

### BE A CATHEDRAL CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 7-12 on Saturday 29 January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4 pm, an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. For more details and to register a place, please visit [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or telephone 01277 265288.

*The Gospel emphasises this contrast: it relates the birth of Jesus beginning with Caesar Augustus, who orders the census of the whole world: it presents the first Emperor in all his grandeur. Yet immediately thereafter it brings us to Bethlehem, where there is no grandeur at all: just a poor child wrapped in swaddling clothes, with shepherds standing by. That is where God is, in littleness. This is the message: God does not rise up in grandeur, but lowers himself into littleness. Littleness is the path that he chose to draw near to us, to touch our hearts, to save us and to bring us back to what really matters.*

**Pope Francis**, Homily, Mass during the Night, St Peter's Basilica, 24 December 2021

*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, John O'Driscoll, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

#### **Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .**

**1-7 Jan:** Daniel Hennessy, Betty Tunkin, Frances Larkin, Patrick Riordan, Ian Moffat, Arthur Eyley, Martine Doolan, Derrick Clarke, Doreen Archer, Patrick Lennon, Sheila Hosking, Brian De'ath, Catherine O'Shea, Tony McCartan, Terry Harrington, Valerie Hammond, David Hart, Derek Wilson, John Allen and Nora Knight.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Martine Doolan.

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

*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.*



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Saturday 1 Jan 2022 : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

#### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

Sunday 2 Jan : 9.00 am Martine Doolan RIP (Mick)

11.30 am Edward Murphy RIP (John)

Monday 3 Jan : 9.15 am Rosie Harris RIP (McCarthy)

Tuesday 4 Jan : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 5 Jan : 9.15 am Holy Souls

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**

Thursday 6 Jan : 9.15 am John Merrigan int (Jonas)

7.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 7 Jan : 9.15 am Holy Souls

#### **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Saturday 8 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 9 Jan : 9.00 am Holy Souls

11.30 am Holy Souls

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

#### **Parish Priest:**

Father Philip Denton

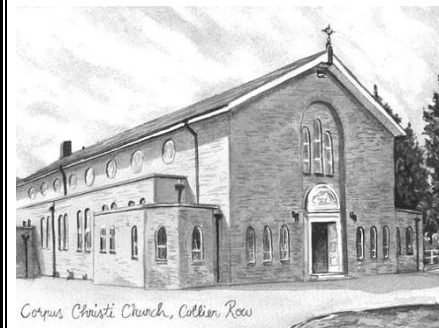
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#### **to contact Church House:**

## Second Sunday after the Nativity

1-2 January 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### **THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

Daily until 6.00 pm

### CHRISTMAS THANKS

My sincere thanks to you for your generosity to me, personally, this Christmas: your cards, good wishes, gifts and kind offerings; for all of them, I am most grateful.

*Father Philip*

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Offerings at Christmas, our personal gift to Father Philip, amounted to £4683.18 (£2884.00 of this was gift-aided).

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last Sunday the Parish Offerings amounted to £327.98 (£172.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

### CRIB OFFERINGS

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.



### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

**Thursday 6 January at 6.30 pm**

Masses at 9.15 am and 7.30 pm

### EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 16 January at 6.30 pm**

here at Corpus Christi Church

*(led by the choir of St Edward's, Romford Market Place)*

## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

Copies are available in the porch – priced £2.80, please put money in the wall safe.

### 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.

### AN EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR THE HOME

*The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the twelfth day after Christmas, 6th January. This short ceremony is a traditional way of marking our homes, with sacred signs and symbols, as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work or visit throughout the coming year:*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord;  
and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts:  
gold for a great King,  
incense for the true God,  
and myrrh as a symbol of His burial.

Using chalk, the following signs are marked upon or above the main door:

**20 + C + M + B + 22**

All: Lord God, you once used a star  
to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son.  
May the light of the star that guided the wise men to his birth,  
now guide us to recognise him  
in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives.  
As we go about our work, our study, our play,  
keep us in its light and in your love.  
May all who enter here find your gracious hospitality,  
for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts.  
May Christ bless our home. Amen.

#### What the signs mean:

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the customary names of the Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchior and **B**althasar. They are also an acronym for: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" - "May Christ bless this house". The year (2022) is divided before and after these letters. The crosses represent the blessing and protection of Christ.

**This is the Epiphany**, the manifestation: the coming and the adoration of the Magi is the first sign of the unique identity of the Son of God who is also Son of the Virgin Mary. From that moment the question began to be asked that would accompany the whole life of Christ, and that in different ways passes through the centuries: who is this Jesus?

Dear friends, this is the question that the Church wishes to awaken in the hearts of all: who is Jesus? This is the spiritual concern that drives the mission of the Church: to make known Jesus, his Gospel, so that everyone may discover in his human face the Face of God, and be illumined by his mystery of love.

The Epiphany foretells the universal openness of the Church, her call to evangelise all peoples. But the Epiphany also tells us how the Church realises this mission: by reflecting the light of Christ and proclaiming his Word. Christians are called to imitate the service that the star rendered to the Magi. We must shine out as children of light, so as to attract all people to the beauty of the Kingdom of God. And to those who seek the truth, we must offer the Word of God, which leads us to recognise Jesus "the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20).

**Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 6 January 2011**

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus**.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Raymond of Penyafort** - a Spanish Dominican priest and Church lawyer. An 'apostle' of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; in his later years he worked for the conversion of Muslims and Jews. He died in 1275, aged about a hundred years old.

### GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS

On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

### 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.

1-2 January 2022		
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Pat Pridham 3. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	
8-9 January		
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. 3.	Caroline Rmastead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Shirley Hay 3. Carleen Heath	Adam Beddoe
15-16 January		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Kerry Truman 3. Mick Doolan	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Roger King 3. Wally Barnes	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. 3. Triston Osuji	Barbara Binder
22-23 January		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green 3. Colin Smith	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Margaret Moffat