

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood)

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

For anyone of African or Caribbean descent; 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. We pray the rosary together; children over First Communion age also welcome. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given for Mr and Mrs T Roberts

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Bridget & James Casey.



*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, Ken Hay, 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 . . .

**5-11 April:** Konrad Severin, Maire Coyle, Lily Burke, Sheila O'Leary, Christine O'Leary, Robert Ward, Vincent Bataller, Patrick Doyle, Joan Moran, John Prior, Jim Hoban, Michael Moyse, James Casey, Sister Raphael, Margaret Porter, Desmond Corduff, Cyril Field, Molly Welcome, Hanna Burns, Tony Shonk, Maureen Foley, Terry Cason, Margaret Hull, Nelly Harrington, Catherine Press and Tony Hatt.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5 Apr : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)  
Sunday 6 Apr : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am Molly Welcome RIP (Kate)

Monday 7 Apr : 9.15 am Joe Smithers RIP (McGoay)  
Tuesday 8 Apr : 9.15 am Sandra Wigham RIP (Mullaly)  
Wednesday 9 Apr : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Akpey family)  
Thursday 10 Apr : 9.15 am Peter Stacey RIP (Cody)  
Friday 11 Apr : 9.15 am Ita Patterson RIP (Friends)

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 12 Apr : 6.30 pm Linda Travell RIP (Conneely)  
Sunday 13 Apr : 9.00 am Rita Peters int (Our Lady's Prayer Group)  
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent 5-6 April 2025



THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Daily until 6.00 pm

### PARISH WEBSITE

[www.corpuschristicollierrow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### 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

Wednesday : 6.30-7.30 pm (this week and next)  
after Masses or any other time on request

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesday : 7.30 pm

### 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

### LENT OFFERINGS

This year, we are supporting "World Villages for Children" – which aims to end poverty through education. Information sheets about this Catholic charity, run by the Sisters of Mary, are available in the porch, where there is also a display outlining their work in the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras and Tanzania. Or visit: [worldvillages.org.uk](http://worldvillages.org.uk)

### PASTORAL LETTER

On the back of the Readings Sheet this weekend is a Joint Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all the Bishops of England and Wales on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – urging us to contact our MP to make clear our feelings about the proposed legislation. A supply of cards is available in the porch, should you wish to send one.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Easter, Father Philip will be available in the Reconciliation Chapel at the back of the church on the last two Wednesdays of Lent (this Wednesday and the Wednesday in Holy Week) from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. He is also available after any of the Masses on weekdays and weekends.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £850.68 (£398.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

This traditional Lenten devotion takes place on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. Each week we shall use a different series of meditations from a variety of spiritual writers.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS – APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

If you come to Mass here at Corpus Christi, are in Year 11 (or older) and are interested in being Confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday 6 July, please collect information about the programme of

preparation and an application form from Father Philip after Mass. You should do this yourself, in person. The final date for returning completed application forms is this Sunday - 6 April.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SVP IN OUR PARISH (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

In recent months we have been blessed with several new members of our parish group. As volunteers we visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them sincere friendship and practical support. Person-to-person contact is at the heart of our work and spending time with people is paramount, regardless of faith, race, gender or background, in a non-judgemental manner. We all have valid DBS certificates. If you or someone you know need our help, please let us know. If it's someone you know, always mention that you have told them about us first – this is important. Then phone 01708-749050 leaving your name and phone number and we will contact you. Thank you.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

Easter cards - on sale for the next few weeks.

### MARY'S MEALS – FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION

This charity, founded here in the UK, provides a school meal every day for over 2 million children in some of the most deprived parts of the world. To help raise funds for them to continue this wonderful work, please collect your foreign currency, no matter how old, obscure or of little value. Mary's Meals will use your unwanted coins and notes to feed the next hungry child. They can also take UK money which is no longer legal tender. You may wish to take a Mary's Meals envelope from the porch, to collect and return donations. The equivalent of ten pence provides a hot meal!

### LONDON MARATHON – SPONSORSHIP INVITATION

Kim Ayling, one of our parishioners, is running the London Marathon in aid of GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children); she is doing this in memory of her late son, Daniel. If you would be prepared to sponsor Kim, help her raise funds for this worthy cause and make the pain and effort worthwhile – this is the link to her Just Giving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-ayling-1725214068688?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-ayling-1725214068688?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Motet by the French composer Antoine Brumel (1460-1512), one of the leading composers of the Franco-Flemish Renaissance.

O Crux, ave, spes unica, hoc passionis tempore, auge piis iustitiam reisque dona veniam.

*Hail, O Cross, our only hope, in this time of suffering increase justice for the pious and grant pardon to those in trial.*

### EASTER VIGIL READINGS

The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In order to assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

### 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 on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

### "THE CHOSEN"

Eileen Jonas writes: "Showing at Vue Romford on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April, Season 5 of 'The Chosen', entitled 'The Last Supper'. You can book on The Chosen app which shows times in the cinema of your choice. Highly recommended."

### WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2025/2026

Applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people, then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. See the website for more information: [www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

### COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP NEXT SUMMER?

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

### BRENTWOOD URSULINE - 125th Anniversary

To mark our 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26 April, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: [www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk)

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. Free admission. Wednesday 12 March – Monday 21 April at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY. St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm. The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website:

<https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/> And on You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>

### MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section. Paper copies are available 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

5-6 April		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Carleen Heath 2. Frank Smith 3. Margaret Smith	Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale
12-13 April		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Alex Hinton Marie Joseph Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat

### VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Headteacher** – St Peter's School, Romford.

Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 22 April 2025

**Deputy Headteacher** – St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow

Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 28th April 2025

**Headteacher** – St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28 April 2025

**Site Manager** – Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster

Details on porch noticeboard. Closing date: Thursday 24 April 2025