

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of Tom and Marie Keenan.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of John O'Driscoll.

Bookings for 2025 can be made now – the list of dates still available is in the porch, together with the envelopes for donations.



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 who have died recently . . .

Robert Dick died on Tuesday 8 October. We keep him in our prayers, together with his wife Anne and their family and friends.

Jimmy Peters died on Wednesday 13 November, he had been in poor health for some time. His body will be brought into the church on Tuesday 3 December at 4.30 pm and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here the following day at 10.30 am with burial at Forest Park Cemetery. We keep him, Rita and their family in our prayers.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

23-29 Nov: John Kelly, Lisha McGeogh, David Deane, Hannah Barrett, Pearl Williams, Thomas Keenan, Michael Spelling, Clement Collard, Jerry O'Mahoney and Patrick McCarthy.



MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

- Saturday 23 Nov : 6.30 pm Eileen Collier int (Our Lady's Prayer Group)
Sunday 24 Nov : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (McCarthy family)
11.30 am Deceased Members of Casey & Moffat families (Moffat)
Monday 25 Nov : 9.15 am Barry Finch RIP (Cody)
Tuesday 26 Nov : 9.15 am Elida Dias RIP (Fernandes)
Wednesday 27 Nov : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Vettath)
Thursday 28 Nov : 9.15 am Marie & Tom Keenan RIP (Anne)
Friday 29 Nov : 9.15 am Rosario Cardozo RIP (Fernandes)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Saturday 30 Nov : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community
Sunday 1 Dec : 9.00 am Agnes & Bill Merrigan RIP (Jonas)
11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

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Solemnity of Christ the King

23-24 November 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

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The programme of preparation for Roman Catholic children in Year 3 or above will begin in January and will involve a series of children's sessions on Saturday mornings (once per month) in the Parish Hall. There will also be meetings for the parents with Father Philip and John; these will take place in the church, the first is on Saturday 14 December at 10.00 am. Application forms and an information sheet with all the dates are now available and can be collected after any of the weekend Masses over the next few weeks. The deadline for returning completed application forms is: Sunday 15 December.

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £732.97 (£328.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

An ancient text and 13th century chant from the Worcester Antiphoner – a hymn in honour of Christ the King:
Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! *Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands!*
For the full text – see number 327 in our hymnbook.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Youth Sunday - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to find out more about their work. Find out more at www.bcys.net, searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit www.bcys.net/donate Thank you.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

From this weekend and for the next few weeks, traditional religious Christmas cards, Christmas candles and calendars will be on sale in the church porch after all Masses, together with nativity sets, etc. Although retail prices have increased since last year, in view of the continuing cost of living crisis, it has been possible to keep all Christmas cards, candles and calendars at last year's prices.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please place them in the offertory baskets, put them through the letter box at Church House or hand them in to the sacristy. Any offerings you make will help to provide Masses for the Holy Souls, celebrated during November and throughout the year.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

A Bill is to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday 29 November that would legalise assisted suicide in this country. The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics), which is the national Catholic bioethics centre for the UK and Ireland), has some new resources on this: <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/> There are also useful resources on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

MISSIO CALENDARS

Copies of the 2025 *Missio* calendar are available in the porch – if you are a Red Box holder, do help yourself to one. If you do not have a Red Box in your home, but are interested in the work *Missio* supports, do take a copy.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin martyr** - according to tradition, she was put to death in the early 4th century at the hands of the pagan emperor Maxentius. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar, who became a Christian around the age of fourteen, and converted hundreds of people to Christianity. In 1969 her feast day was removed from the General Roman Calendar, however, she continued to be commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on November 25 and in 2002, her feast was restored to the Calendar as an optional memorial.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have received an invitation from The Campion School for anyone who would like to attend the annual Christmas Party – this year on Sunday 15 December between 12.30 and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30 pm. Names and contact phone numbers to Father Philip or John to be added to the list in the Sacristy. Places are limited to fifteen people: first come, first served. Final date for booking a place is this Wednesday - 27 November.

BISHOP'S VISIT AND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Bishop Alan will be visiting our parish on Sunday 6 July 2025; during the Visit he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for any young people in Year 11 (or older). Information about the programme of preparation will be available soon after Christmas; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

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. Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

PROCLAIM THE WORD: A SERIES OF TALKS FOR READERS/LECTORS

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled 'He stood up to read (Lk 4:16)', will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road,

Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at www.whatgoodnews.org

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2025/2026

Applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people, then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. See the website for more information: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interest are being sought from practising, committed Catholics for this ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to: governanceappointments@brcdt.org

ROME & ASSISI OCTOBER 2025

St Joseph's Upminster is organising a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, departing Sunday 26 October 2025 for 5 nights. For more information, brochure and booking form please visit https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025 To book, please print and complete the booking form and return to Rome Pilgrimage, St Joseph's Presbytery, Champion Road, Upminster RM14 2SY, with your deposit (payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 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. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

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

23-24 Nov		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Sue Butcher 3. Eileen Collier	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Wally Barnes 3.	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick
30 Nov-1 Dec		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott 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