

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 Maureen & Bob Greene.

The lamp in honour of **Saint Joseph** is given in memory of Tony & Yvonne.



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 who have died recently, including . . .

Joyce Barnes on Monday 5 May; she had been ill for some time. Her Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 28 May at 12.30 pm followed by private Committal for family members. We keep her in our prayers, together with Wally and all the family.

Helen Lonergan – until recently a teacher at St Patrick's School, has died after a long illness. Her body will be brought to the church on Monday 2 June at 4.30 pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 3 June at 11.30 am followed by Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

17-23 May: Harold Bygrave, Joe Reilly, Denis Samwell, Frank Hull, Grace Reade, Michael Bradbrook, Rosina Tagg, Tony Fraser, Victor Sidoli, Lydia Moulton, Dennis Curnow, Marie McCormack, Jim Henshaw, Therese Ingleton, Guilda Williams, Harry Kavanagh, Francis Webber and John O'Shea.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 17 May : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 18 May : 9.00 am Stephen Dean RIP (Ken & Pat)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 19 May : 9.15 am Michael Bradbrook RIP (Bernie)

Tuesday 20 May : 9.15 am Stephen Dean RIP (Pridham)

Wednesday 21 May : 9.15 am Claire McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Thursday 22 May : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 23 May : 9.15 am Maureen & Bob Greene RIP (Carroll)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 24 May : 6.30 pm Winifred Long RIP (Long family)

Sunday 25 May : 9.00 am Maureen & Bob Greene RIP (Greene family)

11.30 am Jane Murphy RIP (John)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

17-18 May 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £979.96 (£418.50 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your on-going support for the life and ministry of our parish. The collection for Vocations Promotion came to £251.27 (£205.65 was gift-aided).

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

You are invited to pray the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady on Wednesdays 21 & 28 May at 7.00 pm.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Members of the Afro-Caribbean community are providing coffee and other refreshments after the 11.30 am Mass on Sunday 25 May. Please make a note in your diary and join us, if you are able.

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!

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Dunstan, bishop** – an Archbishop of Canterbury, he died on 19 May 988. He was one of Anglo-Saxon England's greatest saints, a hugely dynamic and at times controversial figure who loomed large over the English church in his lifetime and in the centuries after his death. In art he is often depicted pinching the devil's nose with a pair of tongs.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Bernardine of Siena, religious** – a Franciscan priest, he journeyed throughout Italy preaching and encouraging devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, martyrs** –Cristóbal and his 24 companion martyrs lived under a very anti-Catholic government in Mexico, one determined to weaken the faith of its people. Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed; foreign clergy were expelled. Cristóbal established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, Jalisco. He and the other priests were forced to minister secretly to Catholics during the presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924-28). All were diocesan priests, except three: David, Manuel and Salvador were laymen who died with their parish priest, Luis Batis. They all belonged to the Cristero movement, pledging their allegiance to Christ and the Church and to spreading the Good News - even though Mexico's leaders had made it a crime to receive baptism or celebrate the Mass. These martyrs did not die as a single group but over a period of 22 years; they were beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Rita of Cascia, religious** - born near Spoleto in 1381, she married a rude, ill-tempered husband who died a violent death. Her two sons, who had sworn vengeance against their father's murderers, died shortly afterwards, filled with a spirit of forgiveness. Rita now entered a convent of Augustinians at Cascia, where she bore patiently a chronic and very painful malady. She died in 1457 and was canonised in 1900. In Spanish-speaking countries she is named: *La Abogada de Imposibles* – the saint of desperate causes.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The anthem 'A new commandment' by the English composer Thomas Tallis (died 1585). This is an example of music Tallis wrote for the new, reformed rites of the Church of England. The text is from John 13:34-35 – part of today's gospel reading.

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall ev'ry man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER – A STUDY DAY

This year we celebrate seventeen-hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass. Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon of the Brentwood diocese, who has a doctorate in Church History, will explore the issues debated at the Council. The study day will be held on Saturday 7 June from 11am until 2 pm at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch. In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

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 at 2 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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

THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Aldborough Road South, Seven Kings, Ilford, IG3 8EU. Morning tours available Monday 19th May to Friday 23rd May starting at 9.15am for prospective parents/carers. Please email office@tpc.academy to book a date. We are still accepting applications for admission into Year 7 in September 2025.

TEACHING VACANCY

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham are seeking to appoint a KS1 or KS2 Class Teacher from 1 September 2025, suitable for ECT's. Closing date 2 June 2025. Please call the school office for more information: 020 8270 6524 or email:- office@stpeter.bardaglea.org.uk School visits are welcomed.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

A new Headteacher for St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford. Our wonderful Headteacher is retiring after 20 years, and we are looking for a new Headteacher to start in January 2026 (or sooner, if possible). Visits to the school are very warmly welcome; the application deadline is midday on 6th June 2025, and the Job Description and all other information is at:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/school-vacancies/>

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP 2025

For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

Every Wednesday 1 – 3 pm at Tweed Community Hall, Tweed Way, Rise Park RM11 4AZ.

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

For anyone of African or Caribbean descent; contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.

MINISTRY ROTA

The new Rota is now available on the parish website; there are a few paper copies 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

17-18 May		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Sienna Spinola 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Ellioitt Peter Duggan
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Tsitsi Brooks 2. Ify Okoye 3. Debbie Cullis	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes
24-25 May		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 2. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 3. Mick Doolan	Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence Jean Capps
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Maria Green	Kim Pritchard Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Onyema Abebi