



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).

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 thanksgiving (the Musiwa family).

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of John Dolby.

There are still six weeks available this year for the light at St Joseph's Shrine:
16-22 March, 13-19 July, 10-16 August, 24-30 August, 23-29 November, 14-20 December.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or housebound . . .

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

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

20-26 Jan: Veronica Caldeira, John Dolby, John Dowling, Alice Anne Barthel, Hanna Herbert, Denis Daly, Eileen Waterfield, Maisie Ramsay, Jeannie Vincent, Vera Aldridge, Paddy Harney, Mick Treston, Christine Lynott, John Edward Kelly, Bernard Shanahan, Douglas Lawrence, Irene Manby, Agnes Lansdale, Raymond Antoniou, Jimmy Blunden, Mary O'Connor, Gladys Hatch and John Leyden.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 20 Jan : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 21 Jan : 9.00 am John Kelly RIP (Catherine)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 22 Jan : 9.15 am Gloria Jackson int (Clack)

Tuesday 23 Jan : 9.15 am Mary Haberlin RIP (Haberlin)

Wednesday 24 Jan : 9.15 am Doug Lawrence RIP (Liz & Sam)

10.45 am Funeral Mass for Joan Hollington

Thursday 25 Jan : 9.15 am Joseph Kelly int (O'Driscoll)

Friday 26 Jan : 9.15 am Eileen Grannell RIP (Haberlin)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 Jan : 6.30 pm Ellen Conneely RIP (Josephine)

Sunday 28 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

20-21 January 2024

Sunday of the Word of God



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £979.44 (£393.70 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

PAX CHRISTI RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection last weekend, supporting the work of Pax Christi, came to £296.15 (£196.80 of this was gift-aided).

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is the custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Friday 2 February.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024 – HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST!

Copies are available in the church porch, priced at £2.95 – any money for these should be placed in the wall safe - as you leave the church, on the right.

A FIRE IN MY HEART - A CONVERSATION WITH BIBLICAL FRIENDS

On Saturday 3 February from 11 am until 2 pm (coffee at 10.30 am), at the church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be in conversation with professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, archbishop of Lima, Peru. The event coordinator is Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, vice-rector of Allen Hall. The speakers will be present in-person, but this free event is also live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org If attending in person please book your place at gideapark@brcdt.org The event is under the auspices of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain.

CAITLIN'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER – A BINGO NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Caitlin Charles is running in the London Marathon for the National Autistic Society – this fundraising bingo night is being held in the Parish Centre Hall on Friday 26 January: 7.30 for an 8.00 pm start. £10 entry per adult includes one bingo book – more will be available on the night if you wish. The

Club bar will be open; fell free to bring your own nibbles. To purchase tickets please message Caitlin: email at caitlincharles3@gmail.com or text on 07398 279039.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Vincent** – this deacon was severely tortured and then put to death at Valencia in Spain in 304.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Francis de Sales** – this gentle pastor gave much practical advice about personal holiness for everyone. Admired by Calvinists of his own time, his feast falls suitably within the Unity Octave. He is patron saint of writers and journalists and died in 1622.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Conversion of St Paul** – the story of his famous conversion on the road to Damascus is re-told in the first reading of today’s Mass: Saul the persecutor becomes Paul the apostle.

Friday is the **Memorial of SS Timothy & Titus** – both were converts, disciples, and helpers of St Paul. His two letters to Timothy (the first Bishop of Ephesus in modern-day Turkey) are included in the New Testament; likewise his letter to Titus, a bishop on the island of Crete.

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.

YEAR 12 RETREAT : “LIFE TO THE FULL”

Walsingham House is running a retreat for students in Yr12 on the weekend of the 16th-18th February. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the diocese, to make new friends and to take time out from their busy lives to reflect and pray. The cost of the retreat is £35. For more information and to apply please see the website <https://bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/>

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 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

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.

VACANCY FOR SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

St Peters Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham is seeking to appoint a School Office Administrator asap. Hours 8am to 4pm, term-time only plus one week. Closing date 29 January 2024. Please contact the school office for more information tel: 020-8270 6524, email: office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Vacancy for an experienced LSA. Closing Date: noon, Friday 2 February 2024. For further information please visit: [//uai.org.uk/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/vacancies)

VACANCY FOR PART-TIME ASSISTANT SCHOOL KEEPER

at the Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School. Upminster: Pay Spine – APTC 4 points 7 - 10 (£27,858 - £29,142) pro rata (actual £15,606 - £16,325); 52 weeks a year, 20 hours a week. Closing date: 1 pm on Friday 2 February 2024. See further details on porch noticeboard.

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 January		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Mary O’Driscoll 2. Shantay Charles 3. Eileen Collier	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 Osuji	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat
27-28 January		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	Maria Smith David Elliott Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. 3. Pat Pridham	Susana Gracia Maria Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Adam Beddoe
3-4 February		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Roger King	Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen
10-11 February		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Carleen Heath 3. Margaret Smith	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, Library of the Apostolic Palace, 24 January 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, this Sunday is dedicated to the Word of God. One of the great gifts of our time is the rediscovery of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church at all levels. Never as today has the Bible been as accessible to everyone: in all languages and now even in audiovisual and digital formats. Saint Jerome, whose 16th centenary of death I recently recalled, says that those who ignore Scripture ignore Christ; those who ignore Scripture ignore Christ (cf. In Isaiam Prol.). And vice versa is Jesus, the Word made Flesh, dead and risen, who opens our mind to understanding the Scriptures (cf. Lk 24:45). This happens in particular in the Liturgy, but also when we pray alone or as a group, especially with the Gospel and with the Psalms. I thank and encourage the parishes for their steadfast commitment to educate in listening to the Word of God. May we never lack the joy to sow the Gospel. And I repeat once again: may we have the habit, may you have the habit of always carrying a small Gospel in your pocket, in your bag, to be able to read it during the day, at least three, four verses. The Gospel always with us.