



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.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO

Sunday 7 April to Friday 12 April; 5 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. Lunch on 3 days. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours. £899 per person sharing. Further details on noticeboard.

#### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is for the intentions of Florinda Fernandes.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the good health of Florinda Fernandes.

*Please remember in your prayers*

#### Those who are ill or housebound . . .

Isabella Ayres, Michael Brennan, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, 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 . . .

**17-23 Feb:** William Denis Hall, Brenda Chipperfield and baby Aoife, Mary Gallen, Mick Jukes, James Fitzpatrick, Lilian Stratton, Kevin Connor-Leedham, Julia Lehane and Frances Tite.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 17 Feb : 6.30 pm Mary Gallen RIP (Gallen/Brennan)  
 Sunday 18 Feb : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (McCarthy family)  
 11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 19 Feb : 9.15 am The Carroll family (O'Driscoll)  
 Tuesday 20 Feb : 9.15 am Helena Carroll RIP (O'Driscoll)  
 Wednesday 21 Feb : 9.15 am Noel Campbell RIP (Micallef)  
 Thursday 22 Feb : 9.15 am May O'Reilly RIP (O'Driscoll)  
 Friday 23 Feb : 9.15 am Maureen McCarthy RIP (Anne)

##### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 24 Feb : 6.30 pm Bridget Casey int (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday) (Moffat)  
 Sunday 25 Feb : 9.00 am Christine Lynott RIP (Rees)  
 11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## First Sunday of Lent 17-18 February 2024



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

**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

#### WAY OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays in Lent : 7.30 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)

#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Friday is this year's Lent Fast Day – the proceeds saved from not eating, or reducing food intake, will be collected after the Masses next weekend. They will go to help fund the many projects and emergencies in which CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is involved.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £755.09 (£379.00 of this was gift aided). The collection for the Lourdes Fund (for the sick and helpers) came to £287.75 (£233.10 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

#### DURING LENT

The traditional 'disciplines' of Lent include prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we set out on the journey to Easter, we ask ourselves: "What could I do to help deepen my spiritual life?" Giving something up shouldn't mean extra (saved) money in our pockets: why not give an appropriate amount to a charity of your choice, or support SPICMA - our special Lenten Offerings Appeal - the bucket will be at the back of the church throughout Lent. We support this charity throughout the year – this Lent we hope to boost our giving to this very worthwhile cause.

*Some other suggestions to help make Lent special:* try to create some time for quiet – for thought, reflection and prayer, for pondering the Word of God (take away the readings sheet to help with this). Come to a weekday Mass or follow it at home via livestreaming (access it from the Home page of the parish website: [www.corpuschristicollierrow.org](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)), visit the church for private prayer (open daily until 6 pm) or take part in the Way of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm, donate to the local food bank (there is a basket in the porch).

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of

charge on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. Also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd [www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk](http://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk)

### A FIRE IN MY HEART

On Saturday 3rd February, to celebrate 50 years of priesthood, Fr Adrian Graffy held a Conversation with some friends who are biblical scholars about their common love of the Bible. These included Carlos Castillo, archbishop of Lima, Peru, and Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on which Fr Adrian also serves. The edited programme of the Conversation is now available free of charge by going to the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### 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. Their coffee morning last Sunday raised £60.07 for parish funds.

### HCPT EASTER LOURDES VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you, or do you know anyone who is 18 - 30 years old and would like the opportunity to travel with The Brentwood Group on Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter? HCPT Group 709 are an all-adult service group who are looking for enthusiastic, hard-working individuals to join us between 1st-6th April 2024 in Lourdes to help facilitate an unforgettable week for disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the world. If you would like more information or think this is something you may want to get involved in, please contact us at [group709@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group709@hcpt.org.uk) or via Instagram by searching HCPT Group 709. Sign up deadline for new group members is 7 February 2024.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](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)

### 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](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### VACANCIES AT ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, Woodford Bridge

Classroom Support Assistants - these are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

### VACANCY AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

School Chaplain, to start as soon as possible. Closing Date: noon, Friday 23 February 2024. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/vacancies)

### HEADTEACHER VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row. Deadline for applications now: Mon 26 February 2024 at 12 (noon)

St Thomas More Primary School, Saffron Walden. Deadline for applications: Mon 26 February 2024 at 12 (noon)

St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich. Deadline for applications: Wed 28 February 2024 at 12 (noon)

### SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. More information on the project can be found at the following links:  
Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> E-mail: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk) Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine) YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine)

### 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

17-18 February		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Susan Butcher	Mary O'Driscoll Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. 2. Alex Hinton 3. Wally Barnes	Mary Brennan Eileen Jonas Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat
24-25 February		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott Maria Smith David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Adam Beddoe Robert Hale
2-3 March		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 3. Mick Doolan	Jean Capps Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Maria Green	Alison Greene Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Onyema Agbebi Alexandra Burt-Allen
9-10 March		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Margaret Smith 3. Carleen Heath	Ngozi Obiakonwa Donna Hector Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Olivia Paton Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. 2. Shirley Hay 3.	Barbara Binder Pam Hale Louise Seaton