

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.



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).

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of Michael Cole.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of Ken Hay.

Bookings for 2025 can be made now – the list of dates still available is in the porch, together with the envelopes for donations.

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 who have died recently . . .

We have heard the news that **David Difford** died on Sunday 21 July; he and his family were active parishioners here until they moved to Sussex a few years ago. We keep his wife Elizabeth and all the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

27 July- 2 Aug: Patrick (Peter) Costello, Lesley Tubby, Mabel Gibson, Veronica Bishop, Winifred (Lily) Ward, Peter Moss, Monsignor Leo White, Michael Cole, Harry Church and Isobel Miles.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 July : 6.30 pm Annie Niner RIP (Esmond/Jn Baptist)

Sunday 28 July : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyjuke)

Monday 29 July : 9.15 am Tony Dale RIP (Jonas)

Tuesday 30 July : 9.15 am Brenda Bates int (Gray)

Wednesday 31 July : 9.15 am Geraldine Grant int (Margot)

Thursday 1 Aug : 9.15 am Noreen Bohane RIP (Cody)

Friday 2 Aug : 9.15 am Josephine Walsh RIP (Borg)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Aug : 6.30 pm Eleanor & John Smith (Maria & Frank)

Sunday 4 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27-28 July 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £965.21 (£504.50 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 LAST WEEKEND

The Coffee Morning hosted by the Afro-Caribbean Group raised £58.53 for parish funds. Our thanks to all who organised this event and all who supported it.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of a hymn in honour of the Blessed Sacrament – music by the composer Orlando di Lasso who was born at Mons in present-day Belgium (1532-1594).

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of Mary, truly killed, sacrificed, on the cross for man:

whose pierced side flowed with a tide of blood. The one first put to the test for us, in the trial of death.

O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

Emptying Red Boxes: we can be fairly flexible about when this is done. This time of year, the half-way point, might be a time to take an envelope (they are in the porch), empty your box and return the contents in the next week or two. Thank you to those who have already brought in their envelopes. The middle of December is the final emptying – ready for the year end Parish Totals. You can always empty your box at any time – especially if it is full!

“Mission Today” the summer edition is available in the porch – please take a copy. There are spares for anyone who is interested in finding out about the impact Missio is making in the wider Church.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH COORDINATOR

Inspire, nurture and accompany young people on the edge of East London. The parishes in the North Havering Parish Partnership (the parishes of Romford, Collier Row, Gidea Park and the two in Harold Hill) are recruiting a Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator. Salary £30,000/year, closing date 10 September 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church, and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith within a diverse and vibrant part of London. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus** – originally this day celebrated St Martha on her own, but in recent years Pope Francis issued a decree adding her brother and sister to the commemoration. He wrote: “in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that he loved them ... Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death”.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, bishop and teacher of the faith** – Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death on this day in 450. He is known as the “Doctor of Homilies” for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder** of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits helped to heal much of the harm done in Britain and on the Continent by the Reformation and, in addition, took the Faith to new mission-fields – in India, the Far East and South America. Today, we give thanks for God’s gift to the Church: our first Jesuit Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de’Liguori, bishop and teacher of the faith** – almost 300 years ago, St Alphonsus founded the Redemptorist Fathers near Naples. He became famous both as a preacher and as a writer, especially on moral theology. He composed a number of hymns, including ‘O Bread of heaven’ and ‘O Mother blest’.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop** – a fourth century Sardinian and champion of the doctrine of the divinity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy. He died in 370.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT MANAGER VACANCY

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a “live-in” role, but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS - 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

This year marks 60 years since the opening of the first Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31 August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

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.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES!

The Catholic Fellowship Disability Network (CFDN) has supported individuals with disabilities and their families across Essex and East London since 1962. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers of all ages,

especially younger people, to bring new ideas and experiences to our charity. Why Volunteer? You will not only make a difference in your community, gain valuable experience and be part of a supportive network, but share your ideas, experience and skills in helping us maintain our charitable legacy. To get involved, please visit: www.cfdn.org.uk/volunteer or contact us at info@cfdn.org.uk

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY ~ Saturday 12 October

On Saturday 12 October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address* (extract), 25 July 2021

The Gospel of this Sunday’s liturgy recounts the famous episode of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, with which Jesus feeds about five thousand people who came to hear him (cf. Jn 6:1-15). It is interesting to see how this miracle takes place: Jesus does not create the loaves and fishes from nothing, no, but rather He works with what the disciples bring him. One of them says: “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” (v. 9). It is little, it is nothing, but it is enough for Jesus.

Let us now try to put ourselves in the place of that boy. The disciples ask him to share everything he has to eat. It seems to be an unreasonable proposal, or rather, unjust. Why deprive a person, indeed a child, of what he has brought from home and has the right to keep for himself? Why take away from one person what is not enough to feed everyone anyway? In human terms, it is illogical. But not for God. On the contrary, thanks to that small freely-given and therefore heroic gift, Jesus is able to feed everyone. This is a great lesson for us. It tells us that the Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal.

MINISTRY ROTA

The current Rota will be available soon on the parish website – in the ‘Rotas’ section.

In the meantime, there are paper copies in the Sacristy.

For the time being, the newsletter will only list those ministering this week and next.

Readers & 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

27-28 July		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3. Carleen Heath	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. Diane McCarthy 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. 2. Shirley Hay 3.	Barbara Binder Pam Hale Louise Seaton
3-4 August		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Eileen Collier 3. Shantay Charles	Caroline Ramstead Mary O’Driscoll
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. 3. Alex Hinton	Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. 3.	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat

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).

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM1 4AZ. Donation: £5.