

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 in memory of Christine O'Driscoll.
The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of Ellen O'Driscoll.



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 who have died recently, including . . .

Mrs Helen Lonergan – until recently a teacher at St Patrick's School, died this week after a long illness; details of her funeral will be arranged and announced in the coming days.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

3-9 May: Jeanette Cerquella, Simon Osuji, Eileen Parkin, Fred Foster, Melville Montrose, Frank Ennis, Louise Marguerite Bennett, May Walsh and Win Breheny.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 3 May : 6.30 pm Louise Bennett RIP (Michael)
Sunday 4 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Justine & Tony Knight RIP (Cast)
Monday 5 May : 9.15 am Margaret Peters RIP (Pascale)
Tuesday 6 May : 9.15 am Frank Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)
Wednesday 7 May : 9.15 am Joe Smithers RIP (Chadwick)
Thursday 8 May : 9.15 am Kathleen Glancy RIP (McCarthy)
Friday 9 May : 9.15 am Joe Donovan RIP (Maureen)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 10 May : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 11 May : 9.00 am Violet Duggan RIP (Peter)
11.30 am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (KSC)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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Third Sunday of Easter

3-4 May 2025



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

NOVEMDIALES

nine days of mourning for Holy Father Francis

On the day of the Holy Father's Funeral Mass and Burial we began, according to ancient custom, nine days of official mourning (the 'Novemdiales'); they conclude this weekend, on Sunday 4 May. We pray for the repose of his soul and that, as they enter the Conclave on Wednesday, the cardinals will be guided by the Holy Spirit in choosing his successor.



MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

On Wednesday 30 April, the College of Cardinals made the following request:

"The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God.

For this reason, the Cardinals, conscious of the responsibility to which they are called, feel the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful. This is the true force that in the Church promotes the unity of all the members of the one Body of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 12:12).

Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, he is the protagonist of the life of the People of God, the One to whom we must listen, accepting what he is saying to the Church (cf. Rev 3:6).

May the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany these prayers with her maternal intercession."

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £975.64 (£451 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going support for the life and ministry of our parish.

SALE OF TOMATO PLANTS

After all Masses Saturday and Sunday this weekend 3 & 4 May and next weekend 10 & 11 May. Tomato plants for sale from £1. Proceeds towards the maintenance of our church grounds.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – THURSDAY 8 MAY

Parishioners are invited to join the celebrations in St Patrick's School after Mass on Thursday morning.

KIM AYLING AND THE LONDON MARATHON

Kim writes: I would like to thank everyone who has supported me & GOSH. I am very grateful for all the kind donations & support. Thank you, Kim.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we have the traditional Good Shepherd Sunday collection for the fund that promotes vocations to the priesthood – especially in this diocese.

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

You are invited to pray the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 May at 7.00 pm.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Members of the Afro-Caribbean community are providing coffee and other refreshments after the 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 25 May. Please make a note in your diary and join us, if you are able.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St John Payne, martyr** – a convert from near Peterborough, he was educated for the priesthood at Douai where he was ordained in 1576. He was based at Ingatestone until he was betrayed and was executed at Chelmsford in 1582.

Wednesday is the **beginning of the Conclave** to elect a successor to Pope Francis – our Mass will be offered *Pro Eligendo Pontifice Romano* – for the Election of the Roman Pontiff.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

An antiphon honouring Peter, the shepherd of the sheep, from a collection of musical texts for the Mass - the *Gradualia 1607* - by the English composer William Byrd (who died at Stondon Massey, Essex on 4 July 1623). At a time when faithful Catholics were persecuted in this country, much of his work was written for small-scale celebrations of the Mass, often in the private homes of recusant families (such as the Petre family at Ingatestone).

Tu es pastor ovium, Princeps Apostolorum: tibi traditae sunt claves regni caelorum.

You are the shepherd of the sheep, Prince of the Apostles: to you are given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to this celebration on Monday 5 May at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will celebrate the contributions made to the faith, life and work in the UK by all those from other countries who make a home here. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr OBE, will be both celebrant and preacher. For more information or to join the banner procession, visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>

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!

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 7th May, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

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

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8EU. Morning tours available Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May starting at 9.15am for prospective parents/carers. Please email office@tpc.academy to book a date. We are still accepting applications for admission into Year 7 in September 2025.

VACANCY AT URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit a Data & Admissions Officer. Please see school website for more details The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Come work at UAI!

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota is now available on the parish website; there are a few 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

3-4 May		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Margaret Smith 3. Carleen Heath	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Barbara Binder Pam Hale Louise Seaton
10-11 May		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. Marie Joseph 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