

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).

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of David Barwell.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Father Michael Hopkins.

A number of people have booked the lights at the shrines of Our Lady or St Joseph for weeks in 2026, often in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. Dates that are still available are listed on a notice in the porch. If you have a particular date in mind and would like to sponsor one of the lights, it would be worth booking it fairly soon.



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: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, pudding, custard, jam, honey, marmalade, cooking oil, coffee, long-life milk and fruit juice (including low sugar), cooking sauces.

Bags/boxes: flour, sugar, cereals, biscuits, tea bags, instant mashed potato.

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, Alfred Falzon, 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 . . .

Janine Peltier who died on 6 September. She will be buried at Grays New Cemetery following a Requiem Mass here on Wednesday 8 October at 11.00 am.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

27 Sept- 3 Oct: Sheila Oxby, Bridget (Barbara) Dobson, Venerable Pope John Paul I, Mick Clark, Michael Smith, Bamidele Suleiman, John Rowan, Harry Hopkins, James Kennedy, Ted Lampey, Mary Palmer, Bridget Smith, Patricia Field, Jason Lewis, Mercedes Cole, Margaret Bines, Ron Collard, Father Michael Hopkins (*first parish priest*), Mary Blunden and Daniel (Don) Noonan.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 Sept : 6.30 pm Jackie Anderson RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 28 Sept : 9.00 am Joyce Barnes RIP (Smithers)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 29 Sept : 9.15 am Tony & Justine Knight RIP (Cast)

Tuesday 30 Sept : 9.15 am Patrick Headd RIP (Headd family)

Wednesday 1 Oct : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (Church Cleaning Team)

Thursday 2 Oct : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 3 Oct : 9.15 am Louis Philip Coeur de Lion RIP (Marie Cecile)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 Oct : 6.30 pm Deceased members of the Sammon family (Conneely)

Sunday 5 Oct : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Helen)

11.30 am Green Joseph RIP (Marie & family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

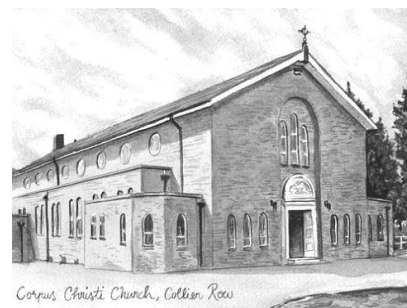
Father Philip Denton

to contact Church House:

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27-28 September 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

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Next Friday is the annual Harvest Fast Day – the proceeds raised by our fasting will be collected next weekend and sent to CAFOD, our own aid agency, to help with their work in the developing world. If you are in the gift aid scheme and have numbered envelopes, please use the Fast Day envelope for your offering. There are CAFOD envelopes for everyone else – please take one from the porch.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Allie-Mae McCormack into the Christian community; we pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £927.17 (£535.00 of this was gift-aided). The collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday came to £218.39 (£201.27 of which was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October.

JUBILEE YOUTH MASS

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

On Thursday 2 October, Youth Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral, following a talk from the Donal Walsh #livelife foundation starting from 6.30pm. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join – there is no need to book, but please do let us know if you'd like to bring a group. Get in touch at info@bcys.net for more information.

YOUTH GATHER – 25 to 26 October

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There

will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply at www.bcys.net/events

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Last Sunday's Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £500 – our thanks to all who were involved in its organisation and all who supported this very worthwhile cause.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

The Ursuline Academy Ilford are having their Open Evening on Thursday 2 October : 5.00 – 7.00 pm. Headteacher and Student Presentation 5.15p.m. Followed by tours of the School.

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. All are welcome; tea/coffee and cake provided.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB – forthcoming events

Friday 3 October Gary Godmaze as FREDDIE MERCURY. £5 each
(tickets available from the bar or on the door).
Saturday 13 December EXPOSE £5 each - tickets to be ordered on-line (details to follow)

from the Angelus Address, Pope Benedict XVI, Papal Residence at Castel Gandolfo, 26 Sept 2010

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 16: 19-31), Jesus tells the Parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. The former lives in luxury and egoism and when he dies, he will go to hell. The poor man on the contrary eats the food left over from the table of the rich man, and at his death he will be brought by angels to his eternal dwelling place with God and the saints. "Blessed are you poor", the Lord proclaimed to his disciples, "for yours is the Kingdom of God" (Lk 6: 20). But the message of the parable goes further. It reminds us that while we are in this world we should listen to the Lord who speaks through the Sacred Scriptures and to live according to his will, otherwise after death it will be too late to repent. This parable teaches us two lessons: the first is that God loves the poor and comforts their humiliation; the second is that our eternal destiny is conditioned by our attitude, it is up to us to follow the path that God has laid out for us in order to attain life and this path is love, not intended as a feeling but as service to others in the charity of Christ.

By a happy coincidence, [yesterday we celebrated the Liturgical Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Patron of Catholic charities] . . . In 16th-century France, he himself keenly perceived the strong contrast between the richest and the poorest of people. In fact, as a priest, he had the opportunity to experience the aristocratic life and life in the country, as well as the dregs of society in Paris. Encouraged by the love of Christ, Vincent de Paul knew how to organise permanent forms of service for marginalized people, giving life to the so-called "*Charités*" and "*Charities*", that is the groups of women who gave their time and belongings to the most marginalized people. Some of these volunteers chose to consecrate themselves completely to God and to the poor, with St Louise de Marillac, and St Vincent, Founder of the "Daughters of Charity" the first female congregation to live a consecrated life "in the world", with the common people, including the sick and the needy.

Quotes from St Carlo Acutis on the Eucharist

- The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.
 - The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven.
 - By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.
 - When we face the sun we get a tan... but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints.
- St Carlo Acutis is one of the Church's newest saints – a fifteen year old Italian boy who was canonised by Pope Leo recently.*

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A communion motet *O quam suavis* by the Spanish composer Alonso Lobo (1555-1617); he spent much of his life as master of the music at Seville and Toledo cathedrals.

*O quam suavis est, Domine, Spiritus tuus qui ut dulcedinem tuam in filios demonstrares
pane suavissimo de caelo praestito, esurientes reple bonis, fastidiosos divites dimittens inanes.*

How gracious is your Spirit, Lord, who, to show your loving kindness towards your children, have given the sweetest bread of heaven. You fill the hungry with good things and send the discontented rich away empty.

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), 29 Sept 2025

Deputy Headteacher – St Peter's Primary School, Billericay. Deadline for applications: 15:00, Tues 30 Sept 2025

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Mon 6 Oct 2025

KS2 Class Teacher and Phase Leader – St Mary's Primary School, Chingford. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Wed 6 Oct 2025

Headteacher – Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet. Deadline for applications: 09:00 Wed 15 Oct 2025

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels** – each of these archangels plays an important part in sacred scripture and in the life of the Church. Their names are Hebrew: Michael meaning 'Who is like God?', Gabriel – 'Strength of God' and Raphael – 'The Healing of God'.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Jerome, priest and teacher of the faith** – one of the Church's greatest scholars, he was the first to complete a translation of the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin – by then the common (vulgar) language of the people – hence the name 'Vulgate Bible' (for centuries the standard Latin version of the Bible used by the Church). He died at Bethlehem in 420.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Thérèse of Lisieux, religious and teacher of the faith** – she showed by her life as a Carmelite nun and by her writings how each of us can 'become like little children again' in God's sight. She died at Lisieux in 1897.

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels** – this day honours those angels appointed by God to look after our personal welfare.

MINISTRY ROTA

The complete rota is 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

27-28 September		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Shantay Charles 3. Eileen Collier	Sue Butcher Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Peter Hale Marie Joseph Alex Hinton
11.30am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Triston Osuji	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat
4-5 October		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. Sienna Spinola 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Peter Duggan
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3. Tsitsi Brooks	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes