



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.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp burning in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Nancy Harrison.

The lamp burning in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of Edith O'Dell.

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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

27 Apr to 3 May: Millie Kromer, Patrick Callcut, Nancy Harrison, Charles Gallen, Joyce Baxter, John Patrick Long, Margaret Gallacher, Bill Hughes, Jean Hickey, Gladys Galvin, Edith O'Dell, Peter Graham, Darren Margot, Barry Ladner, Jeanette Cerquella and Simon Osuji.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 27 April : 6.30 pm Elizabeth & Thomas Hedderman RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 28 April : 9.00 am Jim Gilmartin & Michael Meer RIP (Hughes)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 29 April : 9.15 am Maureen Shanks RIP (Conway)

Tuesday 30 April : 9.15 am Father John Taylor RIP (Jonas)

Wednesday 1 May : 9.15 am Edith O'Dell RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 2 May : 9.15 am Sean Sheridan RIP (O'Driscoll)

Friday 3 May : 9.15 am Mary Sequerah RIP (Sequerah)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 4 May : 6.30 pm Justina & Tony Knight RIP (Cast)

Sunday 5 May : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Darren Margot RIP (Teresa)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

27-28 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Thomas McGlone into the Church through Holy Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

This Sunday, the Afro-Caribbean Society is hosting a Coffee Morning after the Mass at 11.30 am (by which time it will be afternoon coffee!) – do stay and enjoy refreshments and the chance for a chat.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £907.16 (£443.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community. The collection for Vocations Promotion came to £360.30 (£239.90 was gift-aided).

MISSIO RED BOXES ~ supporting the missionary work of the Church

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.

SPICMA ANNUAL REPORT 2023

See the annual report from SPICMA (Special Projects In Christian Missionary Areas) – it's on the noticeboard above the children's books. The Report gives a good insight into the range of projects they undertake. We donate to this charity through the bucket collection at the back of the church and our Lenten Offerings this year.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key

questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see //cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

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.

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).

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **European Feast of St Catherine of Siena** – a member of the Dominican Order, it was through her example of holiness, and her wisdom, that she made a great impact on the Church of her time, which was split by the 'Great Schism'. St Pope Paul VI gave her the title 'Doctor of the Church'. She died in 1380; her tomb is under the high altar in the Roman church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Joseph the Worker** – the Church reminds us today, International Labour Day, of the true nobility and value of work, pointing to the working life of Joseph the Carpenter (the scriptures use the word *tekton* which is better translated as "handyman") of Nazareth.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Athanasius**, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – this fourth century bishop of Alexandria was continually persecuted. Among his many writings was his steadfast defence of our belief that Jesus is God made man.

Friday is the **Feast of SS Philip and James**, apostles – in the Gospel reading today we hear Jesus' reply, at the Last Supper, to Philip's request: 'Lord, let us see the Father'. James is sometimes called 'the Less', simply to distinguish him from the other better-known apostle of the same name.

THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS' MASS

on Monday 6 May at 12.30 pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR

Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city – hosted by the three London dioceses – Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood. See poster on the noticeboard for further details.

ST BON'S RECONNECT 2024 ~ St Bonaventure's School Reunion

Reunion and celebration night: 11 July 6.30 'til late at St Antony's Catholic Club – The Red House. Places can be booked now – see poster on the noticeboard to scan the QR code or email for enquiries: alumni@stbons.org

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

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/

RETOUVAILLE – 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

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER at St Joseph's, Upminster

St Joseph's is looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, starting from 1st September 2024. The Governors and Headteacher invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably- qualified practising Catholic leaders. Full details can be found on the school website: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/> Applications must be submitted by 9am on Wednesday 8 May 2024.

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

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

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
11-12 May		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Peter Hale Wally Barnes Alex Hinton
11.30am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Triston Ouji	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat
18-19 May		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Maria Smith David Elliott Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. 3. Pat Prdiham	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Adam Beddoe Robert Hale