

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 in memory of Michael Cole.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of the deceased members of the Musiwa and Kaiza families.

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 . . .

29 July to 4 Aug: Winifred (Lily) Ward, Peter Moss, Monsignor Leo White, Michael Cole, Harry Church and Isobel Miles.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29 July : 6.30 pm Bridget & James Casey int (Wilson)

Sunday 30 July : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 31 July : 9.15 am Charles Gallen RIP (Chadwick)

Tuesday 1 Aug : 9.15 am Elsie Tighe and family int (McDonagh)

Wednesday 2 Aug : 9.15 am Edith O'Dell RIP (SVP)

Thursday 3 Aug : 9.15 am Mary Sullivan RIP (O'Driscoll)

Friday 4 Aug : 9.15 am Philomena, husband & children int (McDonagh)

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 5 Aug : 6.30 pm Joseph Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 6 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Les Hislop int (Welcome)

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

29-30 July 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £1120.35 (£382.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Orelia Field into God's family, the Church. May she and her family grow in the knowledge and love of God. within our community of faith.

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.

HOLY RELICS

of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew the Apostle visit Hornchurch

The Holy Relics are being toured throughout Great Britain by the Knights of St Columba and will visit the parish of St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, from Sunday 30th July, mid-afternoon, until Wednesday 2nd August, leaving late morning. The relics will be available for veneration before Mass on Monday and Tuesday and for ninety minutes after Mass on both days. On Wednesday morning the church will be open from 9am until 11am for veneration, the Holy Relics will then travel to St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. We sincerely hope you are able to visit the Relics to venerate and enjoy the amazing peace and serenity that surrounds them. May St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew intercede on your behalf and may your prayers be answered.

FINANCE ASSISTANT – PART-TIME VACANCY

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are

available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

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@brcd.org Closing date for applications is 14th August 2023.

STALLHOLDERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday 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.

Tuesday 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'.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli** – a fourth century Sardinian and champion of the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy. He died in 370.

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

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 26 July 2020

This Sunday's Gospel Reading (cf. Mt 13:44-52) consists of the final verses of the chapter Matthew devotes to the parable of the Kingdom of Heaven. The passage includes three parables that are very briefly outlined: that of the hidden treasure, that of the precious pearl, and that of the net cast into the sea.

I will look at the first two in which the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to two different "precious" items, namely, the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great value. The reaction of the one who finds the pearl or the treasure is practically the same: the man and the merchant sell everything to buy what is now most dear to them. With these two similes, Jesus proposes to involve us in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven, presenting an essential characteristic of Christian life, of the life of the Kingdom of heaven: those who fully pledge themselves to the Kingdom are those who are willing to stake everything, who are courageous. Indeed, both the man and the merchant in the two parables sell everything they have, thus renouncing their material security. From this it can be understood that the building of the Kingdom requires not only the grace of God, but also the active willingness of humanity. Everything is done by grace, everything! We need only have the willingness to receive it, not to resist grace: grace does everything but it takes 'my' responsibility, 'my' willingness.

The gestures of that man and the merchant who go searching, depriving themselves of their goods in order to buy more precious treasures, are decisive gestures; they are radical gestures; I would say that they are only 'one way' gestures, not a 'round trip': they are 'one way' gestures. Moreover, they are made with joy because both of them have found a treasure. We are called upon to assume the attitude of these two Gospel figures, so that we too may become healthily restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a matter of abandoning the heavy burden of our worldly certainties that prevent us from seeking and building up the Kingdom: the desire for possession, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only about ourselves.

In our times, as we are all aware, the lives of some people can end up mediocre and dull because they probably do not go in search of a true treasure: they are content with attractive but fleeting things, glittering flashes that

prove illusory as they give way to darkness. Instead the light of the Kingdom is not like fireworks, it is light: fireworks last only an instant, whereas the light of the Kingdom accompanies us all our life.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the opposite of the superfluous things that the world offers; it is the opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to expand towards wider horizons. Indeed, those who have found this treasure have a creative and inquisitive heart, which does not repeat but rather invents, tracing and setting out on new paths which lead us to love God, to love others, and to truly love ourselves. The sign of those who walk this path of the Kingdom is creativity, always seeking more. And creativity is what takes life and gives life, and gives, and gives, and gives... It always looks for many different ways to give life.

Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a meaning for one's life, the joy of feeling committed to the adventure of holiness.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to search every day for the treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be manifested in our words and gestures.

MINISTRY ROTA

PLEASE NOTE:

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

The new 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

| 29-30 July | | GROUP 5 |
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| 6.30 pm | 1. Frank Smith 2. Shirley Hay 3. Margaret Smith | Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwu |
| 9.00am | 1. Ken Hay 2. 3. | Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton Noel Foley |
| 11.30am | 1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Carleen Heath 3. | Louise Seaton Barbara Binder |
| 5-6 August | | GROUP 6 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll | Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher |
| 9.00 am | 1. Eileen Jonas 2. Mary Brennan 3. | Alex Hinton Wally Barnes Peter Hale |
| 11.30am | 1. Michael Chadwick 2. 3. | Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat Donna Hector |
| 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 |