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| Catholic Church of Corpus Christi  Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2AP | | |
| **Parish Priest:**  Father Philip Denton | **to contact Church House:**   01708-749050  collierrow@brcdt.org | |
| Second Sunday of Easter  26-27 April 2025 | | |
| 3595479366_eefa188cd2  **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 |

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 Nancy Harrison.

**The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph** is given in memory of Mary Sequerah.

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*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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .***

**26 April - 2 May:** Bert Waterfield, Millie Kromer, Patrick Callcut, Nancy Harrison, Charles Gallen, Joyce Baxter, John Patrick Long, Margaret Gallacher, Bill Hughes, Jean Hickey, Gladys Galvin, Edith O’Dell, Peter Graham, Darren Margot and Barry Ladner.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Second Sunday of easter

Easter Saturday 26 Apr : 7.30 pm Maureen Sammon RIP (Conneely)

Low Sunday 27 Apr : 9.00 am Charles Gallen RIP (Brennan)

11.30 am Desmond Hegarty RIP (Hegarty family)

Monday 28 Apr : 9.15 am Peter De Lima RIP (Warren)

Tuesday 29 Apr : 9.15 am Deceased members of the Fernandes family (De Lima)

Wednesday 30 Apr : 9.15 am Deceased members of the De Lima family (Warren)

Thursday 1 May : 9.15 am John Merrigan int (Jonas)

Friday 2 May : 9.15 am Mary Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)

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)

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| Pope Francis I: Environmental Legacy and Religious Leadership in Green  Advocacy | Pope Francis  1936 – 2025  friend of the poor, the marginalised, refugees and migrants;  defender of God’s good creation;  who took forward the precious legacy of Vatican II;  and who fostered fraternity  with all people.  We cherish his memory  and continue his work of compassion.  May he rest in peace. |

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 will conclude on Sunday 4 May. Soon after this time has come to its end, the cardinal electors (those aged under 80) will enter the Conclave to choose a successor to Pope Francis. We pray for the repose of his soul and that the cardinals will be guided by the Holy Spirit.

EASTER THANKS

My thanks for your generous offerings to me personally this Easter, and for your gifts and cards; I am most grateful for your kindness, Father Philip.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Your Easter Offerings, a personal gift to our priest, came to £4635.07 (£2886.00 of this was gift-aided). Together with the offerings at Christmas, these form a major part of a priest’s annual income.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

This annual collection, which supports the maintenance of the sites and shrines in the Holy Land, amounted to £498.18 (£267.35 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your kind giving to this appeal.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Solemnity of St George, martyr** and a patron of many places, including Georgia, Portugal, Malta & Gozo and England. Little is known for certain about him; but it is quite unlikely that he killed a dragon. This year his feastday fell in Easter Week and has been transferred to the first available ‘free’ day.

Tuesday is the **European Feast of St Catherine of Siena, virgin and teacher of the faith –** a member of the Dominican Order, it was through her example of holiness, and her wisdom, that she made a great impact on the Church of her time, which was split by the ‘Great Schism’. St Pope Paul VI gave her the title ‘Doctor (Teacher) of the Church’. She died in 1380; her tomb is under the high altar in the Roman church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Joseph the Worker –** the Church reminds us today, International Labour Day, of the true nobility and value of work, pointing to the working life of Joseph the Carpenter (the scriptures use the word *tekton* which is better translated as “handyman”) of Nazareth.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Athanasius, bishop and teacher of the faith –** this fourth century bishop of Alexandria was continually persecuted. Among his many writings was his steadfast defence of our belief that Jesus is God made man.

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.

LONDON MARATHON – SPONSORSHIP INVITATION

Kim Ayling, one of our parishioners, is running the London Marathon in aid of GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children); she is doing this in memory of her late son, Daniel. If you would be prepared to sponsor Kim, help her raise funds for this worthy cause and make the pain and effort worthwhile – this is the link to her Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-ayling-1725214068688?utm\_medium=FR&utm\_source=CL

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

An antiphon for Easter week: *Ecce vicit Leo* set to music by the English composer Peter Philips (1560-1628). Having been a choirboy at St Paul’s Cathedral, as a Roman Catholic he left England at the age of 20, to work as a musician in Rome for three years and then in Spanish-dominated South Netherlands.

*Ecce vicit Leo de tribu Juda, radix David, aperire librum et solver septem signacula ejus. Alleluia. Dignus est agnus qui occisus est accipere virtutem et divinetatem et sapientiam et fortitudinem et honorem et gloriam et benedictionem. Alleluia.*

Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah is victorious, the root of David, to open the book and loose its seven seals. Alleluia. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. Alleluia.

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 meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in St. Anthony’s Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. You’re not alone on this journey.! 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

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/

MINISTRY ROTA

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| **26-27 April GROUP 8** | | |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu  2. Mick Doolan  3. Jean Capps | Lili Gargiulo Thomas  Kim Ayling  Liz Lawrence |
| 9.00 am | 1. Kim Pritchard  2. Diane McCarthy  3. Roger King | Maria Green  Auxilia Rayan  Alison Greene |
| 11.30am | 1. Onyema Agbebi  2. Terence Osuji  3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel | Nuala Doherty |
| **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 |

The new Rota will be available next week.

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

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

[**Deputy Headteacher** - St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-04-28_1500_St-Patricks-Primary-School-Walthamstow_Deputy-Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf)  
Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 28th April 2025

[**Headteacher** - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-28_1700_St-Marys-Primary-School-Hornchurch_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf)  
Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28 April 2025.