



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.

### PILGRIMAGE TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO

Sunday 7 April to Friday 12 April; 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. Lunch on 3 days. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. £899 per person sharing. Further details on noticeboard.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Maureen Foley.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Maureen McCarthy.

*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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

**24 Feb-1 Mar:** Bob Baxter, Bruno Celaschi, Swithin Clancy, Ted Dean, John William Sherman, David Schrier, Mary Newman, Dolly Hoy, Maureen Blake, Cecilia Lake, Jack Galvin and Anne O'Leary.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 24 Feb : 6.30 pm Bridget Casey int - on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Moffat)

Sunday 25 Feb : 9.00 am Christine Lynott RIP (Rees)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 26 Feb : 9.15 am Rita Cody int (Hale)

Tuesday 27 Feb : 9.15 am Adrian Cody int (Rita)

Wednesday 28 Feb : 9.15 am Mary O'Connell RIP (Casey family)

Thursday 29 Feb : 9.15 am Cyril Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)

Friday 1 Mar : 9.15 am Christopher Mackey RIP (Donohue)

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 2 Mar : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Onyuike family)

Sunday 3 Mar : 9.00 am Frankie Richardson int (Jonas)

11.30 am Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

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Father Philip Denton

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## Second Sunday of Lent

24-25 February 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)

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday was this year's Lent Fast Day – the proceeds saved from not eating, or reducing food intake, will be collected after the Masses this weekend. They will go to help fund the many projects and emergencies in which CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is involved.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £795.94 (£344.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Eliana Okoye and Vinci Blay into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that they and their families will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

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

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. Also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd [www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk](http://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk)

### 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.

### HCPT EASTER LOURDES VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you, or do you know anyone who is 18 - 30 years old and would like the opportunity to travel with The Brentwood Group on Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter? HCPT Group 709 are an all-adult service group who are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working individuals to join us between 1st-6th April 2024 in Lourdes to help facilitate an unforgettable week for disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the world. If you would like more information or think this is something you may want to get involved in, please contact us at [group709@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group709@hcpt.org.uk) or via Instagram by searching HCPT Group 709. Sign up deadline for new group members is 7 February 2024.

### 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://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (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/)

### SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and

hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. More information on the project can be found at the following: E-mail: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk) Web: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine) YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### RETOUVAILLE – 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)

### 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

| 24-25 February |  | GROUP 3   |
|----------------|--|---|
| 6.30 pm        | 1.<br>2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu<br>3.                                  | Clare Scott<br>Maria Smith<br>David Elliott           |
| 9.00 am        | 1. Adekemi Ogunro<br>2. Pat Pridham<br>3.                            | Liz Carthy<br>Susana Gracia<br>Andrew Green           |
| 11.30am        | 1. Debbie Cullis<br>2. Ify Okoye<br>3.                               | Adam Beddoe<br>Robert Hale                            |
| 2-3 March      |  | GROUP 4   |
| 6.30 pm        | 1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu<br>2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas<br>3. Mick Doolan | Jean Capps<br>Kim Ayling<br>Liz Lawrence              |
| 9.00 am        | 1. Roger King<br>2. Diane McCarthy<br>3. Maria Green                 | Alison Greene<br>Kim Pritchard<br>Auxilia Rayan       |
| 11.30am        | 1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel<br>2. Terence Osuji<br>3. Nuala Doherty       | Onyema Agbebi<br>Alexandra Burt-Allen                 |
| 9-10 March     |  | GROUP 5   |
| 6.30 pm        | 1. Frank Smith<br>2. Margaret Smith<br>3. Carleen Heath              | Ngozi Obiakonwa<br>Donna Hector<br>Dylan Scott        |
| 9.00 am        | 1.<br>2.<br>3.   | Olivia Paton<br>Noel Foley<br>Jacklin De Lima         |
| 11.30am        | 1.<br>2. Shirley Hay<br>3.   | Barbara Binder<br>Pam Hale<br>Louise Seaton           |
| 16-17 March    |  | GROUP 6   |
| 6.30 pm        | 1. Eileen Collier<br>2. Mary O'Driscoll<br>3. Shantay Charles        | Kulangara Johnson<br>Sue Butcher<br>Caroline Ramstead |
| 9.00 am        | 1. Mary Brennan<br>2.<br>3. Eileen Jonas                             | Alex Hinton<br>Peter Hale<br>Wally Barnes             |
| 11.30am        | 1. Triston Osuji<br>2. Nicole Osuji<br>3. Michael Chadwick           | Margaret Moffat<br>Stephen Doherty                    |