

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 Carmen & Anthony Frendo.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of Ken Hay.



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 . . .

Joe Smithers died at St Francis' Hospice on Thursday 20 February. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 19 March at 12.30 pm, followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep Joe and Pat and their family in our prayers.

Lavinia Sorenti died on Thursday 30 January. Lavinia was a parishioner here for several years and moved to the Rochford area in 2019 to be nearer to her son.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

22-28 Feb: Frances Tite, Bob Baxter, Bruno Celaschi, Swithin Clancy, Ted Dean, John William Sherman, David Schrier, Mary Newman, Dolly Hoy, Maureen Blake, Cecilia Lake, Jack Galvin, Jackie Tunkin and Anne O'Leary.



MASS INTENTIONS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 Feb : 6.30 pm Deceased members of the Dowling family (Conneely)

Sunday 23 Feb : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Allison & Bill Hughes RIP (Teresa)

Monday 24 Feb : 9.15 am Maureen McCarthy RIP (Anne)

Tuesday 25 Feb : 9.15 am Deceased members of the Mathias family (D'Souza)

Wednesday 26 Feb : 9.15 am Anthony Sammut RIP (Micallef)

Thursday 27 Feb : 9.15 am Father David Barnes RIP (PACT Westminster)

Friday 28 Feb : 9.15 am Maurice & Maureen Williams RIP (D'Souza)

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1 Mar : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 2 Mar : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Cochrane)

11.30 am Win Deal RIP (Chadwick)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

22-23 February 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Kamharida Anyanwu into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

SPRING EDITION OF MISSION TODAY AVAILABLE NOW

If you are a Red Box holder, or are interested in the work of *Mission*, the Spring edition of the magazine "Mission Today" is available in the church porch, with information about the missionary activity you are supporting through your donations.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £954.82 (£445.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish. The retiring collection for Racial Justice came to £138.50 (gift-aided).

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 and application forms will be available soon; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The motet *Os justi* by the Austrian composer and organist Anton Bruckner (1824-1896):

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua eius loquetur iudicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. Alleluia.

The mouth of the just is exercised in wisdom, and his tongue will be talking of judgement: the law of his God is in his heart, and his footsteps will not be distracted. Alleluia.

DEADLINE THIS THURSDAY!

Final call for young people aged 15+ who would like to go to Flame 2025 at Wembley Arena on Saturday 15 March. Coach leaves Romford 08.45, returns approx. 19.30. We have excellent seats, and this amazing day includes speakers such as Bear Grylls and musicians GuvnaB and One Hope Project. Join 10,000 young people from all over the country.

The deadline to apply is this Thursday 27th February – email romforyouth@brcdt.org to let Onosé know that you want to come. Cost for the whole day, including coach, just £25.

FILM EVENING IN ROMFORD

An inspiring film about a pioneering black female leader, “On a bet and a prayer,” tells the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV and Radio presenter, and more recently the founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Along the way she has battled cancer. The film will be shown at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford RM1 4AT, on Friday 28th February as part of an evening running from 6.30 – 9pm. Gather from 6.30, film at 7pm, and then after the film Mary herself will be available for a Q&A. The cost for the evening is £10, but places are limited; please book on the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185> – for any questions about the evening please contact the organisers via the website.

SHROVE TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4 March. Guests are kindly invited to arrive for 1pm to be greeted and seated in good time for tea between 1.30 and 3.30pm. This event is open to all and promises to be a lovely afternoon celebration. Tickets are £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk so that we can note these. Guests will be seated at tables of 12 so if you are coming in a group, do please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Gregory of Narek, abbot & teacher of the faith** - an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet, monk, and theologian. He died in about 1011, is venerated as a saint in the Armenian Apostolic and Catholic Churches. The son of a bishop, Gregory was educated, ordained, and later based at Narekavank on the southern shores of Lake Van (modern Turkey). Scholars consider Gregory the most beloved and significant theological and literary figure of the Armenian religious tradition. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015.

CARITAS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.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 are organising a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. There are just a few places remaining, which we are keen to fill as soon as possible so flight bookings can be confirmed. We depart on Sunday 26th October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available online at https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025. Please return the completed form to St Joseph's Upminster with your deposit (card details or cheque payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

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 every month 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.

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

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.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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

MINISTRY ROTA

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

22-23 Feb		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 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
1-2 March		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu Mick Doolan	Liz Lawreance Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling
9.00 am	Roger King Kim Pritchard Diane McCarthy	Alison Greene Maria Green Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	Oluwajuwon Emmanuel Onyema Agbebi Terence Osuji	Nuala Doherty

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES – details on the Diocesan website

Holy Family Primary School, Witham Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Thursday 27 Feb 2025

St Peter's Primary School, Romford Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 17 March 2025

BRENTWOOD URSULINE - 125th Anniversary

To mark our 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26th April 2025, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk