

## THE 18 HOUR CHALLENGE

To mark the beginning of the Lourdes week, young people are using the 18 hours they would be spending on the coach (and remembering the 18 apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette) in a wide variety of creative ways – including 44 of them (and Fr Dominic) each walking 18 miles, together covering the distance from Brentwood to Lourdes! Money raised will go to the BCYS and the CAFOD "Summer of Hope" Appeal. Sponsorship can be offered at [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate) or posted to Fr Dominic, 18 Hour challenge, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH (cheques to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service"). Our target is £1800 and we are very grateful for all sponsorship.

### CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD – Development Officer

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! The deadline to apply is 2 October 2020 and the start date is January 2021. For the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. Please visit: [www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/)

*All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us,  
to be the means by which we can come to know him better,  
love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully.*

**St Ignatius of Loyola** (feastday: Friday 31 July)

*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, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, 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 . . .

**25-31 July:** James Riley, Mary Curtis, Peter Costello, Lesley Tubby, Mabel Gibson, Veronica Bishop, Winifred (Lily) Ward, Peter Moss and Monsignor Leo White.

### CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Michael Bradbrook.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25 July : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 26 July : 9.00 am Bob & Maureen Greene RIP (Alison)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family – Linda Vettath)

Monday 27 July : 9.00 am Mary Curtis RIP (Foundation)

Tuesday 28 July : 9.00 am Canon Michael Hazell RIP (PACT Northampton)

Wednesday 29 July : 9.00 am Breda O'Sullivan RIP (McCarthy)

Thursday 30 July : 9.00 am Louis Lynch RIP (Smyth)

Friday 31 July : 9.00 am Canon John Berry RIP (PACT Nottingham)

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1 Aug : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 2 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Cole family)

11.30 am Michael Bradbrook RIP (Reg & Bernie)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

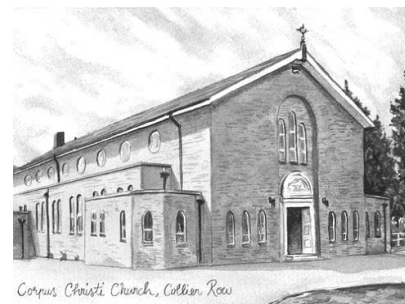
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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25-26 July 2020



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.corpuschristicollierrow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### 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 : 9.00 am

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Friday : 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

*The church is open at the following times:*

Monday to Saturday

9.00 am to 12 noon and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm

### CHURCH CAR PARK

During the school holiday the church car park will be open for use on weekdays. Because we have been experiencing anti-social behaviour during the past few months, the car park will be closed when the church is locked at 6.00 pm. It will be open for weekend Masses as usual.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Your offerings last weekend came to: £543.30 (of which £291.60 was gifted aided). Thank you for your continued support.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Jason Acheamong into God's family, the Church. May he and his family grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

### KEEPING THE CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Thanks to our team of 'church stewards' we are able to have the church open during the day for private prayer; we are required to have two stewards on duty all the time we are open. If you are in the area, do take the opportunity to pay a visit and spend some time in the peace and tranquillity of our church. If the opening times are not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

### SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Do Catholics have to go to Mass on Sunday? In ordinary times, the answer would be: yes, we are obliged to keep the Sabbath holy by participating in Sunday Mass. However, during this health crisis the obligation has been lifted. So, you might like to consider coming to a weekday Mass instead – a quieter celebration that allows for ample social distancing.

### REPOSITORY

The Repository is being kept closed at present. If there is something you need, please ask and it will be opened for you.

## LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM : 27 – 31 July



Join Bishop Alan and hundreds of pilgrims from across the Diocese in a full week of pilgrimage including daily Mass, Rosary, Angelus, Morning and Night Prayer, daily Reflections ... and a Talent Show! For the virtual Marian (Torchtlight) procession we welcome photos of you, family members and friends, alone or together, holding a lighted candle. Please send these to info@bcys.net by next Sunday, 12th July. If you are a singer, dancer, joke-teller or entertainer, email us at info@bcys.net and we will help you submit your act for the talent show. For those age 15-23 there is an additional social programme, and full details of the whole pilgrimage can be found at www.bcys.net, with links to YouTube.

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Martha** – we are familiar with Martha’s request to the Lord that her sister, Mary, help her with the serving – but Martha deserves to be better known for her profession of faith: “Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God”.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus** – Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death on this day in 450. He is known as the “Doctor of Homilies” for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola** – the founder of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits helped to heal much of the harm done in Britain and on the Continent by the Reformation and, in addition, took the Faith to new mission-fields – in India, the Far East and South America. Today, we give thanks for God’s gift to the Church: our first Jesuit Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

Saturday is the **Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori** – almost 300 years ago, St Alphonsus founded the Redemptorist Fathers near Naples. He became famous both as a preacher and as a writer, especially on moral theology. He composed a number of hymns, including ‘O Bread of heaven’ and ‘O Mother blest’.

### an extract from Pope Francis, *Angelus Address, St Peter’s Square, 30 July 2017*

Jesus’ parabolic discourse groups together seven parables in the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, and concludes with today’s three parallel stories: the hidden treasure (v. 44), the fine pearl (vv. 45-46) and the fishing net (vv. 47-48). I will pause on the first two which highlight the protagonists’ decision to sell everything in order to acquire what they have found. The first case has to do with a farmer who casually happens upon a hidden treasure in the field he is working. As the field is not his property, he must purchase it in order to take possession of the treasure: he therefore decides to risk all his possessions so as not to lose that truly exceptional opportunity. In the second case, there is a merchant of precious pearls; as an expert, he has spied a pearl of great value. He too decides to wager everything on that pearl, to the point of selling all the others.

These parallel stories highlight two characteristics regarding possession of the Kingdom of God: searching and sacrifice. It is true that the Kingdom of God is offered to all – it is a gift, it is a present, it is a grace – but it does not come on a silver platter: it requires dynamism; it is about searching, journeying, working hard. The attitude of searching is the essential condition for finding. The heart must burn with the desire to reach the valuable good, that is, the Kingdom of God which is made present in the person of Jesus. He is the hidden treasure; he is the pearl of great value. He is the fundamental discovery who can make a decisive change in our lives, filling it with meaning.

Faced with the unexpected discovery, both the farmer and the merchant realize that they are facing a unique opportunity which should not be missed; hence, they sell all that they own. Assessing the inestimable value of the treasure leads to a decision that also implies sacrifice, detachment and renunciation. When the treasure and the pearl are discovered, that is, when we have found the

Lord, we must not let this discovery become barren, but rather sacrifice everything else in order to acquire it. It is not a question of disdaining the rest but of subordinating them to Jesus, putting him in first place; grace in first place. The disciple of Christ is not one who has deprived himself of something essential; he is one who has found much more: he has found the complete joy that only the Lord can give. It is the evangelical joy of the sick who have been healed; of the pardoned sinners, of the thief for whom the doors of heaven open.

## REVISED TEMPORARY MINISTRY ROTA

	Readers	Communion Minister
<b>25-26 July</b>		
6.30 pm	Doug Mongan Kim Pritchard	Maria Smith
9.00 am	Ken Hay Lorna Lyons	Andrew Green
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Michael Chadwick	Attracta Caulfield-Ross
<b>1-2 Aug</b>		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Nicola Charles	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Terence Osuji	Martin O’Regan
<b>8-9 Aug</b>		
6.30 pm	Margaret Smith Eileen Rogan-Hill	Kim Ayling
9.00 am	Wally Barnes Roger King	Andy Fay
11.30 am	Carleen Heath Les Hislop	Barbara Binder
<b>15-16 Aug</b>		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Nuala Doherty Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat
<b>22-23 Aug</b>		
6.30 pm	Mary O’Driscoll Vanessa Thompson	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	Lisa Walker Maria Green	Linda Withers
11.30 am	Attracta Caulfield-Ross Catharine Welcome	John McKie
<b>29-30 Aug</b>		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Victoria Cassettari

*With a more simplified liturgy due to restrictions currently in place each Mass requires two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion.*

*Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated. You will find it on the website, in the ‘Rotas’ section.*

*The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.*

*Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.*

*Readers will need to sanitise their hands before and after reading; Communion Ministers just before distributing Holy Communion.*

*Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.*