

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).

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

For anyone of African or Caribbean descent; contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given for the intentions of Pat Pridham.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Joseph Kelly.

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: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, pudding, custard, jam, honey, marmalade, cooking oil, coffee, long-life milk and fruit juice (including low sugar), cooking sauces.

Bags/boxes: flour, sugar, cereals, biscuits, tea bags, instant mashed potato.

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, Alfred Falzon, 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 . . .

Janine Peltier who died on 6 September. She will be buried at Grays New Cemetery following a Requiem Mass here on Wednesday 8 October at 11.00 am.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

4-10 Oct: Father David Logue (*former assistant priest at Corpus Christi*), Margaret Harrington, Rene Scott, Vi Smith, Kathleen Frendo, Catherine Hughes, Robert Dick, Winifred Dennis, Mick Kelly, Mandy Barros and Joseph Kelly.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 Oct : 6.30 pm Deceased members of the Sammon family (Conneely)

Sunday 5 Oct : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Helen)

11.30 am Green Joseph RIP (Marie & family)

Monday 6 Oct : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (Fernandes)

Tuesday 7 Oct : 9.15 am Robert Dick RIP (Anne)

Wednesday 8 Oct : 9.15 am Kathleen Frendo & Doreen Hearsey RIP (Butcher)

11.00 am Requiem Mass for Janine Peltier

Thursday 9 Oct : 9.15 am Cara Barry int (Carroll)

Friday 10 Oct : 9.15 am Joseph Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 11 Oct : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 12 Oct : 9.00 am Brian Jonas RIP (Eileen)

11.30 am Julie Smith RIP (Pat & family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

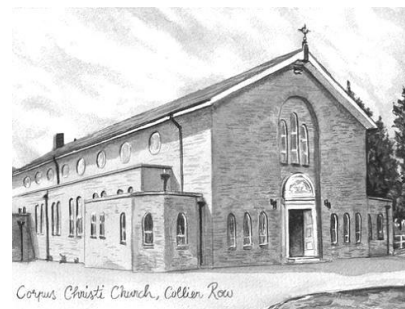
Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4-5 October 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The theme of Pope Leo's message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is: *Migrants, missionaries of hope*. The full text is on the back of this weekend's readings sheet and is worth reflection (perhaps in sections) to gain a truly Catholic, generous and compassionate attitude to immigration.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Friday was the annual Harvest Fast Day – the proceeds raised by our fasting will be collected this weekend and sent to CAFOD, our own aid agency, to help with their work in the developing world. If you are in the gift aid scheme and have numbered envelopes, please use the Fast Day envelope for your offering. There are CAFOD envelopes for everyone else – please take one from the porch.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £1018.27 (£495.50 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October.

YOUTH GATHER – 25 to 26 October ~ Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply at www.bcys.net/events

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.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

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

HARRY CAMBRIDGE IS LUTHER at Campion charity fundraiser

This exciting charity evening is to take place at Campion School in Hornchurch on 31 October. Harry Cambridge, well-known for his breathtaking celebration of Luther Vandross, will perform to raise money for charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and the James Patterson Memorial Fund, which pays for cardiac testing of students each year. Doors open at 7 pm with a support act at 7.30 pm (some of the school's talented 6th form) and then Luther UK at 8.30. Tickets are £25 which includes five raffle tickets. A full bar will be available. Email: LLuff@thecampionschool.org.uk for tickets.

Pope Leo, from an Address to an international Conference on Pastoral Care of the Elderly Rome 3 Oct 2025

The elderly are a gift, a blessing to be welcomed, and a longer life is something positive; indeed, it is one of the signs of hope in our time, everywhere in the world. Of course, it is also a challenge, because the growing number of elderly people is an unprecedented historical phenomenon that calls us to discern and understand the reality in new ways.

Old age is above all a beneficial reminder of the universal dynamic of life. Today's prevailing mentality tends to value existence if it produces wealth or success, if it exercises power or authority, forgetting that the human being is always a limited creature with needs. The fragility that appears in the elderly reminds us of this common truth; it is therefore hidden or removed by those who cultivate worldly illusions, so as not to have before their eyes the image of what we will inevitably become. Instead, it is healthy to realise that ageing "is part of the marvel of creation." This fragility, "if we have the courage to acknowledge it," to embrace it and take care of it, "is a bridge towards heaven." Instead of being ashamed of human weakness, we will in fact be led to ask for help from our brothers and sisters and from God, who watches over all his creatures as a Father. The elderly teach us that "salvation is not found in autonomy, but in humbly recognizing one's own need and in being able to express it freely," so that "the measure of our humanity is not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped." ... [the quotes are from Pope Francis]

Where elderly people are alone and discarded, this will mean bringing them the good news of the Lord's tenderness, to overcome, together with them, the darkness of loneliness, the great enemy of the lives of the elderly. May no one be abandoned! May no one feel useless! Even a simple prayer, recited with faith at home, contributes to the good of the People of God and unites us in spiritual communion. This missionary task challenges all of us, our parishes and, in a particular way, young people, who can become witnesses of closeness and mutual listening to those who are further along in their lives ...

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

One of four little motets in honour of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist: *Ave coeli munus supernum* by the French composer, dancer and instrumentalist Jean-Baptiste Lully. Born in Florence in 1631, he died in Paris in 1687.

*Ave coeli munus supernum. Ave corpus, ave sanguis!
qui te gustaverit, manna suave, qui te libaverit, nectar divinum, non morietur in aeternum.*

Hail, wonderful gift of heaven. Hail Body, Hail Blood!
Whoever eats this sweet manna, this divine nectar, will not die eternally.

Inspirational Quotes from St Carlo Acutis

- Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven.
- All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.
- Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.
- To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life.

St Carlo Acutis is one of the Church's newest saints – a fifteen year old Italian boy who died in 2006 from a rare form of leukaemia and was canonised by Pope Leo on Sunday 7 September.

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Mon 6 Oct 2025
KS2 Class Teacher and Phase Leader – St Mary's Primary School, Chingford. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Wed 6 Oct 2025
Headteacher – Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet. Deadline for applications: 09:00 Wed 15 Oct 2025

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Bruno** – originally from Cologne in Germany, Bruno studied at Rheims and Paris, became a canon at Cologne and then chancellor at Rheims. However, he left to become a hermit and, in 1084, together with six companions, founded the first community of Carthusian monks at La Grande Chartreuse in the Alps, near Grenoble. In 1090, Pope Urban II, his disciple, called him to Rome to be his adviser; he founded another monastery at La Torre in Calabria and died there in 1101.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** – this feast reminds us of the importance of the Rosary as a pattern for prayer and of Our Lady's powerful intercession.

Wednesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Osyth** – a minor princess of the Hwicca tribe, she was married to Sighere, King of the East Saxons. It is believed that Osyth founded a convent at the place that now bears her name, on a creek of the Colne in Essex. She is said to have been slain by marauders about the year 700.

Thursday is the **National Feast of St John Henry Newman** – an important figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century. Originally an evangelical Oxford academic and priest in the Church of England, Newman became a leader in the Oxford Movement. This influential grouping of Anglicans sought to return the Church of England to many Catholic beliefs and traditional forms of worship and ritual. In 1845 Newman was received into the Catholic Church and was eventually granted the rank of cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He was instrumental in the founding of the Catholic University of Ireland - which evolved into University College, Dublin, today, the largest university in Ireland. Newman died in 1890 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the United Kingdom in September 2010; canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019. He is due to be proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo on All Saints' Day (1 November).

Friday is the **National Memorial of St Paulinus of York** – who died on this day in 644. A Roman missionary and the first Bishop of York. He was a member of the mission sent in 601 by Pope Gregory I to Christianise the Anglo-Saxons from their native paganism, Paulinus arrived in England by 604 with the second missionary group. From Kent he made his way to the north, where he baptised many – including the future saint Hilda of Whitby. Following the death of the Christian king Edwin, he left the north of England and returned to Kent, where he became bishop of Rochester.

MINISTRY ROTA

The complete 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

4-5 October		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. Sienna Spinola 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott Peter Duggan
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3. Tsitsi Brooks	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes
11-12 October		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Mick Doolan	Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Kim Pritchard 3. Diane McCarthy	Alison Greene Maria Green Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Kamell Kumatia 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Terence Osuji	Nuala Doherty