



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).

#### 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.

#### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady has been donated by a generous benefactor.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of Joseph Kelly.

#### Please remember in your prayers

##### Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Isabella Ayres, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, 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 . . .

**Jackie Tunkin** died on Tuesday 27 February; her Funeral Service takes place at 11.40 am on Tuesday 26 March at South Essex Crematorium, Corbets Tey.

##### Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

**16-22 Mar:** Pat O'Mahoney, Robert Hitchcock, Dennis Carroll, Leslie Jones, Frances Byrne, Vera Wright, George Compton, Ivy Servois, Bernard Gay, Eamonn Galvin, Julia Greene, Rita Blake, Alfred Rodburn, Teresa Thompson and Ruby Griffiths.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 16 Mar : 6.30 pm Michael Coyne RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 17 Mar : 9.00 am David Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 18 Mar : 9.15 am Anthony Lane int (Jonas)

Tuesday 19 Mar : 9.15 am Julia Nobrega Carvalho RIP (Dias)

Wednesday 20 Mar : 9.15 Cyril Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)

Thursday 21 Mar : 9.15 am Sunny Vettath RIP (Vettath family)

Friday 22 Mar : 9.15 am Joseph, Christina & Anne Kelly int (O'Driscoll)

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

Saturday 23 Mar : 6.30 pm Helen Byrne RIP (O'Driscoll)

Sunday 24 Mar : 9.00 am Alice Ragan RIP (Farraud)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Family

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

16-17 March 2024



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

**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

#### WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays in Lent : 7.30 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Jidenna David Ezenduka into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

#### LENTEN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our sacramental celebration of forgiveness and reconciliation will again be held in collaboration with St Edward's, Romford. Two Services to choose from: 11.00 am on Wednesday 20 March at St Edward's Church, Park End Road and 7.00 pm on Thursday 21 March here at Corpus Christi. The usual format: a Liturgy of the Word followed by individual Reconciliation with simple confession and absolution. Father Dominic and Father Philip will be available at both celebrations.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation, for young people in Year 11 or above, will take place on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 19 May. If you would like to be included in this year's celebration - please contact Father Philip as soon as possible and before the end of the month (Easter Sunday, 31 March, will be the deadline).

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £985.08 (£660.33 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

#### DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we set out on the journey to Easter, we ask ourselves: "What could I do to help deepen my spiritual life?" Giving something up shouldn't mean extra (saved) money in our pockets: why not give an appropriate amount to a charity of your choice, or support SPICMA - our special Lenten Offerings Appeal - the bucket will be at the back of the church throughout Lent. We support this charity throughout the year - this Lent we hope to boost our giving to this very worthwhile cause.

Some other suggestions to help make Lent special: try to create some time for quiet – for thought, reflection and prayer, for pondering the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass or follow it at home via livestreaming (access it from the Home page of the parish website: [www.corpuschristicollierow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierow.org)), visit the church for private prayer (open daily until 6 pm), take part in the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm, donate to the Collier Row food bank (there is a basket in the porch).

#### CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the Repository: cards for St Patrick's Day (17 March) and Easter (Easter Sunday 31 March).

#### TALK ON THE READINGS AT THE EASTER VIGIL

On Wednesday 20 March at 7 pm, in preparation for Holy Week, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will give a talk entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the four nights of salvation'. The talk will take place in the parish hall at Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, RM2 6DH) and will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. No booking necessary.

#### MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

The Spring edition of 'Mission Today' is available in the porch for parishioners who have a Red Box in their homes. There are a few spare copies for anyone who might be interested in the work of the missions; we also have spare Red Boxes, should you wish to have one. Your loose change will add up over the months and be a great financial help to the worldwide missionary endeavour.

#### 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! Why not come during Lent and find out for yourselves? Bring a friend! Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

#### 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. Their coffee morning last Sunday raised £60.07 for parish funds.

#### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at [Lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.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](mailto: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](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

#### APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

#### RETROUVAILLE – Do you need help in your marriage?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

#### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

#### VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open until the end of March. Details: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications>

#### FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [governanceappointments@brcdt.org](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org) or call: 01277 265216

#### 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

16-17 March		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Mary O'Driscoll 3. Shantay Charles	Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Alex Hinton Peter Hale Wally Barnes
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Michael Chadwick	Margaret Moffat Stephen Doherty
23-24 March		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott Maria Smith David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Debbie Cullis 3.	Robert Hale Adam Beddoe
31 March		GROUP 8
7.30 pm	Special arrangements for	the Easter Vigil
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Roger King 3. Kim Pritchard	Auxilia Rayan Maria Green Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3. Terence Osuji	Nuala Doherty
6-7 April		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Carleen Heath 2. Margaret Smith 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Donna Hector Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Jacklin D Lima Noel Foley Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale