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#### THE CRY OF CREATION – A STUDY DAY ON LAUDATO SI – Saturday 4 September

As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, 'Laudato si', on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark and associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) – the event is scheduled for 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4th September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

#### JOB VACANCY – COOK & KITCHEN SUPERVISOR at Walsingham House Abbotswick

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting at the end of September 2021. The closing date is midday on 29th August. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can be found on our website, [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### *Please remember in your prayers*

#### **Those who are ill . . .**

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, 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, Mary Treston and Gwen Wright.

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

**31 July to 6 Aug:** Monsignor Leo White, Michael Cole, Harry Church, Isobel Miles, George Goodfellow, Joseph Frendo, Father Tom Jordan and St Paul VI.

#### **SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Michael Cole.

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

*The lights in honour of Our Lady and St Joseph have been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021; several weeks in 2022 have already been covered.*



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

##### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 31 July : 6.30 pm Noreen O'Connor RIP (Angela)

Sunday 1 Aug : 9.00 am Father Tom Jordan RIP

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 2 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Tuesday 3 Aug : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 4 Aug : 9.15 am Molly Kelly RIP (Margaret Hull & family)

Thursday 5 Aug : 9.15 am Joseph Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Friday 6 Aug : 9.15 am Peter Delima RIP (Delima family)

##### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 7 Aug : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 8 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Cole family)

11.30 am Julie Jennings RIP (Peters)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

#### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

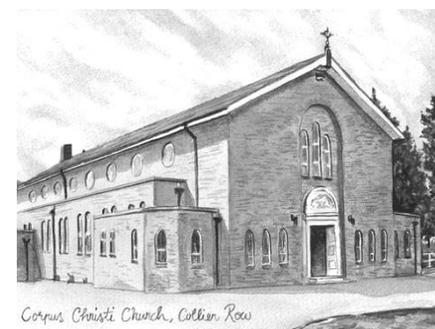
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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 July – 1 August 2021



*Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row*

**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

#### PARISH WEBSITE

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

#### COVID-19 STEP FOUR GUIDANCE

*For the time-being, please:*

- **Sanitise your hands** on entry into the church.
- **Wear face coverings properly** - to protect others from being infected.
- **Keep to the new seating arrangements** - sit wherever you can find sufficient space and leave at least 1 metre between yourself and people who are not members of your household or bubble.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Ezra Samuels and Shakayla Coke into God's Family and pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

#### MEMORIAL MASS – Father Tom Jordan RIP

Marking one year since Fr Tom's death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford on Thursday 5 August at 6.30pm. Everyone is very welcome. The Mass will also be Livestreamed via <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>

#### YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £831.69 (£452.10 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.

#### THE CHURCH REPOSITORY

The Repository is now open after all weekend Masses and also on request. There is a good selection of cards for all occasions including First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Christian Birthday cards, Get Well and Thinking of You cards, etc., together with other religious items. Please continue to wear face coverings while at the Repository. Thank you.

## FATHERS' GROUP

Colin Smith will be starting a group for fathers in the coming weeks. This will be a great opportunity for dads of all ages in the parish to get together one evening a month for a short time of guided prayer in church followed by an informal social. The aim is to strengthen family men in their faith and example, and to build fellowship. Each month we will take a different theme or form of prayer. The group will be a joint initiative with St. Edward's in Romford. Please email Colin at colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com to register your interest or if you would like to find out more.

## COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

An evening celebrating re-opening following lockdown – live music with **KELLY'S HEROES** on Friday 27 August – tickets £10.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St John Mary Vianney** – the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Like his Divine Master, St John hated sin, but loved the sinner.

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major** – this feast honours Our Lady and the famous church built in her honour in Rome 1500 years ago – Santa Maria Maggiore. The site on which it was built is said to have been indicated by a miraculous, isolated fall of snow there in (the heat of a Roman) August.

Friday is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** – Peter, James and John, the disciples closest to Jesus, receive a glimpse of the glory that is his. On Mount Tabor, where he had gone to pray, his face appears to shine like the sun and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses (who represents The Law) and Elijah (representing The Prophets) appear. It is worth recalling that at this time the Jewish Scriptures had not been finalised – two main sections were recognised: The Law and The Prophets (the third section - The Writings - was not added until the second century AD). The appearance of Moses and Elijah are, therefore, significant: they represent the Bible as it was then; here we see Jesus in dialogue with representatives of the Word of God. And a voice is heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

## CYCLING FOR CHARITY - "Pedalling through the Pandemic"

Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of the Diocese, has been cycling for many months, heading towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. To find out more phone 01708-740308 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you want to donate via cheque or cash or sponsor him: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50) Thank you for any support you can give.

## Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 5 August 2018

Over the last few Sundays the liturgy has presented us with the image filled with Jesus' tenderness reaching out to the crowd and its needs. In today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 6:24-35) the perspective changes. The crowd whose hunger Jesus has satisfied begins to seek him anew and goes to encounter him. But for Jesus, it is not enough that people seek him. He wants people to know him. He wishes that the search for him and the encounter with him go beyond the immediate satisfaction of material needs. Jesus came to bring us something more, to open our lives to a wider horizon than the daily concerns of eating, clothing ourselves, career and so on. Thus, turning to the crowd, he exclaims: "you seek me, not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves (v. 26)". In this way, he encourages the people to go a step further and to question themselves on the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it. Indeed, the multiplication of the loaves and the fish is a sign of the great gift the Father has given to humanity, which is Jesus himself!

He, the true "bread of life" (v. 35), wants to satisfy not just the bodies but also the souls, giving the spiritual food that can satisfy profound hunger. This is why he invites the crowd to obtain not the food which perishes, but that which endures for eternal life (cf. v. 27). It is the food that Jesus gives to us every day: his Word, his Body, his Blood. The crowd listens to the Lord's invitation, but does not understand its meaning – as often happens to us – and asks him: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (v. 28). Those who are listening to Jesus think that he is asking them to observe the precepts in order to obtain more

miracles like the multiplication of the loaves. This is a common temptation; to reduce religion to only the practice of its laws, projecting onto our relationship with God the image of the relationship between servants and their master: servants must carry out the tasks that the master assigns to them in order to enjoy his benevolence. We all know this. Therefore, the crowd wants to know from Jesus which actions it must perform in order to please God. But Jesus' reply is unexpected: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (v. 29). Today, these words are also addressed to us: God's work does not consist so much in "doing" things, but in "believing" in Him whom He sent. This means that faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God's works. If we allow ourselves to be involved in this loving and trusting relationship with Jesus, we will be able to perform good works that exude the fragrance of the Gospel for the good and needs of our brothers and sisters.

## MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section. There are also hard copies available in the Sacristy for those who do not use the internet.

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 and replace it immediately afterwards.

31 July-1 August		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Kerry Truman 3. Mick Doolan	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Roger King 3. Wally Barnes	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. 3. Triston Osuji	Catherine Burnett
7-8 August		
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Lisa Walker 2. Maria Green 3. Colin Smith	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Catharine Welcome	Michaela Henkel
14-15 August		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Alex Hinton 3. Pat Pridham	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. 3. Terence Osuji	Elaine New
21-22 August		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Alex Hinton
11.30 am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Shirley Hay	Catherine Burnett

## ON-LINE RETREAT - Living Laudato Si' : 15th – 18th October

Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert