

THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

items of food in tins or jars: eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard, long life milk or long life fruit juice, bags of sugar.

items for personal hygiene: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste

cleaning products, especially: washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE : MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the donor's intentions.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of David Barwell.

Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Isabella Ayres, Francesco Bianco, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Alice Ragan, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

12-18 Aug: Dermot Forde, Ernest Pridmore, Siobhain Furlong, Thomas McCarthy, Carmela Clarke, Peter Hughes, Winnie Dempsey, Elsie Lawrence, Jean Crane, Tommy Lyons, Maria Pilar Almaluez, Alberly Hickey, Hetty Fortkamp, Anne Wotherspoon and Kath Tomlinson.



MASS INTENTIONS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Aug : 6.30 pm Eileen Rogers RIP (Connelly)

Sunday 13 Aug : 9.00 am Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

11.30 am Seamus Gallen RIP (Gallen family)

Monday 14 Aug : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15 Aug : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

7.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Wednesday 16 Aug : 9.15 am Roy & Joan Hope int (Welcome)

Thursday 17 Aug : 9.15 am Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Friday 18 Aug : 9.15 am Charlie O'Donnell int

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Aug : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 20 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Kate Tomlinson RIP (Clive)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12-13 August 2023



THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Zuriah Gregory into God's family, the Church. We pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe** - during the Nazi occupation of his Polish homeland, this Capuchin friar harboured over 2000 Jews and other refugees. Arrested and taken to the original Auschwitz concentration camp, he begged to be allowed to die in place of another. Thrown into one of the notorious starvation cells, he was finished off with a lethal injection of phenol. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that the Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This declaration is one of the three infallible statements issued by popes in the 2000-year history of the Church; it formalised and made explicit, a long-held belief of the Church. The Feast of the Assumption was celebrated here in England in the Middle Ages – far earlier than the rest of Europe. Indeed, there are many medieval churches today known as "St Mary's" whose original dedication was: "The Assumption of Mary".

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary** – an example of what a good Christian ruler should be; he died in 1038.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £841.59 (£383.00 of this was gift aided). Standing Orders: Standing Orders: £3098.50. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

SITE MANAGER VACANCY - CATHEDRAL HOUSE BRENTWOOD

The successful applicant will identify and carry out effectively, routine and reactive maintenance tasks, regular health and safety checks and other general duties associated with the management of buildings and grounds comprising the Cathedral House and the Brentwood Parish. Hours: 35 hours per week. Salary: £23,000 - £27,000 p/a depending on experience. Start Date: ASAP. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) recruitment@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 14th August 2023.

Words from Pope Francis – top quotes from World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 ... more next week

From the Welcoming Ceremony

• You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you by name. Try to imagine these three words – called by name - written in large letters. Then consider that they were written within you, on your hearts, as if setting the direction of your lives, the meaning of who you are: you have been called by name.

• God calls us each day in order to embrace and encourage us, to make of us a unique and original masterpiece. Each of us is an "original", whose beauty we can only begin to glimpse.

• God's heart beats uniquely for you.

• Young men and women, we are loved the way we are, without makeup. Do you understand that?

• For God none of us is a number, but a face and a heart.

• How many wolves hide behind smiles of false goodness, saying that they know you, though they do not love you. They insist that they believe in you and promise that you will become someone, but then abandon you when you no longer matter to them. Let me tell you: Jesus is not like that. He trusts you, each of you, each of us, because each of us matters to him. That is how Jesus is.

• Friends, I want to be clear with you, for you are allergic to falsity and empty words: in the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone.

• The Lord does not point a finger, but opens his arms. It is odd: the Lord does not know how to do this (pointing), but that (opening wide). He embraces us all.

• Don't ever stop asking questions, because that is good; it is better, often, than giving answers, because asking questions is a sign of restlessness, and restlessness is the best remedy for mere routine, for sometimes routine can dull the soul.

• As life goes on, those questions get answered; we just have to wait for them. Here is something interesting: God loves surprises. He is not a search engine; his love is always surprising. He loves to surprise. He always keeps us alert and he keeps us surprised.

From the Stations of the Cross

• When he was among us, Jesus walked. He walked along healing the sick, caring for the poor, doing works of justice. As he walked he preached and taught. Jesus walked. But the journey most engraved on our hearts is the way of Calvary, the way of the Cross.

• Jesus' journey is this: God going out of himself in order to walk by our side.

• Now I will ask you a question, but please do not answer out loud; each of you answer within yourself. Do you sometimes weep? Jesus dries our hidden tears with his tenderness. Jesus wishes to relieve our loneliness with his closeness. Moments of loneliness are sad indeed, yet Jesus is there; he wants to relieve that loneliness. Jesus wishes to calm our fears, your fears, my fears. He also desires to encourage us to embrace the risk of loving.

From the Rosary with ill young people, in Fatima

• This Chapel of the Apparitions is a beautiful image of the Church: welcoming and without doors. Indeed, the Church has no doors in order that everyone may enter. Here, in this place, we must insist that everyone can enter, because this is the Mother's house, and a mother's heart is always open to all her children, everyone, everyone, everyone, excluding no one.

• Mary has many titles, but we can think of another that we could add to them: "Our Lady who runs", every time there is a problem; whenever we seek her aid, she does not delay, she comes to us, she hastens.

• Today, I would like us to look at the image of Mary, and ask ourselves, "What is Mary saying to me as Mother? What is she showing me?" She is directing us to Jesus; yet, sometimes, she also shows us aspects of our lives that are not going so well, but she always directs us to Jesus.

MINISTRY ROTA

On the current rota, you will be in two groups, reading or ministering once every four weeks.

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

There are paper copies in the Sacristy.

As usual, 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 (at 9.00 am the Acclamation is usually sung by the choir and people).

3 = Universal Prayer

12-13 August		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Clare Scott Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Maria Green Liz Carthy Susan Gracia
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Onyema Agbebi Remika Quintus Adam Beddoe
19-20 August		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Mick Doolan 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Les Hislop 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen
26-27 August		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3.	Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Ken Hay 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Carleen Heath 3. Shirley Hay	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
2-3 September		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Jhnsom Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Wally Barnes	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Michael Chadwick Donna Hector Margaret Moffat