

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.

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Please come and pray with us! Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 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! Bring a friend! Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).



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).

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of Edith O'Dell.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Tim O'Driscoll.

Bookings for 2025 can be made now – the list of dates still available is in the porch, together with the envelopes for donations.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Joseph Kelly, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those who have died recently . . .

Vonnie Myers died on Monday 12 August; her Requiem Mass is here on Tuesday 3 September at 11.30 am followed by burial at Upminster Cemetery.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

24-30 Aug: Charles Snoxell, Eileen O'Boyle, Margaret Willbourne, Cyril Thorne, Denis Myers, Mary Anne Falzon, William Hayes, Ralph Secker, Patrick Joseph Hughes and Paul Sullivan.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 24 Aug : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Hardy)
Sunday 25 Aug : 9.00 am Matildes Fernandes RIP (De Lima)
11.30 am Annie Niner RIP (Esmond/Jn Baptist)

Monday 26 Aug : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community
Tuesday 27 Aug : 9.15 am Pat Lewis RIP (Gray)
Wednesday 28 Aug : 9.15 am Dominic Capps RIP (Tomlinson)
Thursday 29 Aug : 9.15 am Stephen Hope RIP (Chadwick)
Friday 30 Aug : 9.15 am Philip Rodgers RIP (Brennan)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 31 Aug : 6.30 pm Bill & Alice Ragan RIP (Farraud)
Sunday 1 Sept : 9.00 am Alexandra Burt Allen int (Jonas)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

24-25 August 2024



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 £899.95 (£505.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Olivia and Jack Maguire into the family of the Church and pray that they and their family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of an antiphon in honour of the Blessed Sacrament – music by the English composer Colin Mawby (1936-2019).

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of Mary, truly killed, sacrificed, on the cross for man: whose pierced side flowed with a tide of blood. The one first put to the test for us, in the trial of death.

O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

Emptying Red Boxes: If you haven't already done so, do take an envelope (they are in the porch), empty your box and return the contents in the next week or two. Thank you to those who have already brought in their envelopes. So far, this year, we have collected £401.44. The middle of December is the final emptying – ready for the year end Parish Totals. You can always empty your box at any time – especially if it is full!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday 29 September after morning Masses to raise money for Cancer Research; there will be tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be a table-top sale. Help to run this event would be very welcome, as would donations for the sale and raffle prizes.

We are meeting outside church at 12.15 pm this Sunday to make arrangements - please join us if you would like to help. Or ring Jean on 07591 655635.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH COORDINATOR

Inspire, nurture and accompany young people on the edge of East London. The parishes in the North Havering Parish Partnership (the parishes of Romford, Collier Row, Gidea Park and the two in Harold Hill) are recruiting a Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator. Salary £30,000/year, closing date 10 September 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith within a diverse and vibrant part of London.

Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God** – an Italian Passionist priest who spent eight years on mission work in England in the nineteenth century. It was he who received St John Henry Newman into the Church. Blessed Dominic died in 1849 and his body lies in its shrine at the church in Sutton, St Helens – until recently the home of the Passionists on Merseyside.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Monica** – the pious mother of St Augustine (see tomorrow), she is said to have shed tears for her son, ‘dead to the Faith until his conversion’.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Augustine, bishop and teacher of the faith** – this convert became, as Bishop of Hippo in north Africa, one of the greatest ever leaders, thinkers and teachers of the Faith. The story of his conversion is told in the classic spiritual book now known as *The Confessions of St Augustine*. He died in 430.

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist, precursor** – the horrific drama of his death, on the orders of the weak yet powerful Herod, is told in the gospel of today’s liturgy. There are a number of churches dedicated to this feast, including the Anglican church at Doddington in Kent. Telephoning the vicarage there must be somewhat alarming: *“Beheading of John the Baptist, may I help you?”*

Friday is the **National Memorial of SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs** – three of the many women martyrs of the Reformation. **Margaret Clitherow** was born at York in 1536; she converted to Catholicism, for which she was imprisoned for two years. Upon release, she sheltered priests in her home. Arrested again, she was condemned to the horrible penalty of being slowly pressed to death. She died at York in 1586. **Anne Line** was born at Dunmow in Essex. A convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour in our church, a gift of the Catholic Women’s League. **Margaret Ward** was hanged at Tyburn in 1588 for the crime of rescuing a priest.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

Walsingham House at Abbotswick on Saturday 31 August

Whether in Chingford, Canvey Island or Abbotswick, we have been blessed with 40 years of volunteer teams at our vibrant Diocesan Youth Retreat Centre “Walsingham House”. Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm, followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick throughout the afternoon. If you can share any photos, or to find out more information, you can email info@bcys.net, visit www.bcys.net or search @brentwoodcys on Instagram and facebook.

PARISH 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 4 September 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.

BBQ AND MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

at Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8 September

If you are 18+, having left school, from 1st September then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

YOUTH GATHER at Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26 – 27 October

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea.

Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

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.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES!

The Catholic Fellowship Disability Network (CFDN) has supported individuals with disabilities and their families across Essex and East London since 1962. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers of all ages, especially younger people, to bring new ideas and experiences to our charity. Why Volunteer? You will not only make a difference in your community, gain valuable experience and be part of a supportive network, but share your ideas, experience and skills in helping us maintain our charitable legacy. To get involved, please visit: www.cfdn.org.uk/volunteer or contact us at info@cfdn.org.uk

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY ~ Saturday 12 October

On Saturday 12 October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT MANAGER VACANCY

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a “live-in” role, but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

MINISTRY ROTA

The current Rota will be available soon on the parish website – in the ‘Rotas’ section.

In the meantime, there are paper copies in the Sacristy.

For the time being, the newsletter will only list those ministering this week and next.

Readers & 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 August		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.	Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton Noel Foley
11.30am	1. 2. Shirley Hay 3.	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale
31 Aug-1 Sept		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Mary O’Driscoll 3. Shantay Charles	Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Wally Barnes Alex Hinton Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat Stephen Doherty