

BISHOP'S VISIT

We have received notification that Bishop Alan will be visiting our parish on Sunday 6 July 2025; during the Visit he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for any young people in Year 11 (or older). Information about the programme of preparation will be available soon after Christmas; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

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 lamp in honour of Our Lady is given for Antony's intentions.

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

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



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).

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Joseph Kelly, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Tracy Tucker, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

30 Sept-4 Oct: Mary Palmer, Bridget Smith, Patricia Field, Jason Lewis, Mercedes Cole, Margaret Bines, Ron Collard, Father Michael Hopkins (*first Parish Priest of Corpus Christi*), Mary Blunden and Daniel (Don) Noonan.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Sept : 6.30 pm Veronica Nolan RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 29 Sept : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Tony & Justine Knight RIP (Cast)

Monday 30 Sept : 9.15 am Rebecca Brown RIP (Haberlin)

Tuesday 1 Oct : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Donor's Intention)

Wednesday 2 Oct : 9.15 am Emmanuela Giordmaine RIP (Borg)

Thursday 3 Oct : 9.15 am Louis Philippe Coeur de Lion RIP (Cecile)

Friday 4 Oct : 9.15 am Seamus Gallen RIP (Brennan)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 Oct : 6.30 pm Deceased Members of the Sammom family (Conneely)

Sunday 6 Oct : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Helen)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyuike)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28-29 September 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 £741.79 (£360.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The antiphon during Holy Communion this weekend: *Tui sunt coeli* – is sung to a setting by the composer Orlando Lassus from Mons in Belgium (1532–1594).

*Tui sunt coeli, et tua est terra: orbem terrae et plenitudinem eius tu fundasti:
justitia et judicium praeparatio sedis tuae.*

The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours: you have laid the foundation of the round world and all that is therein: righteousness and equity are the habitation of your seat.

READERS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The new rota is available on the parish website (under "Rotas") and there are paper copies in the Sacristy. If you would like to join the rota – please have a word with Fr Philip or John, there are a number of vacancies!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This weekend, after morning Masses to raise money for Cancer Research; there will be tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be a table-top sale. Help to run this event would be very welcome as would donations for the sale and raffle prizes (contact Jean on 07591 655635).

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL ~ FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Oversea Development, and our mission is to fight against poverty and injustice and help all people to fulfil their God-given potential. People like Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD next weekend and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills. If you have them, you can use your gift aid envelope; CAFOD envelopes will also be available for any donations from people who do not usually gift aid.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

At 6.30 pm on Wednesdays throughout October the Rosary will be said in the Lady Chapel – led by members of the Afro-Caribbean Society and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Do join them for this traditional devotion.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12 October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday 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' (which was for centuries the standard Latin version of the Bible used by the Church. He died at Bethlehem in 420.

Tuesday 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.

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

Friday is the **Memorial of St Francis of Assisi, founder and religious** – perhaps the best-known and most-loved saint since the time of the apostles. His life was a Christ-like as seems humanly possible. With St Paul he could humbly yet truthfully say: 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ' (1 Cor 11:1).

OPEN EVENING AT THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Palmer Catholic Academy would like to invite the parents/carers of Year 6 students to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 9 October from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. The Palmer Catholic Academy is a very successful, over-subscribed 11–18 mixed academy in the London Borough of Redbridge and forms part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust. Visit our website: www.tpc.academy for lots of useful information to read over.

'WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT GENDER' - Christian Approaches to challenging questions for changing times

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Prof Tina Beattie at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Tuesday 8 October Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. All are welcome but need to register via the following link: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/we-need-to-talk-about-gender/>

RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is midday on Tuesday 15th October.

"MADE FOR A PURPOSE"

Year 13 Residential Retreat, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Weds 9th – Friday 11th October. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood, For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Visit www.bcys.net/events/year13 for more information and to apply.

ART EXHIBITION

The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of artwork by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5th October 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the

Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinson's Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

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 next meeting will be held Wednesday 2 October at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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/>

YOUTH GATHER at Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26 – 27 October

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. Applications are now open - you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota will be available soon on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

In the meantime, there are 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

28-29 Sept		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Alex Hinton 3.	Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat
5-6 Oct		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Robert Halel

LIVE MUSIC at the Collier Row Catholic Club

Limited number of tickets (priced £7) to hear Dave Edwards and Dennis Stratton: Friday 1 November from 8.15 pm.

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, contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 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. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).