Lent.

The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have clean, safe water. In remote northern Ethiopia, Abdella walks for ten hours a day along a dried-out riverbed, over rocks and over a mountain to collect water for his family. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else.

Donations to CAFOD's Lent Appeal will help local experts work alongside communities to deliver better access to water and transform the lives of people like Abdella. 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.

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