

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

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 COLLIER ROW FOODBANK : items of particular use at present . . .

instant coffee • long life milk • tinned custard • tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn
chocolate & crisps • long life fruit juice
deodorant, shower gel, shampoo • washing up liquid
clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie and Teresa Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Carole Tabram died on Thursday 11 November; her Requiem Mass will take place in church on Tuesday 7 December at 11.30 am.

Paul Jude died on Wednesday 1 December; arrangements for his funeral will be finalised in the coming days.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

4-10 Dec: Richard Tabram, Frank Parkin, Neil Barron, Eve Fearon, Mary Milano, Alfred Tidey, Stanley Ford, Christopher Pye, Johanna Murphy, Honora Burn, John Hatch, Finbarr O'Mahoney and Peter Prior.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is in memory of Susan Mary Carroll.

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; a list of dates that are still available in 2022 is on the porch noticeboard.



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4 Dec : 6.30 pm Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 5 Dec : 9.00 am Father Tom Jordan RIP (Fernandes)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 6 Dec : 9.15 am Daphne Holdeman int (McGoay)

Tuesday 7 Dec : 9.15 am Anthony Piedade Fernandes RIP (Rajan family)

11.30 am Requiem Mass for Carole Tabram

Wednesday 8 Dec : 9.15 am Father David Irwin RIP (PACT Westminster)

Thursday 9 Dec : 9.15 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (Welcome)

Friday 10 Dec : 9.15 am Tony Coutinho RIP (Fernandes)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 11 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 12 Dec : 9.00 am Chris Pye & Ed Corcoran RIP (Pye)

11.30 am RIP: Mary & Harry Campbell, John Pain & Brian Dixon (T & J Dixon)

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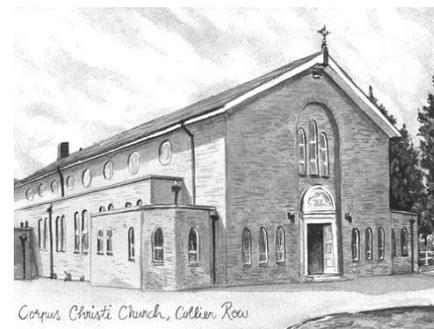
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Second Sunday of Advent 4-5 December 2021



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

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

KEEP EVERYONE SAFE FROM COVID by maintaining these precautions in church . . .

Sanitise hands • Wear face coverings • Keep to the seating arrangements

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £852.74 (£339.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Everleigh Dean and Logan Bellot into the Community of Faith, the Church. We pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

FATHERS' GROUP

Monday 6 December 7.45pm in St Edward's RC Church Romford. Join other dads for a calm time of Advent prayer in church followed by an informal social with refreshments in the community centre! Come along whether you are a new Dad or a battle-worn father of adolescents, or anywhere in between - you are most welcome. Christian fathers need support to flourish in this vocation. Any questions, or if just curious, please email Colin Smith, at colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday 20 December at 7.00 pm

also at St Edward the Confessor, Park End Road, Romford: Wednesday 15 December at 11.00 am

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASSES AT CHRISTMAS – important information

Christmas Eve: 4.30 pm | 6.30 pm | 10.00 pm **Christmas Day:** 9.00 am | 11.30 am

Church seating continues to be restricted, with half of the pews taped off and at least 1 metre being left between yourself and people you do not live with. To maintain a covid-safe environment we must not exceed our capacity – which means there can be no standing in the aisles or at the back or in the porch of the church. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; you will need to come early to avoid finding the church at its capacity. Face coverings will be required for all (with very few exceptions).

CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch: religious Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Candles, other Calendars and gifts, all reasonably priced. Please continue to wear face coverings while in the church porch.

MISSIO

Sincere thanks to all of you who have supported so generously, in prayer and financially, the work of Missio this year. The money raised provides nothing short of a crucial lifeline to the Parishes of Missionaries serving in some of the most remote, poor and troubled communities in our world.

As we work alongside these communities we continue the Mission of Jesus himself to share the love of God with everyone. So thank you! The final date for donations this year is Sunday 12th December. As soon as Missio Head Office ratify my figures I will of course let you know how much you have raised. There are copies of the Missio calendar at the back of the Church. *Kate Welcome*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

If you have a child in Year 3 (or older) and you would like them to be prepared to receive First Holy Communion next summer – please send us an email with the child's name and a contact telephone number for us to contact you (or telephone the Parish Office). The Preparation Programme will begin after Christmas.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church** – we recall that, on 6 December 1979, our church was dedicated by Bishop Patrick Casey. We give thanks for this building, for those pioneers who had the inspiration and worked so hard to create it and for all who have built up the community that is the People of God, the Church, here at Corpus Christi.

It is also the **Memorial of St Nicholas** – according to tradition, a fourth century bishop in what is now Turkey. He is still popular in parts of Europe where children receive presents on his feastday. 'Santa Claus' is derived from a form of his name.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Ambrose** – a fearless defender of the Faith, who became Bishop of Milan in the year 374 and was very much a pastor to his people. He had a great deal to do with the conversion of St Augustine of Hippo – one of the most influential theologians in the history of the Church.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – from the very first moments of her existence in the womb of St Anne, her mother, Our Lady was preserved from the state of Original Sin: she was 'full of grace'. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote that this feast, falling as it does early in Advent, is also the 'basic preparation for the coming of the Saviour, as well as the happy beginning of the Church, without spot or wrinkle'.

FAITH TALK ON THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS

As Christmas draws closer we shall be reading the sections of the gospels commonly known as 'infancy narratives' with their stories of the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. The three parts of this talk consider Matthew chapters 1-2, Luke chapters 1-2 and John chapter 1. The videos are available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org They are given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What are the unique insights of Catholic Social Teaching?

takes place by Zoom on Sunday 5th December 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. The input and discussion will be led by Fr Dominic Howarth, Episcopal Vicar for Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk All Welcome.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY : OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Coming together with loved ones this Christmas will have a special significance after the past year. Life has changed and perhaps there are things we see differently now. During Advent we are asked to listen

to one another and to God as the Catholic Church worldwide embarks on our Synodal Pathway - Our Journey Together.

Reflecting on journeys in the Christmas story: What was on the mind of Mary and Joseph as they made their way to Bethlehem? What did the shepherds say to one another after the angels left them? What did the wise men discuss as they followed the star?

Similarly, we would like you to embark on Our Journey Together and tell us about your faith journey. To find out more please visit: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/synod-2021-2023/>

MINISTRY ROTA

The full version of this rota is on the parish website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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 replace it immediately afterwards.

4-5 December		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Carol O'Kane 3.	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Eileen Jonas 3. Alex Hinton	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3.	Margaret Moffat
11-12 December		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3. Michael Chadwick	Catherine Burnett
18-19 December		
6.30 pm	1. Kerry Truman 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Elaine New
26 December		
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Colin Smith 3. Lisa Walker	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Les Hislop 3. Catharine Welcome	Alexandra Burt-Allen

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Year of St Joseph concludes on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (8 December); perhaps during these final weeks we could use the prayer to St Joseph written by the Holy Father Francis:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*