

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 in memory of the Foley Gracia family.

The lamp in honour of **Saint Joseph** is given in memory of Mick Rubery.



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 . . .

19-25 April: Evelyn Collis, Michael O'Shea, Joseph Spelling, Hector Stratton, Denis Miller, Patricia McDermott, Kathleen Pow, Samantha Read, Sheila Casey, Mick Rubery, Mabel Mullin, Lily McCabe, Rose Reilly, Kathleen Mullane, Josephine Walsh, Win Eyley and Anne Hay.



MASS INTENTIONS

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Holy Saturday 19 Apr : 7.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Easter Sunday 20 Apr : 9.00 am Michael Durcan RIP (Bartlett)

11.30 am Nancy Harrison RIP (Doherty)

Easter Monday 21 Apr : 9.15 am Elizabeth & Thomas Hedderman, Mary & Jim Corpse RIP (Butcher)

Easter Tuesday 22 Apr : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Easter Wednesday 23 Apr : 9.15 am Josephine Walsh RIP (Micallef)

Easter Thursday 24 Apr : 9.15 am Paula Harvey RIP (Butcher)

Easter Friday 25 Apr : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Saturday 26 Apr : 6.30 pm Maureen Sammon RIP (Conneely)

Low Sunday 27 Apr : 9.00 am Charles Gallen RIP (Brennan)

11.30 am Desmond Hegarty RIP (Hegarty family)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

19-20 April 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

*Wishing you a very happy Easter;
may you experience much joy as we celebrate the resurrection.
Christ has conquered death and is risen to newness of life!*

EASTER OFFERINGS

This weekend, following the Church's ancient tradition, our offerings are a personal gift to our priest. These, together with the offerings at Christmas, form a considerable part of a priest's annual income. If you have gift aid envelopes, please use them; for others, you may wish to use an Easter Offering envelope.

LENT OFFERINGS

This year, we have been supporting "World Villages for Children" – which aims to end poverty through education. The collection has raised £364.37.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £1244.02 (£545.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

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.

MARY'S MEALS – FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION

This charity, founded here in the UK, provides a school meal every day for over 2 million children in some of the most deprived parts of the world. To help raise funds for them to continue this wonderful

work, please collect your foreign currency, no matter how old, obscure or of little value. Mary's Meals will use your unwanted coins and notes to feed the next hungry child. They can also take UK money which is no longer legal tender. You may wish to take a Mary's Meals envelope from the porch, to collect and return donations. The equivalent of ten pence provides a hot meal!

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

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to this celebration on Monday 5 May at 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will celebrate the contributions made to the faith, life and work in the UK by all those from other countries who make a home here. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr OBE, will be both celebrant and preacher. For more information or to join the banner procession, visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>

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 on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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. 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

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

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, Easter Monday 2024

Today, Monday of the Octave of Easter, the Gospel (cf. Mt 28:8-15) shows us the joy of the women at Jesus' Resurrection: the text says they abandoned the tomb with "great joy", and "ran to tell his disciples" (v. 8). This joy, which is born precisely from the living encounter with the Risen One, is a powerful emotion, which impels them to spread and to tell what they had seen.

Sharing joy is a wondrous experience, which we learn from a very young age: think of a child who gets a good mark at school and cannot wait to show his or her parents, or a young person's early achievements in sports, or a family in which a child is born. Let us try to remember, each of us, a moment so happy that it was even difficult to put into words, but which we wished to tell everyone about immediately!

The women on Easter morning live this experience, but in a much greater way. Why? Because Jesus' Resurrection is not just wonderful news or the happy ending to a story, but something that changes our lives completely, and changes them forever! It is the victory of life over death. This is the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the victory of hope over despondency. Jesus broke through the darkness of the tomb and lives forever. His presence can fill anything with light. With him, every day becomes a step in an eternal journey, and every "today" can hope for a "tomorrow", every end a new beginning. Every instant is projected beyond the limits of time, towards eternity.

Brothers, sisters, the joy of the Resurrection is not something far away. It is very close, it is ours, because it was given to us on the day of our Baptism. Since then, we too, like the women, can meet the Risen One, and he says to us, as he did to them: "Do not be afraid!" (v 10). Brothers and sisters, let us not give up the joy of Easter!

But how can we nurture this joy? Like the women did: by encountering the Risen One, because he is the source of a joy that never ceases. Let us hasten to seek him in the Eucharist, in his forgiveness, in prayer and in lived charity! When joy is shared, it grows. Let us share the joy of the Risen One. And May the Virgin Mary, who at Easter rejoiced in her risen Son, help us to be joyful witnesses.

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

19-20 April		GROUP 7
7.30 pm	SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL	
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Andrew Green Liz Carthy Susana Gracia
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Tsitsi Brooks 3. Debbie Cullis	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes
26-27 April		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Mick Doolan 3. Jean Capps	Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Roger King	Maria Green Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Onyema Agbebi 2. Terence Osuji 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty

VACANCIES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Headteacher – St Peter's School, Romford.
Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Tuesday 22 April 2025

Deputy Headteacher - St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow
Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 28th April 2025

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch
Details on Diocesan website. Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28 April 2025

Site Manager – Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster
Details on porch noticeboard. Closing date: Thursday 24 April 2025