

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

For anyone of African or Caribbean descent; contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 7.30-9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close, RM5 3EJ. We pray the rosary together; children over First Communion age also welcome. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of John Cody.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of John Cody.



Donations of any long-life products are always very welcome and can be left in the church porch. At the moment, the following items are especially needed:

Tins, bottles or jars of: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, custard, jam, honey, marmalade, cooking oil, long-life milk and fruit juice (including low sugar).

Bags or boxes of: flour, sugar, cereal, biscuits, tea bags.

Items for personal hygiene & cleaning products: deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big).

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Ken Hay, Gloria Jackson, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those who have died recently, including . . .

Helen Lonergan – until recently a teacher at St Patrick's School, has died after a long illness. Her body will be brought to the church on Monday 2 June at 4.30 pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 3 June at 11.30 am followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

Joyce Barnes died in St Francis' Hospice on Monday; she had been ill for some time. Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 28 May at 12.30 pm followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep her in our prayers, together with Wally and all the family.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

10-16 May: Eileen Saggars, Joyce Shaw, Bridie Brown, Richard McLean and Dick Dietrich.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 10 May : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 11 May : 9.00 am Violet Duggan RIP (Peter)

11.30 am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (KSC)

Monday 12 May : 9.15 am Chinnma Mathew RIP (Jose)

Tuesday 13 May : 9.15 am Sarah Beth (Aspen) Hatton int (Jonas)

Wednesday 14 May : 9.15 am Pope Francis RIP (Jonas)

Thursday 15 May : 9.15 am Father Anthony Oyedamola Akinwowo RIP (Aina)

Friday 16 May : 9.15 am Danny Clark RIP (McGoay)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17 May : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 18 May : 9.00 am Stephen Dean RIP (Ken & Pat)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

10-11 May 2025



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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



Cardinal Robert Prevost: elected Pope on Thursday 8 May, taking the name Leo XIV

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. The second collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £931.87 (£398.90 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going support for the life and ministry of our parish.

SALE OF TOMATO PLANTS

After all Masses this weekend: Tomato plants for sale from £1. Proceeds towards the maintenance of our church grounds.

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

You are invited to pray the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays 14, 21 and 28 May at 7.00 pm.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Members of the Afro-Caribbean community are providing coffee and other refreshments after the 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 25 May. Please make a note in your diary and join us, if you are able.

MARY'S MEALS – FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION

This charity, founded here in the UK, provides a school meal every day for over 2 million children in some of the most deprived parts of the world. To help raise funds for them to continue this wonderful work, please collect your foreign currency, no matter how old, obscure or of little value. Mary's Meals will use your unwanted coins and notes to feed the next hungry child. They can also take UK money which is no longer legal tender. You may wish to take a Mary's Meals envelope from the porch, to collect and return donations. The equivalent of ten pence provides a hot meal!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SVP IN OUR PARISH (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

In recent months we have been blessed with several new members of our parish group. As volunteers we visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them sincere friendship and practical support. Person-to-person contact is at the heart of our work and spending time with people is paramount, regardless of faith, race, gender or background, in a non-judgemental manner. We all have valid DBS certificates. If you or someone you know need our help, please let us know. If it's someone you know, always mention that you have told them about us first – this is important. Then phone 01708-749050 leaving your name and phone number and we will contact you. Thank you.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St John Houghton, martyr** – from Essex, he was a secular priest before becoming a Carthusian and prior of the London Charterhouse. He and his community refused to assent to the Acts of Succession and Supremacy of Henry VIII and he was executed in 1535 at Tyburn in his religious habit, together with two fellow Carthusians, a Bridgettine monk and a secular priest; these five were the first martyrs of the English Reformation.

Tuesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Erconwald, bishop** – secondary co-patron of the diocese – allegedly a member of the royal family of East Anglia, he became the abbot-founder of Chertsey in Surrey and founded a nunnery at Barking where his sister, St Ethelburga, became abbess. He was made bishop of London in 675 and died at Barking in 693. His shrine at old St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the Reformation; the cathedral in the Great Fire.

Wednesday is the **Feast of St Matthias, apostle** – he was chosen to take the place of Judas among the apostles. The traditions concerning his later life are conflicting, but his relics were allegedly removed by St Helena from Jerusalem to what is now St Matthias' Abbey at Trier in Germany.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

On this Good Shepherd Sunday - a setting of Psalm 22 (23): "The Lord is my shepherd" by the English, contemporary composer John Rutter (born 1945).

CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER – A STUDY DAY

This year we celebrate seventeen-hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass. Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon of the Brentwood diocese, who has a doctorate in Church History, will explore the issues debated at the Council. The study day will be held on Saturday 7 June from 11am until 2 pm at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch. In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group; Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our meetings are held at 2 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8EU. Morning tours available Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May starting at 9.15am for prospective parents/carers. Please email office@tpc.academy to book a date. We are still accepting applications for admission into Year 7 in September 2025.

VACANCY AT URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit a Data & Admissions Officer. Please see school website for more details The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Come work at UAI!

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP NEXT SUMMER?

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota is now available on the parish website; there are a few paper copies in the Sacristy.

The newsletter only lists those ministering this week and next.

Readers & Communion Ministers should come to church in good time and sign in on the list in the Sacristy.

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

10-11 May		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Marie Joseph 2. Alex Hinton 3.	Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat
17-18 May		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Sienna Spinola 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Peter Duggan
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Tsitsi Brooks 2. Ify Okoye 3. Debbie Cullis	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes