

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 29th 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 or telephone 01277 265288.

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 whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

24 – 31 Dec: Kathleen Murray, Gary Truman, Norman Barnard, Len Burfield, Frederick Ibbunson, Kevin O'Leary, Jack Moir, Roy Brown, Isabel Moyse, Norah Connelly, Annie Hay, Peter Newman, Roland Gear, John Breheny, Margaret Eves, Celia Richardson, John Enright, Hannah Culff, Sean Flaherty, Pat Macgregor, Jane Spencer, Mary Hegarty, Bernard McCarthy, Teresa Cunningham, Ivy Sullivan, Doris Tidey, Josie Allen, Tony Conway and Frances Jay.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK (from Saturday 25 December)

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Joseph & Violet Duggan.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Norman Barnard.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24 Dec : 9.15 am Ekladious family int
4.30 pm Norman Barnard RIP (Mary)
6.30 pm Gary Truman RIP (Kerry, Beth & Connor)
10.00 pm Josephine & Emilio Gasparini RIP (Gasparini/Dover families)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25 Dec : 9.00 am Mary Hegarty RIP (Mick)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 26 Dec : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Roy Brown RIP (Connie)
Monday 27 Dec : 9.15 am Father Dominic Byrne RIP (PACT Westminster)
Tuesday 28 Dec : 9.15 am Roland & Alice Gear RIP (Chadwick)
Wednesday 29 Dec : 9.15 am Edward Lynott RIP (Miles)
Thursday 30 Dec : 9.15 am Lucy Rodrigues RIP (Fernandes)
Friday 31 Dec : 9.15 am Tony Conway RIP (Conway family)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 1 January 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)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

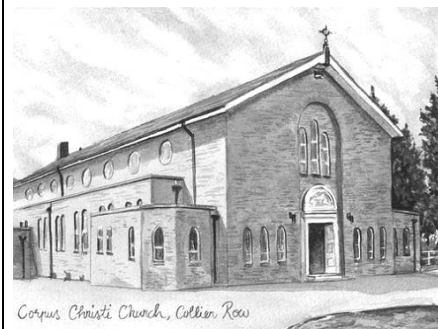
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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

24-25 December 2021



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



A scene from Duccio's *Maesta*, commissioned for Siena Cathedral (1308-1311); this panel, the Nativity, is now in the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

Wishing you joy, peace
and contentment
as we celebrate the
Feast of the Lord's Birth
- giving thanks that
"the Word
was made flesh
and dwelt among us".

Father Philip

CHRISTMAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

*“Let us pause before
the Child of Bethlehem.
Let us allow our hearts to be
touched, let us not fear this.
Let us not fear that our hearts
be moved. We need this!
Let us allow ourselves
to be warmed
by the tenderness of God”*

Pope Francis



Christmas Eve
4.30 pm Vigil Mass
6.30 pm Vigil Mass
10.00 pm Mass during the Night

Christmas Day
9.00 am Mass of the Dawn
11.30 am Mass of the Day

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Our Offerings at Christmas are a personal gift to our priest; these form a significant proportion of a parish priest's income for the year ahead. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use your numbered envelope; for everyone else, there are Christmas Offering envelopes, available in the porch.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Copies are available in the porch for you to take away and display in the windows of your homes.

CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

According to an ancient tradition, Christmas and Easter, are such important Feasts that the Church 'suspends' time and extends the 24 hour day to a day of eight days - known as an Octave. Christmas Day begins on 25th December and concludes with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on 1st January. Each of these days are Christmas Days so, if you would prefer a quieter, less crowded Mass, why not try one of the other Masses of the Octave.

SUNDAY MASS

Next Sunday is Boxing Day with Masses at 9.00 am and 11.30 am – see you then!

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.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

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

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

This week we keep the ancient feasts that fall within the Octave of Christmas – known as the *Comites Christi* – the Companions of Christ:

Monday is the **Feast of St John, apostle and evangelist** – the word 'love' sums up his New Testament writings: God's love for us, our love for him in return, and the love we should have for one another.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents** – the Gospel reading of this day recounts the heart-breaking story of their slaughter on the orders of King Herod.

Wednesday is the **National Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury** – surely everyone knows how Thomas was murdered by four knights in his own cathedral at Canterbury. Less generally acknowledged is his undoubted personal holiness as a priest, and his care for his people as their archbishop. He is rightfully patron of the parish clergy of England.

Saturday is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – divine maternity of Mary was proclaimed as a belief and teaching of the Church at the Council of Ephesus in 431; in more recent times, the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) made the meaning explicit: "that Christ should be recognised, in the truest sense, as the Son of God and the Son of Man". Before this feast was inserted into the revised Roman calendar, the first day of the year had been dedicated to the remembrance of the circumcision of the Lord, which took place eight days after his birth, as prescribed by Jewish law.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £697.30 (£331.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

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.

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.

26 December		
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Colin Smith 3. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Les Hislop 3. Catharine Welcome	Alexandra Burt-Allen
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	John McKie
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



*“The Virgin Mary ...
silently awaited God's Word of salvation;
she welcomed it, she listened to it,
she conceived it.*

In her, God became close”

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, 13 December 2020