

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)

LENT MASS READINGS

All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Last Few Places on Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Cristiana Bianco, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

18-24 Mar: Vera Wright, George Compton, Ivy Servois, Bernard Gay, Eamonn Galvin, Julia Greene, Rita Blake, Alfred Rodburn, Teresa Thompson, Ruby Griffiths, David Pye and Eileen Golding.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of John O'Driscoll.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of John O'Driscoll.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 18 Mar : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 19 Mar : 9.00 am Rita Peters int (Our Lady's Prayer Group)
11.30 am Maria Julia Nobrega RIP (Diaz)

Monday 20 Mar : 9.15 am Shelagh Larrett & Chris Lee int (Welcome)
Tuesday 21 Mar : 9.15 am Cyril Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)
Wednesday 22 Mar : 9.15 am Jose Nobrega RIP (Dias)
Thursday 23 Mar : 9.15 am The People of Ukraine (Welcome)
Friday 24 Mar : 9.15 am Marie & Tom Keenan RIP (Anne)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 25 Mar : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 26 Mar : 9.00 am David Pye RIP (Pye family)
11.30 am Rosario Cardozo RIP (Fernandes)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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to contact Church House:

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 'Laetare'

18-19 March 2023



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

WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays in Lent : 7.30 pm

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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

Today is also **MOTHERING SUNDAY** – on this day we give thanks for all that our mothers give and mean to us. With gratitude in our hearts for their goodness, we remember those who are no longer with us; may they receive their heavenly reward.

LENT OFFERINGS FOR THE CAFOD

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Last weekend a further £119.63 was contributed to this Appeal; the total raised so far: **£1228.32**. Our aid agency CAFOD is already delivering emergency aid to the stricken areas of Turkey and Syria. Our Lenten Offerings will also go to support this desperate cause. It is also possible to make a donation 'on-line' by visiting the CAFOD website, where there is an option, if you are a UK taxpayer, to gift aid your donation.

DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we set out on the journey to Easter, we ask ourselves: "What could I do to help deepen my spiritual life?" Giving something up shouldn't mean extra (saved) money in our pockets: why not give an appropriate amount to a charity of your choice or support our Lenten Offerings Appeal. The basket will be at the back of the church throughout Lent. *Some other suggestions to help make Lent special:* try to create some time for quiet – for thought and prayer, for reflecting on the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass at 9.15 am (Monday to Friday) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £737.12 (£348.00 of this was gift aided). In the past month, Standing Order contributions came to £2999.25. Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

With the new financial year approaching, your new Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES in Romford and Collier Row

Wednesday 29 March at 11.00 am ~ St Edward's Church, Park End Road, Romford
Thursday 30 March at 7.00 pm ~ Corpus Christi, Collier Row

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network (an agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales), in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services (an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland) are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled Do this in memory of me, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Lenten Lunches on Fridays between 12.30 and 2.00 throughout Lent at St Edwards Parish Hall, Park End Road, Romford Please come along for a ploughmans' lunch including tea and coffee and most importantly, a chat and get-together. All welcome. All proceeds to go towards various charities.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout to register, email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

HIT THE ROAD heads South-East

The Champion School's annual fundraising walk for the Teenage Cancer Trust takes place on Saturday, 29th April. The 20-mile walk from Woolwich starts off along the River Thames before heading through parks and woodlands to Charlton and Eltham and then making our way back to the river at Greenwich. We then follow the Thames to Tower Bridge, finishing our walk at the Brewdog, Tower Hill. The 10-mile walk starts near Grove Park Station and then follows the second half of the 20-mile route. The entry fee of £15 adults/£10 concessions includes a t-shirt and certificate. Further information, including online entry, is available on our school website. <https://www.thecampionschool.org.uk/beyond-the-classroom/hit-the-road>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please call Victoria on telephone: 01277-265284 or email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LOVE THE STRANGER – document published by the Bishops of England & Wales

Scripture tells us: "Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10:19). The word 'stranger' is variously translated as 'foreigner', 'immigrant', 'sojourner' or 'alien'. However, the message remains consistent: those arriving from other parts of the world are our sisters and brothers. We are called to see Christ in them, for all people are created in His image. And we are called to see ourselves in them, for we all share this common humanity.

In 2023, people making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are also called by various names: 'refugees', 'asylum seekers', 'migrants', and often by more derogatory terms.

This publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department for International Affairs is shaped by, and articulates, our Christian duty to look beyond such labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life. It can be found online at the Bishops' Conference website: cbcew.org.uk

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota (from 11-12 March) is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

There are a few 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

18-19 March		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Ken Hay 3. Roger King	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat
25-26 March		C
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. Jean Capps	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Louise Seaton
1-2 April		D
6.30 pm	1. Carol O'Kane 2. Vanessa Thompson 3. Shantay Charles	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Humma Gill 3. Nuala Doherty	Michael Chadwick
8-9 April		E
7.30 pm	Special Arrangements for the	Easter Vigil
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Eileen Jonas 3.	
11.30 am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Arno Bastiampillai 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen