



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).

#### 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.

#### 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 Mick Rubery.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Rose Kelly.

#### Please remember in your prayers

##### Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Isabella Ayres, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Joseph Kelly, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

##### Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

**20-26 Apr:** Evelyn Collis, Michael O'Shea, Joseph Spelling, Hector Stratton, Denis Miller, Patricia McDermott, Kathleen Pow, Samantha Read, Sheila Casey, Mick Rubery, Mabel Mullin, Lily McCabe, Rose Reilly, Kathleen Mullane, Win Eyley, Anne Hay and Bert Waterfield.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 20 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 21 April : 9.00 am Rose Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

11.30 am Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty)

Monday 22 April : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Vettath)

Tuesday 23 April : 9.15 am Ann Mullins RIP (Cody)

Wednesday 24 April : 9.15 am Maria de Graca Sobral RIP (Smith)

Thursday 25 April: 9.15 am Josephine Brown RIP (Jonas)

Friday 26 April : 9.15 am Charles Gallen RIP (McGoay)

##### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 27 April : 6.30 pm Elizabeth & Thomas Hedderman RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 28 April : 9.00 am Jim Gilmartin & Michael Meer RIP (Hughes)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

20-21 April 2024



**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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, 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 this weekend supports the education and formation of our seminary students.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Noah Xavier into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £904.52 (£427.40 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

#### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Next Sunday, the Afro-Caribbean Society is hosting a Coffee Morning after the Mass at 11.30 am (by which time it will be afternoon coffee!) – do stay and enjoy refreshments and the chance for a chat.

#### MISSIO RED BOXES ~ supporting the missionary work of the Church

Thank you to all who support the missions through collecting your change in *Missio* Red Boxes – in 2023 your contributions came to a total of £979.06. If you don't have a Red Box in your home and would like one – please ask Father Philip or John – we have a supply of new boxes

#### AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

We want to encourage everyone who is of African or Caribbean descent to join; our goal is to showcase our cultures and encourage members to attend Mass and church activities. If you would be interested in joining this new venture, contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.

#### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at [Lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.org)

### OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Please come and pray with us! Monday evenings 7.30-9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close, RM5 3EJ. Children over First Communion age also welcome. We pray the rosary together, a chance to learn if you are not familiar with it. We ask Our Lady to guide us in prayer, and she always does! We can be silent too! Bring a friend! Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

#### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **National Solemnity of St George** – a martyr and a patron of many places, including Georgia, Portugal, Malta & Gozo and England. Little is known for certain about him; but it is quite unlikely that he killed a dragon.

Wednesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Mellitus** – a Roman abbot, sent to England by Pope Gregory in the wake of St Augustine. He worked in Kent for three years before becoming the first Bishop of London. Banished to France for refusing Holy Communion to the king's apostate sons, in 619 he was recalled to England as Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in 624.

Thursday is the **Feast of St Mark** – a missionary companion of St Paul and, later, of St Peter. It is likely that his gospel, the first to be written, was heavily influenced by the preaching of Peter. Mark is often assumed to be the young man in the Garden of Gethsemane who is taken hold of by the guards, but slips away naked, leaving his robe in their hands.

from the *Regina Caeli Address*, **Pope Francis**, St Peter's Square, 25 April 2021

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel (Jn 10:11-18) presents Jesus as the true shepherd who defends, knows and loves his sheep.

The "mercenary", the one who does not care about the sheep because they are not his, is the opposite of the Good Shepherd. He does the job only for pay and is not concerned about defending them: when a wolf arrives, he flees and abandons them (cf vv. 12-13). Instead, Jesus, the true shepherd, defends us always and saves us in so many difficult situations, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we always experience if we want to listen, every day.

The second aspect is that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, *knows* — the first aspect: defend; the second: he knows his sheep and the sheep know him (v. 14). How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a "mass", a "multitude" for him, no. We are unique individuals, each with his or her own story, he knows each of us with our own story, each one with his or her own value, both as creatures and as people redeemed by Christ. Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me! It is true, it is like this: He knows us like no other. Only he knows what is in our hearts, our intentions, our most hidden feelings. Jesus knows our strengths and our defects, and is always ready to care for us, to heal the wounds of our errors with the abundance of his mercy. In him, the image the prophets had provided of the shepherd of the people of God is completely fulfilled: Jesus is concerned about his sheep, he gathers them, he binds their wounds, he heals their ailments. We can read this in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (cf Ez 34:11-16).

Therefore, Jesus the Good Shepherd defends, knows, and above all loves his sheep. And this is why he gives his life for them (cf Jn 10:15). Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, leads him to die on the cross because this is the Father's will — that no one should be lost. Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He himself reminds us of this in today's Gospel when he says: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16). These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God.

#### APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSHINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email [clairebailey@brcd.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcd.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

#### RETRouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in

Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

#### DEPUTY HEADTEACHER at St Joseph's, Upminster

St Joseph's is looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, starting from 1st September 2024. The Governors and Headteacher invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably- qualified practising Catholic leaders. Full details can be found on the school website: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/> Applications must be submitted by 9am on Wednesday 8 May 2024.

#### CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth [dbooth@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dbooth@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

### MINISTRY ROTA

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

The 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

20-21 April		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Maria Smith Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Debbie Cullis 3.	Robert Hale Adam Beddoe
27-28 April		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Jean Capps
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Maria Green 3. Roger King	Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Ouluwajuwon Emmanuel	Onyema Agbebi
4-5 May		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Frank Smith	Donna Hector Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa
9.00 am	1. 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
11-12 May		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Peter Hale Wally Barnes Alex Hinton
11.30am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Triston Oujj	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat