

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. 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 in memory of Anne Scullion.

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



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, Alan Clark, 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 . . .

Alfred Falzon died on Thursday 16 October; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 11 November at 10.30 am followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

18-24 Oct: Josie Line, Betty Rodbourn, Jean Burns, Emily Rumford, Harry Squibb, Larry Fernandes, Grace McGuinness, Joyce Palmer, Gill Hislop, Josephine (Jo) Goodbody, Mark Ibbunson, Eileen Rock and Margaret Philliston.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 Oct : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 19 Oct : 9.00 am John Mullins RIP (Cody)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyike)

Monday 20 Oct : 9.15 am Humphrey Long RIP (Long family)

Tuesday 21 Oct : 9.15 am Teresa Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)

Wednesday 22 Oct : 9.15 am Thank you to the Community for support & kindness (Mary McGoay)

Thursday 23 Oct : 9.15 am Pat Ryan int (Butcher)

Friday 24 Oct : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (Dolby)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25 Oct : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 26 Oct : 9.00 am Nancy Ripley RIP (Cochrane)

11.30 am Eileen Drislane RIP (Michael)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

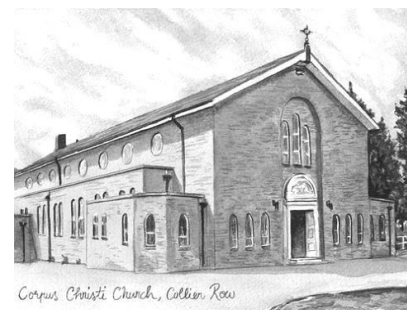
Father Philip Denton

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18-19 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

TEXT OF THE VIDEO MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV FOR WORLD MISSION DAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours.

When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

WORLD MISSION DAY COLLECTION

To donate to this special collection, please use the Mission Sunday envelope in your box of Gift Aid envelopes or place your offering in the basket as you leave church today. Thank you.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is being prayed in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm, the remaining dates are: 22nd, 29th October.

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.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £1158.25 (£582.00 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Afro-Caribbean members of our community are providing coffee after the 11.30 am Mass next Sunday; do join them if you are able to do so.

ST ANTHONY DEVOTIONS

at St Mary, Mother of God, Hornchurch on Tuesdays at 7pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm with veneration of a relic of St Anthony.

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.

HARRY CAMBRIDGE IS LUTHER a Champion charity fundraiser

This exciting charity evening is to take place at Champion 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.

from the *Angelus Address*, **Pope Francis**, St Peter's Square, 16 October 2022

The Gospel from today's Liturgy concludes with a troubling question posed by Jesus: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8); as if to say: "when I come again at the end of time" — but we could also think, even now, at this time of life — "will I find a bit of faith in you, in your world?" This is a serious question. Let us imagine that the Lord came on earth today. Unfortunately, he would see many wars, much poverty and many inequalities, and at the same time, tremendous technical achievements, modern means, and people who are always rushing, who never stop. But would he find someone who dedicates time and affection to him, someone who would put him in first place? Above all, let us ask ourselves, "What would he find in me, if the Lord were to come today, what would he find in me, in my life, in my heart? What priorities would he see in my life?"

We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even realizing it, we neglect what matters most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit. Today, Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer. Prayer is the medicine for faith, it is a tonic for the soul. However, it needs to be *constant prayer*. If we must undergo a treatment to get better, it is important to follow it well, to take the medicine consistently and regularly in the right way and at the right times. This is necessary in all of life. Let us think of a houseplant: we have to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without water for weeks! Even more so with prayer. We cannot live only on strong moments of prayer or occasional intense encounters, and then "go into hibernation". Our faith will dry up. We need the daily water of prayer, we need time dedicated to God, so that he can enter into our time, into our lives; consistent moments in which we open our hearts to him so that he can daily pour out on us love, peace, joy, strength, hope, thus nourishing our faith.

This is why Jesus says to his disciples today — to everyone, not only to some! — "that they ought *always to pray* and not lose heart" (v. 1). Now someone might object: "But how can I do that? I don't live in a convent. I don't have much time to pray!" Perhaps a wise spiritual practice which is a bit forgotten today, and which our elderly, especially the grandmothers, know well, can come to our aid with this real difficulty. These are so-called *aspirations*. The name is a bit outdated, but the substance is good. What are they? They are very short, easy to memorize prayers that can be repeated often throughout the day, in the course of various activities, to remain "in tune" with the Lord. For example, as soon as we awaken, we can say: "Lord, I thank you and I offer this day to you". This is a short prayer. Then, before an activity, we can repeat, "Come, Holy Spirit". Between one thing and another, we can pray thus, "Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I love you". Really short prayers that help us stay in contact with the Lord.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

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

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - BECOME A TRUSTEE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is currently seeking new Trustees with expertise in fundraising and marketing to help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Your skills and experience could play a vital role in shaping the future for children and young people, ensuring we continue providing essential services to children and families in need. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who might be a great fit, please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher, at bfisher@bccs.org.uk. She will be delighted to hear from you.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of the text *Deus enim firmavit*, verses from Psalm 93, by the Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. This year marks the five hundredth anniversary of his birth in the town of Palestrina near Rome. Much of his life was spent in the service of successive Popes working in St Peter's, the Sistine Chapel, St John Lateran (the Pope's cathedral) and St Mary Major. He died in 1594.

*Deus enim firmavit orbem terrae, qui non commovebitur:
parata sedes tua, Deus, ex tunc a saeculo tu es.*

For God has established the world, which shall not be moved.
Your throne is prepared, Lord God, you are from everlasting.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St John Paul II, pope** — Karol Wojtyla, elected Pope on 16 October 1978, was born in Wadowice in Poland on 18 May 1920. No other Pope met as many people: more than 17.6 million pilgrims attended his Wednesday General Audiences and he met many millions more in the course of his pastoral visits in Italy and throughout the world. Pope John Paul II died in the Apostolic Palace on 2 April 2005. He was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on 1 May 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, his immediate successor and was canonised by Pope Francis in 2014.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St John Capistrano, priest** — a notable Franciscan priest-missioner in Italy. He died in 1456.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Antony Mary Claret, founder and bishop** — he was Spanish and lived from 1807 to 1870. In 1849 he founded the Claretian missionary order. For a time he was Bishop of Santiago in Cuba. His prayers are sometimes asked in cases of cancer. For several years the Claretians served the parish at Loughton; they are currently at St Joseph's, Leyton.

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

18-19 October		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Dylan Scott Donna Hector Frank Smith
9.00 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Isabel Hegarty 2. Toke Aina 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
25-26 October		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Sue Butcher 3. Eileen Collier	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Marie Joseph 3.	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Cairon Kumatia 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick