



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.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Rose Kelly.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of John 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 . . .

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 . . .

13-19 Apr: Philip Prior, Philip Gallacher, James Hazeltine, John Spence, Paddy Dunne, Rita Lewis, Henry Fordham, Helen Dean, Genevieve Percival, Dennis Kelleher and David McGoay.



MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday 15 April : 9.15 am Matildes Fernandes RIP (De Lima)

Tuesday 16 April : 9.15 am Don O'Sullivan RIP (Gray)

Wednesday 17 April : 9.15 am Helen & Ted Dean RIP (Pridham)

1.00 pm Requiem Mass for Betty Casey

Thursday 18 April: 9.15 am Canon Anthony Dolan RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Friday 19 April : 9.15 am Father Michael Daley RIP (PACT Westminster)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 20 April : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 21 April : 9.00 am Rose Kelly RIP (O'Driscoll)

11.30 am Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty)

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Third Sunday of Easter

13-14 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £760.12 (£343.87 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Ashar McCoy-Onireti into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

BOSCO CAMP – CONCERT AND APPEAL

We have news from Jacques Allen, who spoke at the Masses last weekend, to say that you kindly contributed £725 for the Bosco Camp funds; he is very grateful for your generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be the annual collection for the promotion vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

MISSIO RED BOXES ~ supporting the missionary work of the CChurch

Thank you to all who support the missions through collecting your change in *Missio* Red Boxes – in 2023 your contributions came to a total of £979.06. If you don't have a Red Box in your home and would like one – please ask Father Philip or John – we have a supply of new boxes

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! 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) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at 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 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

Pope Francis, extract from the *Regina Caeli Address*, St Peter's Square, 18 April 2021

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we return to Jerusalem, in the Upper Room, as though guided by the two disciples of Emmaus, who had listened with great emotion to Jesus' words along the way and then had recognized him "in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). Now, in the Upper Room, the Risen Christ presents himself in the midst of the group of disciples and greets them: "Peace to you!" (v. 36). But they are frightened and believe "that they saw a spirit" (v. 37), the Gospel says. Jesus then shows them the wounds on his body and says: "See my hands and my feet" - the wounds - "that it is I myself; handle me" (v. 39). And to convince them, he asks for food and eats it before their astonished eyes (cf. vv. 41-42).

There is a detail here, in this description. The Gospel says that the Apostles "still disbelieved for joy". The joy they felt was such that they could not believe that this was true. And a second detail: they were bewildered, astonished; astonished because the encounter with God always leads you to astonishment: it goes beyond enthusiasm, beyond joy; it is another experience. And they were joyful, but a joy that made them think: no, this cannot be true! ... It is the astonishment of God's presence. Do not forget this frame of mind, which is so beautiful.

Three very concrete verbs characterize this Gospel passage. In a certain sense, they reflect our individual and community life: to look, to touch and to eat. Three actions that can give joy from a true encounter with the living Jesus.

To look. "See my hands and my feet", Jesus says. To look is not only to see, it is more; it also involves intention, will. For this reason, it is one of the verbs of love. A mother and father look at their child; lovers gaze at each other; a good doctor looks at the patient carefully... Looking is a first step against indifference, against the temptation to look the other way before the difficulties and sufferings of others. To look. Do I see or look at Jesus?

The second verb is to touch. By inviting the disciples to touch him, to verify that he is not a ghost — touch me! — Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain "at a distance". Christianity does not exist at a distance; Christianity does not exist only at the level of looking. Love requires looking and it also requires closeness; it requires contact, the sharing of life. The Good Samaritan did not limit himself to looking at that man whom he found half dead along the road: he stopped, he bent down, he treated his wounds, he touched him, he loaded him onto his mount and took him to the inn. And it is the same with Jesus himself: loving him means entering into a communion of life, a communion with him.

And thus, we come to the third verb, to eat, which clearly expresses our humanity in its most natural poverty, that is, our need to nourish ourselves in order to live. But eating, when we do so together, among family or friends, also becomes an expression of love, an expression of communion, of celebration... How often the Gospels present us with Jesus experiencing this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community. Eating together the Body of Christ: this is the core of Christian life.

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel passage tells us that Jesus is not a "ghost", but a living Person; that when Jesus draws near to us he fills us with joy, to the point of disbelief, and he leaves us bewildered, with that astonishment that only God's presence gives, because Jesus is a living Person.

Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by him and, transformed by his Love, we look at, touch and nourish others as brothers and sisters. May the Virgin Mary help us to live this experience of grace.

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 or visit the website www.bcys.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 - or visit 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.

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

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. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Onyema Agbebi
4-5 May		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Frank Smith	Donna Hector Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa
9.00 am	1. 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder