



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).

Donations of **children's toys and clean clothing** (adults and children) are also required – these would need to be taken in person to the Foodbank at The Ascension Church Hall, Collier Row Road on Friday mornings. Please do not leave them in the church porch here.

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 for the intentions of the donor.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of Anthony Fernandes.

Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

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 who have died recently . . .

Marjorie Moores died on Saturday 14 October; a parishioner here for many years, she was more recently living near her daughter in Kent.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

21-27 Oct: Grace McGuinness, Joyce Palmer, Gill Hislop, Jo Goodbody, Mark Ibbunson, Eileen Rock, Margaret Philliston, Nancy Ripley and Sidney Scott.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21 Oct : 6.30 pm Bridget O'Brien RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 22 Oct : 9.00 am Nancy Ripley RIP (Cochrane)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 23 Oct : 9.15 am Maria Kelham RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 24 Oct : 9.15 am Kate Welcome int (Brown)

Wednesday 25 Oct : 9.15 am Alice Ragan RIP (Chadwick)

Thursday 26 Oct : 9.15 am John Hislop RIP (Les)

Friday 27 Oct : 9.15 am Maria da Graca Sobral RIP (Smith)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Oct : 6.30 pm Michael Broderick RIP (Hardy)

Sunday 29 Oct : 9.00 am Hannah Hart RIP (O'Driscoll)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21-22 October 2023



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

MASS DURING THE WEEK

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 £812.10 (£394.20 of this was gift aided). The collection for the Prison Advice & Care Trust came to £183.98 (£135.40 of this figure was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

WORLD MISSION DAY – RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend there is a retiring collection after all Masses for the work of Missio – supporting the work of missionaries throughout the world.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Sunday Mass at 11.30 am

The Children's Liturgy of the Word, which takes place during the Mass at 11.30 am, has had to be suspended. We urgently need volunteers to train as catechists to lead this Liturgy, which is primarily for children who are at school but have not yet received their First Holy Communion. After many years' service, the existing team are stepping down as they have other family priorities. They will be available to train and support any who feel they could take on this responsibility. Please contact Catherine on 07980 808317 or Father Philip if you are able to help.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret** – he was Spanish and lived from 1807 to 1870. In 1849 he founded the Claretian missionary order. For a time he was Bishop of Santiago in Cuba. His prayers are sometimes asked in cases of cancer. For several years the Claretians were in charge of the parish at Loughton; they currently serve at St Joseph's, Leyton.

Thursday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Cedd** – and his brother Chad became monks of Lindisfarne and bishops. They evangelised the Midlands and afterwards, Cedd was made bishop of the East Saxons here in Essex – his tiny cathedral still stands at Bradwell-on-Sea. He founded abbeys at Tilbury and Lastingham in Yorkshire. In his old age he retired there (and died) under monastic obedience.

PRIMARY SCHOOL LINK ADVISER OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE

is recruiting full time Learning Support Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Salary range from £17,372.62 (FTE £23,067). We are also seeking experienced Speech & Language Therapists. For an application pack please email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk or call 020 8504 1818, successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

WALSINGHAM HOUSE VOLUNTEER RETREAT TEAM

Applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a Gap Year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer teamwork with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 18 October 2020

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mt 22:15-21) shows us Jesus struggling with the hypocrisy of his adversaries. They pay him many compliments — at the beginning, many compliments — but then ask an insidious question to put him in difficulty and discredit him before the people. They ask him: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or

not?" (v. 17), that is, to pay their tribute to Caesar. At that time, in Palestine, the domination of the Roman Empire was poorly tolerated — and it is understandable, they were invaders — also for religious reasons. For the people, the worship of the emperor, underscored also by his image on coins, was an insult to the God of Israel.

Jesus' interlocutors are convinced that there is no alternative to their questioning: either a "yes" or a "no". They were waiting, precisely because they were sure to back Jesus into a corner with this question, and to make him fall in the trap. But he knows their wickedness and avoids the pitfall. He asks them to show him the coin, the coin of the taxes, of the tribute, takes it in his hands and asks whose is the imprinted image. They answer that it is Caesar's, that is, the Emperor's. Then Jesus replies: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (v. 21).

With this reply, Jesus places himself above the controversy. Jesus, always above. On the one hand, he acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid — for all of us too, taxes must be paid — because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image — we carry it in the heart, in the soul — that of God, and therefore it is to Him, and to Him alone, that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

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

21-22 October		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. 3. Margaret Smith	Dylan Scott Donna Hector Frank Smith
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Shirley Hay 3.	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton
28-29 October		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Wally Barnes	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat
4-5 November		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3. Maria Green	Catherine Welcome Susana Gracia Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Adam Beddoe
11-12 November		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 3. Mick Doolan	Jean Capps Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. Roger King 3.	Alison Greene Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Onyema Agbebi Alexandra Burt-Allen