



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).

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.

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 Butler.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of Father Joseph Burns.

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

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

27 Jan-2 Feb: Sinead Mulkearns Hughes, Franz Peter, Risna Lummis, Norah Lyons, Harry Guidotti, Melba Castelynn, John Brennan, Claire Twomey, Allison Hughes, Terry Brown, Rose Byott, Father Joseph Burns (former parish priest of Collier Row), Patrick Sheehan, John Mongan, Teresa Ennis, Georgina Hewitt (formerly Shonk), David Hamilton and Thomas O'Neill.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 27 Jan : 6.30 pm Ellen Conneely RIP (Josephine)

Sunday 28 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 29 Jan : 9.15 am John, Marie & Terence Dempsey RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 30 Jan : 9.15 am William & Allison Hughes RIP (Teresa)

Wednesday 31 Jan : 9.15 am Billy O'Connell RIP (O'Driscoll)

Thursday 1 Feb : 9.15 am Teresa Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

Friday 2 Feb : 9.15 am Pauline Burgess RIP (McGoay)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Feb : 6.30 pm Elizabeth Rifat RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 4 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Pye RIP (Pye family)

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

to contact Church House:

☎01708-749050 ✉ collierrow@brcdt.org

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27-28 January 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 £783.76 (£371.40 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there is a retiring collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice which works to promote equality and justice for all, especially members of ethnic minorities here in the UK. See website for further information: www.carj.org.uk

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. This is the last weekend when such contributions may be made. If you have a gift aid envelope for the crib collection this may be placed in the offertory baskets this weekend or next. 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.

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.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St John Bosco** – founder of the Salesian Fathers and Brothers and co-founder of the Salesian Sisters. He had a deep understanding of young people and their problems. He died in 1888.

Friday is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** - Candlemas Day – we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World, as he enters the Temple. This joyful feast is tinged with sorrow as we recall the words of Simeon to Our Lady: 'a sword will pierce your own soul', foretelling her future sorrows.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 February at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Deacon Matúš Meleg who is training for the priesthood for our Diocese. For further information please contact Father Mark Swires: vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

YEAR 12 RETREAT : "LIFE TO THE FULL"

Walsingham House is running a retreat for students in Yr12 on the weekend of the 16th-18th February. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other young people from across the diocese, to make new friends and to take time out from their busy lives to reflect and pray. The cost of the retreat is £35. For more information and to apply please see the website <https://bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/>

HCPT EASTER LOURDES VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you, or do you know anyone who is 18 - 30 years old and would like the opportunity to travel with The Brentwood Group on Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter? HCPT Group 709 are an all-adult service group who are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working individuals to join us between 1st-6th April 2024 in Lourdes to help facilitate an unforgettable week for disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the world. If you would like more information or think this is something you may want to get involved in, please contact us at group709@hcpt.org.uk or via Instagram by searching HCPT Group 709. Sign up deadline for new group members is 7 February 2024.

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

VACANCY AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

Vacancy for an experienced LSA. Closing Date: noon, Friday 2 February 2024. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/vacancies

VACANCY FOR PART-TIME ASSISTANT SCHOOL KEEPER

at the Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School. Upminster: Pay Spine – APTC 4 points 7 - 10 (£27,858 - £29,142) pro rata (actual £15,606 - £16,325); 52 weeks a year, 20 hours a week. Closing date: 1 pm on Friday 2 February 2024. See further details on porch noticeboard.

VACANCY FOR SCHOOL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham is seeking to appoint a School Office Administrator. Hours 8am to 4pm, term-time only plus one week. Closing date 29th January 2024. Please contact the school office for more information tel: 020-8270 6524 or email: office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk

VACANCIES AT ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, Woodford Bridge

SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and Classroom Support Assistants - these are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row. Deadline for applications: 12 (noon), Mon 12 February 2024

St Thomas More Primary School, Saffron Walden. Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Mon 26 February 2024

St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich. Deadline for applications: 12 (noon), Wed 28 February 2024

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

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
10-11 February		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Carleen Heath 3. Margaret Smith	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton
17-18 February		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Susan Butcher	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Wally Barnes 3.	Mary Brennan Eileen Jonas Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick