

### 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood)

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### 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 by a generous benefactor.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of Rita Cody.



*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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

**29 March - 4 April:** Dorothy Conway, Gerard Smith, Phyllis McLean, Bridget Robinson, Veronica Wells, William Moralee, Bridget (Betty) Casey, Martin Hearne, Margaret O'Mahoney, St Pope John Paul II, John Burke, Margaret Keble, Florrie Noonan and Mary Brennan.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 29 March : 6.30 pm Anthony Fernandes RIP (Hilda)

Sunday 30 Mar : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Bridget Casey RIP (Moffat/Casey)

Monday 31 Mar : 9.15 am Roy Brown RIP (Connie)

Tuesday 1 Apr : 9.15 am Grace Portelli int (Borg)

Wednesday 2 Apr : 9.15 am Pat Smerdon RIP (Church Cleaning Team)

Thursday 3 Apr : 9.15 am Joe Smithers RIP (Fitzgerald)

Friday 4 Apr : 9.15 am Anne Dunne int (OTB friends)

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 5 Apr : 6.30 pm Thanksgiving (Onyiuoke)

Sunday 6 Apr : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Molly Welcome RIP (Kate)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent - *Laetare* 29-30 March 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

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesday : 7.30 pm

### 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### LENT OFFERINGS

This year, we are supporting "World Villages for Children" – which aims to end poverty through education. Information sheets about this Catholic charity, run by the Sisters of Mary, are available in the porch, where there is also a display outlining their work in the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras and Tanzania. Or visit: [worldvillages.org.uk](http://worldvillages.org.uk)

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

This traditional Lenten devotion takes place on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. Each week we shall use a different series of meditations from a variety of spiritual writers.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Our good wishes and prayers for Bianca Richardson and Tommy Roberts who will celebrate their marriage here next Saturday.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS – APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

If you come to Mass here at Corpus Christi, are in Year 11 (or older) and are interested in being Confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday 6 July, please collect information about the programme of preparation and an application form from Father Philip after Mass. You should do this yourself, in person. The final date for returning completed application forms is Sunday 6 April.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SVP IN OUR PARISH (Society of St Vincent de Paul)

In recent months we have been blessed with several new members of our parish group. As volunteers we visit vulnerable or isolated people and offer them sincere friendship and practical support. Person-to-person contact is at the heart of our work and spending time with people is paramount, regardless of faith, race, gender or background, in a non-judgemental manner. We all have valid DBS certificates.

If you or someone you know need our help, please let us know. If it's someone you know, always mention that you have told them about us first – this is important. Then phone 01708-749050 leaving your name and phone number and we will contact you. Thank you.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £873.38 (£348.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

### SALE OF SCARVES AND PLANT POTS

The sale of scarves and pots last weekend raised £312.53 which will go towards sponsoring Christina Dias, running the London Marathon to raise funds for the Rainbow Trust. Thank you.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

Easter cards - on sale from this weekend and for the next few weeks.

### LONDON MARATHON – SPONSORSHIP INVITATION

Kim Ayling, one of our parishioners, is running the London Marathon in aid of GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children); she is doing this in memory of her late son, Daniel. If you would be prepared to sponsor Kim, help her raise funds for this worthy cause and make the pain and effort worthwhile – this is the link to her Just Giving page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-ayling-1725214068688?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/kim-ayling-1725214068688?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

*Ich aber bin elend* by the German composer, pianist and conductor Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) - the first of three motets (*Drei motetten*, Op 110):

*Ich aber bin elend, und mir ist weh; Herr, Herr Gott, barmherzig und gnädig und geduldig, und von großer Gnade und Treue, der Du beweistest Gnade in tausend Glied, und vergibst Missetat, Übertretung und Sünde, und vor welchem niemand unschuldig ist. Gott, Deine Hilfe schütze mich.*

*But I am poor and sorrowful; Lord, Lord God, all merciful and gracious and longsuffering, of abundant goodness and truth, thou who art keeping mercy for thousands, and transgression and sin and iniquity forgiving, and that will by no means the guilty clear. God, defend and guard thou me.*

### INTER FAITH DIALOGUE

An edited recording of the talk given by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at Gidea Park parish is now available on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). The Cardinal explained how the Second Vatican Council encourages dialogue with people of other faiths, and described especially the contribution of Pope Francis to this work.

### JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the second talk in the series 'Proclaim the Word', entitled 'A richer table of God's Word', Fr Adrian Gruffy explains how after the Second Vatican Council readings from all parts of the Bible were arranged so that more abundant provision of Sacred Scripture is available to all at Mass. The talk will be at 7 pm (tea and coffee from 6.30 pm) on Wednesday 2 April at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is also available via live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No need to book for this free event.

### BCYS YOUTH MASS at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 3 April from 6pm

Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for their monthly Youth Mass this coming Thursday. Beginning with pizza in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, followed by Youth-led Stations of the Cross before celebrating Mass at 7:30pm. For more information you can visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) follow @brentwoodcys on social media or email [gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org](mailto:gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org)

### 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 next meeting is on Wednesday 2 April at 2 pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer

Church, Harold Hill. Future meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

### "THE CHOSEN"

Eileen Jonas writes: "Showing at Vue Romford on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April, Season 5 of 'The Chosen', entitled 'The Last Supper'. You can book on The Chosen app which shows times in the cinema of your choice. Highly recommended."

### 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/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto: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](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

### 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 26 April, 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](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk)

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. Free admission. Wednesday 12 March – Monday 21 April at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY. St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm. The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website: <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/> And on You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>

## 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

29-30 March		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Lile Gargiulo Thomas 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Liz Lawrence Jean Capps
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Maria Green 3. Roger King	Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene Kim Pritchard
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Onyema Agbebi Kim Ayling
5-6 April		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Carleen Heath 2. Frank Smith 3. Margaret Smith	Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale