



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 in memory of John O'Driscoll.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is also in memory of John O'Driscoll.

There are still a few dates available in 2024, these can be found on a list in the porch.

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, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

13-19 Jan: Chris Rumford, Albert Twomey, Joyce Chadwick, Josephine Walton, William Hay, John O'Driscoll, Edna Miller Jones, John Pidgeon, Francesco Milano, Edward Togher, John O'Brien, Agnes & Logan Kelly, Richard Wellman, Ellen Glenn, Phyllis Guidotti and Rita O'Donoghue.



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 13 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 14 Jan : 9.00 am John O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll family)

11.30 am Agnes & Logan Kelly RIP (Gray)

Monday 15 Jan : 9.15 am Fiona Vettath in thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Tuesday 16 Jan : 9.15 am Joseph Duggan RIP (Peter)

Wednesday 17 Jan : 9.15 am Freda Smyth int

Thursday 18 Jan : 9.15 am Freda Smyth int

Friday 19 Jan : 9.15 am David Jackson & John Baker RIP (Gloria)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 20 Jan : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Nkem Onyiuke & family)

Sunday 21 Jan : 9.00 am John Kelly RIP (Catherine)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13-14 January 2024

Peace Sunday



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £800.27 (£354.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend – supporting the work of Pax Christi – the national branch of the international organisation that works to promote peace.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is the custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Friday 2 February.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024 – HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST!

Copies are available in the church porch, priced at £2.95 – any money for these should be placed in the wall safe - as you leave the church, on the right.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS – end of year

If you haven't already done so, please empty your Red *Missio* Box using one of the special brown envelopes (available in the porch), write your name and contact details on it and bring it to the church (best to leave it in the Sacristy – the room where Father prepares for Mass and puts on his vestments).

A FIRE IN MY HEART - A CONVERSATION WITH BIBLICAL FRIENDS

On Saturday 3 February from 11 am until 2 pm (coffee at 10.30 am), at the church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be in conversation with professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, archbishop of Lima, Peru. The event coordinator is Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, vice-rector of Allen Hall. The speakers will be present in person, but this free event is also live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org If attending in person

please book your place at gideapark@brcdt.org The event is under the auspices of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain.

CAITLIN'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER – A BINGO NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Caitlin Charles is running in the London Marathon for the National Autistic Society – this fundraising bingo night is being held in the Parish Centre Hall on Friday 26 January: 7.30 for an 8.00 pm start. £10 entry per adult includes one bingo book – more will be available on the night if you wish. The Club bar will be open; fell free to bring your own nibbles. To purchase tickets please message Caitlin: email at caitlincharles3@gmail.com or text on 07398 279039.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Antony, abbot** – a man of wisdom, holiness and understanding of human nature. Early in the fourth century he organised the very first monks, groups of men who, like himself, lived as hermits. He became known as the 'friend of God' and died in 356.

On Thursday we begin the **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** – the week concludes on 25 January, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

Friday is the **National Memorial of St Wulstan, bishop** - an Anglo-Saxon, he was born in 1008, became a priest and joined the Benedictines at Worcester. In 1062 he was ordained Bishop of Worcester and, because he had led his diocese so wisely, he was the only English bishop to retain his See following the Norman Conquest (all other bishops being replaced by Frenchmen). He died whilst engaged in his daily practice of washing the feet of twelve poor men. He was canonised in 1203.

Pope Francis, from the Angelus Address, Library of the Apostolic Palace, Sunday 17 January 2021

The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (cf. Jn 1:35-42) presents the meeting between Jesus and his first disciples. The scene unfolds along the River Jordan the day after Jesus' baptism. It is John the Baptist himself who points out the Messiah to the two of them with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (v. 36). And those two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realizes this and asks: "What do you seek?", and they ask Him: "Rabbi, where are you staying?" (v. 38).

Jesus does not respond: "I live in Capernaum, or in Nazareth", but says: "Come and see" (v. 39). Not a calling card, but an invitation to an encounter. The two follow him and remain with him that afternoon. It is not difficult to imagine them seated, asking him questions and above all listening to him, feeling their hearts inflamed ever more while the Teacher speaks. They sense the beauty of the words that respond to their greatest hope. And all of a sudden they discover that, as evening was drawing around them, the light that God alone can give was exploding within their hearts. One thing catches our attention: 60 years later, or perhaps more, one of them would write in his Gospel: "it was about four in the afternoon" (cf. Jn 1:39) — he wrote the time. And this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in memory; it is never forgotten. You forget many encounters, but a true encounter with Jesus remains forever. And many years later, those two even remembered the time. They were unable to forget this encounter that had changed their lives and was so happy and so complete. Then, when they leave from that encounter and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon — whom Jesus will call Peter when He meets him — "We have found the Messiah" (v. 41). They left sure that Jesus was the Messiah . . . certain.

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.

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.

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

| 13-14 January | | GROUP 5 |
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| 6.30 pm | 1. Margaret Smith 2. Frank Smith 3. | Donna Hector Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwu |
| 9.00 am | 1. 2. 3. | Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton |
| 11.30am | 1. Shirley Hay 2. 3. Carleen Heath | Louise Seaton Barbara Binder |
| 20-21 January | | GROUP 6 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Shantay Charles 3. Eileen Collier | Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson |
| 9.00 am | 1. Eileen Jonas 2. Mary Brennan 3. | Peter Hale Wally Barnes Alex Hinton |
| 11.30am | 1. Nicole Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Triston Osuji | Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat |
| 27-28 January | | GROUP 7 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3. | Maria Smith David Elliott Clare Scott |
| 9.00 am | 1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. 3. Pat Pridham | Susana Gracia Maria Green Liz Carthy |
| 11.30am | 1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3. | Adam Beddoe |
| 3-4 February | | GROUP 8 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Jean Capps 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu | Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence |
| 9.00 am | 1. Kim Pritchard 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Roger King | Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan |
| 11.30am | 1. Terence Osuji 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel | Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen |