

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 Patrick Morrissey.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Margaret & Patrick Roche.

A number of people have booked the lights at the shrines of Our Lady or St Joseph for weeks in 2026, often in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. Dates that are still available are listed on a notice in the porch. If you have a particular date in mind and would like to sponsor one of the lights, it would be worth booking it fairly soon.



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, Gloria Jackson, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

30 Aug to 5 Sept: Paul Sullivan, Alice Ragan, Teresa Parker, Bob Wells, Tom Connolly, Bridget Overson, George Scott, Joyce Brennan and Patrick (Patsy) Allen.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30 : 6.30 pm Joseph Amedrovi RIP (D'amico)

Sunday 31 Aug : 9.00 am Nora Appleby RIP (Cochrane)
11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 1 Sept : 9.15 am Michael O'Dea int (Jonas)

Tuesday 2 Sept : 9.15 am Danny Clarke RIP (Brennan)

Wednesday 3 Sept : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (O'Driscoll)

Thursday 4 Sept : 9.15 am All children starting their new school year (Vettath)

Friday 5 Sept : 9.15 am Rose Sheridan RIP (Sheridan family)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 6 Sept : 6.30 pm Ellie Doran, Norah & Michael Murphy RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 7 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Vittorio D'amico RIP (Marcello)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 30-31 August 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £904.94 (£434.00 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

MINISTRY ROTA

Altar Servers, Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The rota is available on the parish website (in the Rotas section). The rota covers three months, concluding with the weekend 6-7 December. Paper copies of the complete rota are available in the Sacristy – if you need one, please help yourself.

WHAT GOOD NEWS STUDY DAY – Saturday 20 September : 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

"VATICAN II AND ITS POPES" – celebrating sixty years of the Council

The vast majority of Catholics are unaware of the story of Vatican II and its importance. This study day considers the contribution of a series of Popes to the work of the Council. Taking place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Tea and coffee available from 10.30 am; please bring a packed lunch. A further study day 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church' will be held on 11 October.

YOUTH ANIME MOVIE NIGHT : private cinema screening

Join us for a private screening of the new movie, "**Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba the Movie: Infinity Castle**", on Friday, September 12th, at 6:45 PM at the ODEON Cinema in North Greenwich. This exclusive event is for young people aged 14+ and costs just £12. Tickets aren't on sale yet, but you can register your interest by scanning the barcode located at the bottom of the event posters or by using the link in the bio of the partnership Instagram page @romford_youth to be notified when they become available. We hope to see you there!"

MISSION TODAY

For Red Box holders and anyone interested in the missionary activity of the Church – the autumn edition of the *Missio* magazine "Mission Today" is available in the porch – do take a copy.

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 meetings are held at 2 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome; tea/coffee and cake provided.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Sunday 21 September : 10 am – 1.30 pm

Please support our parish event by joining us for "Coffee and Cakes". Donations of cakes, finger foods and goods for a Table Top Sale will all be very welcome – on Saturday evening 20 September or on Sunday morning 21 September. Items for the tombola can be left in the porch or ring Jean on 07591 655635 or Marianne 07950 634423. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 1 September 2019

In the This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 14:7-14) shows us Jesus participating in a feast in the house of one of the head Pharisees. Jesus watches and observes how the guests run, make haste to get the best seats. It is rather common behaviour in our time too, and not only when we are invited to lunch: one frequently seeks a place of honour in order to assert a presumed superiority over others. In reality this race to the forefront harms both civil and ecclesial communities because it destroys fraternity. We all know these people: social climbers who always clamber upwards in order to move up, up ... They harm fraternity, they damage fraternity. Faced with this scene, Jesus recounts two short parables.

The first parable is addressed to *one who is invited* to a feast and Jesus exhorts him not to "sit down in a place of honour, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come, and say to you, 'Please, move back, give place to this man'". An embarrassment! And "then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place" (cf. vv. 8-9). Jesus instead teaches us to behave in the opposite way: "when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher'" (v. 10). Thus, we should not seek the attention and regard of others on our own initiative but, if anything, let others offer them to us. Jesus always shows us the way of humility — we must learn the way of humility! — because it is the most authentic way, which also allows one to enjoy authentic relationships ...

In the second parable, Jesus addresses *the one who invites* and, referring to the method of selecting guests, says to him: "when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you" (vv. 13-14). Here too, Jesus goes completely against the tide, manifesting as always, the logic of God the Father. And he also adds the key by which to interpret this discourse of his. And what is the key? A promise: if you do this, you "will be repaid at the resurrection of the just" (v. 14). This means that those who behave in this way will receive divine compensation, far superior to human repayment: I do this favour for you expecting you to do one for me. No, this is not Christian. Humble generosity is Christian. Indeed, human repayment usually distorts relationships, making them "commercial" by bringing personal interest into a relationship that should be generous and free. Instead, Jesus encourages *selfless generosity*, to pave our way toward a much greater joy, the joy of partaking in the very love of God who awaits us, all of us, at the heavenly banquet.

May the Virgin Mary, "humble beyond all creatures and more exalted" (Dante, *Paradiso*, xxxiii, 2), help us to recognize ourselves as we are, that is, small; and to give joyfully, without repayment.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of the text of the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) from the *Missa Surrexit pastor bonus* composed by Lupus Hellinck 1493/4-1541). Ordained priest in 1518, he spent most of his career in Bruges becoming, in 1523, succentor (one who assists with the music in the liturgy) of the major church of St Donatien where he remained until his death eighteen years later. He wrote a dozen settings of the Mass and at least twenty motets, some German chorales and secular songs in both French and Flemish. For one who was a priest in the Catholic Church, he seems to have been sympathetic to Reformation ideas and, as one writer comments: 'the existence of a son (for whom he made provision in his Will) does not indicate perfect conformity with the requirements on Catholic priests'.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is looking for people to join our small team of volunteers who visit local schools to inspire children and young people and raise their awareness on issues of global poverty and Catholic social teaching. CAFOD provides full- training and support and welcomes applications from people with a range of experience. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493 162.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Sebbi, king of the East Saxons** – after thirty peaceful years as king, he received the monastic habit at London, died shortly afterwards and was buried in Old St Paul's.

Wednesday is the **National Feast of St Gregory the Great, pope and teacher of the faith** – a truly outstanding leader of the Church. It is said that he was captivated by the sight of a group of blond-haired people from England, on sale in the slave market. When told that they were Angles, he is supposed to have remarked: 'They are not Angles, but Angels'. In 596 he sent Augustine and forty Benedictine monks to convert these English people – Augustine becoming the first Archbishop of Canterbury. A pioneer of liturgical reform, the style of singing known as Gregorian Chant is named after him (though it was written many centuries after he died).

Thursday is the **National Memorial of St Cuthbert, monk and bishop** – a monk at Melrose and at Ripon; following the Synod of Whitby, he was asked to go as Prior to Lindisfarne under its new Benedictine Rule. In 685 he was ordained abbot-bishop. He died in 687 and his tomb became a popular pilgrimage shrine. In the ninth century, Viking raids led to an end of monastic life at Lindisfarne and in 875 his shrine was transported across the north until it reached Durham in 995. There the shrine became one of the most frequented in medieval Europe. At the Reformation his shrine was destroyed and his body re-buried on the same site, where it remains to this day.

MINISTRY ROTA

| 30-31 August | | GROUP 2 |
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| 6.30 pm | 1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher | 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 |
| 6-7 September | | GROUP 3 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Sienna Spinola 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3. | Clare Scott David Elliott Peter Duggan |
| 9.00 am | 1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3. | Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green |
| 11.30am | 1. Tsitsi Brooks 2. Ify Okoye 3. Debbie Cullis | Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes |

The new Rota is 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

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB – forthcoming events

Friday 26 September Charity Night in aid of "The Indee Rose Trust" with Gelvis and Russ and their MUSIC BINGO. £10 each. 7pm (tickets available from the bar or on the door).

Friday 3 October Gary Godmaze as FREDDIE MERCURY. £5 each (tickets available from the bar or on the door).

Saturday 13 December EXPOSE £5 each - tickets to be ordered on-line (details to follow)