

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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 Anne Scullion.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Dominic Kelly.

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, Alan Clark, 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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

11-17 Oct: Jim Rushton, Eileen O'Sullivan, Anne Scullion, Julie Smith, Kathleen Gillard, Sidney Valentine, Irene Weatherley, Brian Freeth, Patricia Maugey, Fred Pampanella, Carmelina Dellamura, Father Michael Flannery SJ, Anthony Fernandes, Davey O'Leary, Catherine Wells, Anne Lehane, Brian Jonas, Madeline Curtis, Denis O'Leary, John Helm and Norman Castelynn.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 Oct : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 12 Oct : 9.00 am Brian Jonas RIP (Eileen)

11.30 am Julie Smith RIP (Pat & family)

Monday 13 Oct : 9.15 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Tuesday 14 Oct : 9.15 am John Merrigan int (Jonas)

Wednesday 15 Oct : 9.15 am Dominic Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

Thursday 16 Oct : 9.15 am Theresa Daly RIP (Murray)

Friday 17 Oct : 9.15 am Margaret Dale int (Jonas)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 19 Oct : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 19 Oct : 9.00 am John Mullins RIP (Cody)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

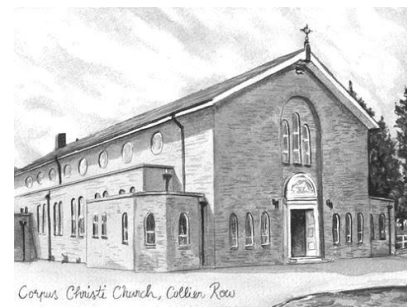
Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

to contact Church House:

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11-12 October 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Arlo Walker into the Catholic Christian community; we pray that he, and his family, will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is being prayed in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm: 15th, 22nd, 29th October.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Last week's annual Harvest Fast Day raised a total of £504.82 of this, £428.50 was gift-aided.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £1017.84 (£444.00 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please place them in the offertory baskets, put them through the letter box at Church House or hand them in to the sacristy. Any offerings you make will help to provide Masses for the Holy Souls, celebrated during November and throughout the year.

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

Saturday 13 December EXPOSE £5 each - tickets to be ordered on-line (details to follow).

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

HARRY CAMBRIDGE IS LUTHER at Campion charity fundraiser

This exciting charity evening is to take place at Campion School in Hornchurch on 31 October. Harry Cambridge, well-known for his breathtaking celebration of Luther Vandross, will perform to raise money for charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and the James Patterson Memorial Fund, which pays for cardiac testing of students each year. Doors open at 7 pm with a support act at 7.30 pm (some of the school's talented 6th form) and then Luther UK at 8.30. Tickets are £25 which includes five raffle tickets. A full bar will be available. Email: LLuff@thecampionschool.org.uk for tickets.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - BECOME A TRUSTEE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is currently seeking new Trustees with expertise in fundraising and marketing to help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Your skills and experience could play a vital role in shaping the future for children and young people, ensuring we continue providing essential services to children and families in need. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who might be a great fit, please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher, at bfisher@bccs.org.uk. She will be delighted to hear from you.

Four extracts from the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te* of Pope Leo XIV “on love for the poor” released on 9 October 2025

4. Jesus’ disciples criticized the woman who poured costly perfumed oil on his head. They said: “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” However, the Lord said to them in response: “You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me” (*Mt* 26:8-9,11). That woman saw in Jesus the lowly and suffering Messiah on whom she could pour out all her love. What comfort that anointing must have brought to the very head that within a few days would be pierced by thorns! It was a small gesture, of course, but those who suffer know how great even a small gesture of affection can be, and how much relief it can bring. Jesus understood this and told the disciples that the memory of her gesture would endure: “Wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her” (*Mt* 26:13). The simplicity of that woman’s gesture speaks volumes. No sign of affection, even the smallest, will ever be forgotten, especially if it is shown to those who are suffering, lonely or in need, as was the Lord at that time.

5. Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, “The poor you will always have with you” (*Mt* 26:11), also promises the disciples: “I am with you always” (*Mt* 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me” (*Mt* 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us. . . .

9. The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom.

10. In this sense, it can be said that the commitment to the poor and to removing the social and structural causes of poverty has gained importance in recent decades, but it remains insufficient. This is also the case because our societies often favour criteria for orienting life and politics that are marked by numerous inequalities. As a result, the old forms of poverty that we have become aware of and are trying to combat are being joined by new ones, sometimes more subtle and dangerous. From this point of view, it is to be welcomed that the United Nations has made the eradication of poverty one of its Millennium Goals.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of psalm 121 (122) by the American composer, conductor and teacher Morten Johannes Lauridsen III (born 1943):

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **National Memorial of St Edward the Confessor** – no tourist to London would miss a visit to Westminster Abbey and no Christian pilgrimage to the capital would be complete without a visit to the shrine of St King Edward, located behind the High Altar there. In religious art he is usually depicted as an elderly king, richly robed and holding a ring – which he is offering to St John, disguised as a beggar. One tradition suggests that this took place in this very area (actually in our parish) and is the origin of the name ‘Havering’ – though nowadays this is disputed by any serious historian. St Edward is patron of the parishes of central Romford (both Catholic and Anglican) and of the Catholic Deanery of Havering.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Callistus I, pope and martyr** – his experiences as a slave when a young man no doubt helped Callistus to be a compassionate Pope. He was martyred early in the third century.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), religious and teacher of the faith** – 400 years ago the Carmelite sisters were partly reorganised by St Teresa. Her reform was strict but humane, combining opportunities for holiness with much practical common-sense. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, religious** – it is perhaps mainly through the visions, three hundred years ago, of this Visitation nun that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus eventually became widespread in the Church.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr** – among the many Christians who were killed by wild beasts in arenas across the Roman Empire was this elderly bishop; he died very early in the second century. His writings tell us much about the daily life and liturgy of the early Church.

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

11-12 October		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Mick Doolan	Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Kim Pritchard 3. Diane McCarthy	Alison Greene Maria Green Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Kamell Kumatia 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Terence Osuji	Nuala Doherty
18-19 October		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Dylan Scott Donna Hector Frank Smith
9.00 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Isabel Hegarty 2. Toke Aina 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder