



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).

Donations of **children's toys and clean clothing** (adults and children) are also required – these would need to be taken in person to the Foodbank at The Ascension Church Hall, Collier Row Road on Friday mornings. Please do not leave them in the church porch here.

#### CAFOD CHRISTMAS WORLD GIFTS

Do take a copy of CAFOD's World Gifts catalogue – alternative Christmas ideas that capture the true spirit of Christmas giving and will help change, or even transform the lives of people in the developing world or in places experiencing crisis.

#### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Maureen & Johnny McCarthy

**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is for the good health of Rose Fernandes

*Thanks to generous donors, the lights at the Shrines of Our Lady and St Joseph are being maintained throughout 2023. Dates available in 2024 can be found on a list in the porch.*

#### *Please remember in your prayers*

##### **Those who are ill . . .**

Isabella Ayres, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

##### **Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .**

**18-24 Nov:** Thomas Moran, Fred Golding, Ben Tully, Rene Montrose, Eula Jude, John Alfred Gillard, Patrick McDonnell, Maureen McCarthy, Brian Dixon, Joe Wheelhouse, Daniel McGoay and John Kelly.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 Nov : 6.30 pm Win Long RIP (Long family)  
 Sunday 19 Nov : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (McCarthy family)  
 11.30 am Norah Fitzpatrick RIP (Gallen)

Monday 20 Nov : 9.15 am Julia Jennings RIP (Peters)  
 Tuesday 21 Nov : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Wednesday 22 Nov : 9.15 am Kate Welcome int (Barnard)

Thursday 23 Nov : 9.15 am Evelyn Knight RIP (Furniaux)

Friday 24 Nov : 9.15 am Pat O'Shea RIP (Haberlin)

##### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 25 Nov : 6.30 pm Jean Capps int (Jonas)  
 Sunday 26 Nov : 9.00 am Alice Ragan RIP (Marie Kelly)  
 11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 18-19 November 2023



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

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

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

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday, eleven young adults from our community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Mass at 11.30 am. Please keep them in your prayers as they are "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit".

#### 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 Parish Offerings amounted to £737.76 (£311.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

#### RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend for the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Sunday Mass at 11.30 am

The Children's Liturgy of the Word, which takes place during the Mass at 11.30 am, has had to be suspended. We urgently need volunteers to train as catechists to lead this Liturgy, which is primarily for children who are at school but have not yet received their First Holy Communion. After many years' service, the existing team are stepping down as they have other family priorities. They will be available to train and support any who feel they could take on this responsibility. Please contact Catherine on 07980 808317 or Father Philip if you are able to help.

### 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.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch this weekend, and for several weeks thereafter: religious Christmas cards, Advent calendars and other calendars all at last year's prices, together with other gifts.

### MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

The 2024 Missio Calendar is available in the porch – please help yourself to a copy. If your Red Box could do with being emptied, please take a brown envelope (also in the porch), write your name and contact details on it, empty your box into it and return it to the church (best to bring it to the Sacristy – the room where Father prepares for Mass and puts on his vestments).

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – although based only on pious legend, this feast has a special value as a link with the Eastern Church, where it has been celebrated for well over a thousand years.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Cecilia** – as a virgin-martyr she was held in high honour from the sixth century onwards, but her dates and history are unknown. Her body was discovered in the catacomb of St Callistus outside the ancient City of Rome and was transferred to the Basilica built in her honour in Trastevere, the area “across the Tiber”. She is patron of musicians.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Clement I** – he was the third successor of St Peter as Bishop of Rome and is remembered mainly by an important letter he wrote to the Corinthians. He was put to death in what is now the Crimea in 101 AD, the third year of the Emperor Trajan, by being thrown into the sea tied to an anchor. Our parish has a link with this first century Pope. Following an ancient tradition, when an altar is consecrated, the relics of a saint are placed under or inside it. The altar of our church contains the relics of two early Roman martyrs (St Rufina and St Clement); every time we celebrate Mass, as the priest kisses the altar, he does so to reverence and honour these holy saints.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions** – born in today's Vietnam in 1795, his pagan parents sold him to a catechist who educated him; he was baptised, studied theology and was ordained priest in 1823. During persecutions under King Minh-Manh he was arrested several times – finally in 1839 he was imprisoned and beheaded. Together with 116 other Vietnamese martyrs he was beatified in 1900 and canonised in 1988.

### ADVENT TALK ON THE PROPHET ISAIAH

In preparation for the beginning of Advent Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and Scripture scholar, will be giving a talk on the Prophet Isaiah at 7 pm on Wednesday 29th November in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is free and is in person, and it will also be live-streamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary. A recording of the talk will be made available subsequently on the same website.

### ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Friday 8 December: Freddie Mercury Tribute Night : Tickets £10.

New Year's Eve: Tickets now on sale to members : £10.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

### 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.

### WALSINGHAM HOUSE VOLUNTEER RETREAT TEAM

Applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a Gap Year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer teamwork with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

### ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE

is recruiting full time Learning Support Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Salary range from £17,372.62 (FTE £23,067). We are also seeking experienced Speech & Language Therapists. For an application pack please email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) or call 020 8504 1818, successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.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

18-19 November		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Margaret Smith 3.	Ngozi Obiakonwu Donna Hector Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Carleen Heath 2. Shirley Hay 3.	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton
25-26 November		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Mary O'Driscoll 3. Shantay Charles	Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Alex Hinton Peter Hale Wally Barnes
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Michael Chadwick	Margaret Moffat Stephen Doherty
2-3 December		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammaluuna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott Maria Smith David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3. Catharine Welcome	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Maria Green
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Debbie Cullis 3.	Adam Beddoe
9-10 December		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Jean Capps 3. Mick Doolan	Liz Lawrence Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. 3. Kim Pritchard	Auxilia Rayan Roger King Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3. Terence Osuji	Alexandra Burt-Allen Nuala Doherty