



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 light in honour of **Our Lady** is for the intentions of Linda Cardozo.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is for the intentions of Rita Cody.

*Please remember in your prayers*

#### Those who are ill or housebound . . .

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

#### Those who have died recently, including . . .

**Maureen Shanks** died on Tuesday 26 March. Her Requiem Mass is on Thursday 11 April at 12 noon at St Edward's Romford, followed by Committal at South Essex Crematorium, Corbets Tey.

**Bridget (Betty) Casey** died on Holy Saturday - 30 March. Betty's body will be brought to her church on Tuesday 16 April at 5.00 pm and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday at 1.00 pm followed by burial at the cemetery at Corbets Tey.

#### Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

**6-12 Apr:** Lily Burke, Sheila O'Leary, Christine O'Leary, Robert Ward, Vincent Bataller, Patrick Doyle, Joan Moran, John Prior, Jim Hoban, Michael Moyse, James Casey, Sister Raphael, Margaret Porter, Desmond Corduff, Cyril Fields, Molly Welcome, Hanna Burns, Tony Shonk, Maureen Foley, Terry Cason, Margaret Hull, Nelly Harrington, Catherine Press, Tony Hatt, James McNamara and Patricia Ellis.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Saturday 6 April : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)  
Low Sunday 7 April : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am Molly Welcome RIP (Kate)

Monday 8 April : 9.15 am Father John Taylor RIP (PACT Brentwood)

Tuesday 9 April : 9.15 am Desmond Hegarty RIP (Hegarty family)

Wednesday 10 April : 9.15 Lil Woollard RIP (Withers)

Thursday 11 April: 9.15 am Linda Cardozo int (Fernandes)

Friday 12 April : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 13 April : 6.30 pm Eamon McMahon RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 14 April : 9.00 am Frank Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

11.30 am Joyce & Wally Barnes int (O'Driscoll)

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## Second Sunday of Easter

6-7 April 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

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

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Easter Offerings amounted to £4748.80 (£3165.50 of this was gift aided).

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Ngozi Okpocha into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

#### OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Please come and pray with us! Monday evenings 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! Why not come during Lent and find out for yourselves? Bring a friend! Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

#### 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.

#### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at [Lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.org)

#### 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](mailto: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](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**Pope Francis**, extract from the *Regina Caeli Address*, St Peter's Square, 24 April 2022

Today, the last day of the Octave of Easter, the Gospel recounts the first and second apparition of the Risen One to the disciples. Jesus comes at Passover, while the Apostles are shut in the Upper Room, out of fear, but since Thomas, one of the Twelve, is not present, Jesus returns eight days later (cf. Jn 20:19-29). Let's focus on the two main characters, Thomas and Jesus, looking first at the disciple, and then at the Master. There is a good dialogue between these two.

The Apostle Thomas, first of all. He represents all of us, who were not present in the Upper Room when the Lord appeared, and did not have other physical signs or apparitions from him. We too struggle at times like that disciple: how can we believe that Jesus is risen, that he accompanies us and is the Lord of our life without having seen him, without having touched him? How can one believe in this? Why does the Lord not give us some clearer sign of his presence and love? Some sign that I can see better... Here, we too are like Thomas, with the same doubts, the same reasoning.

But we do not need to be ashamed of this. By telling us the story of Thomas, in fact, the Gospel tells us that the Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. I tell you: I am afraid when I see a Christian, some associations of Christians who believe themselves to be perfect. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith. When a Christian is like that, something isn't right. No, the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be? It knows times of comfort, zeal and enthusiasm, but also of weariness, confusion, doubt and darkness. The Gospel shows us Thomas' "crisis" to tell us that we should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. Many times, they make us humble because they strip us of the idea that we are fine, that we are better than others. Crises help us to recognize that we are needy: they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord, to touch his wounds, to experience his love anew as if it were the first time. Dear brothers and sisters, it is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Woe to those, woe to them!

**VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?**

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 9 April at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Joseph Rodrigues. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE**

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcs.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcs.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

**RETRouvaille – Do you need help in your marriage?**

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**SINGING FOR THE BRAIN**

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

**VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP**

from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open until the end of March. Details: <https://boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications>

**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.

**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

6-7 April		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Carleen Heath 2. Margaret Smith 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Donna Hector Frank Smith Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Jacklin D Lima Noel Foley Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale
13-14 April		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Sue Butcher 3. Eileen Collier	Kulangara Johnson Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Wally Barnes 3.	Peter Hale Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan
11.30am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Stephen Doherty 3. Triston Osuji	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick
20-21 April		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Maria Smith Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Debbie Cullis 3.	Robert Hale Adam Beddoe
27-28 April		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Jean Capps
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Maria Green 3. Roger King	Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Ouluwajuwon Emmanuel	Onyema Agbebi