

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 Johnny & Maureen McCarthy.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of John Hendricks.



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 . . .

Win Deal died on Monday 30 December. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 18 February at 11.30 am, followed by burial at Forest Park Cemetery.

Lavinia Sorenti died on Thursday 30 January. Lavinia was a parishioner here for several years and moved to the Rochford area in 2019 to be nearer to her son.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

8-14 Feb: Alice Gear, Arthur Westrop, James Malanafey, Stan Richards, Geoffrey Lewis, Cyril Dennis, Dymna Samwell, Josef Czermak, Giovanna Malanafey, May Burfield, Anne Pye, Maureen Leedham, Audrey Coker, John Ginty, Alan Browne, Bill Hay, Joe Donovan, Johnny McCarthy, Edward Moyse, Fred Seeger, Fred Spurling, Bernard Tabram, Alice Harrington, David Barwell, Doris Hay and John McKernan.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8 Feb : 6.30 pm Peggy McGeary RIP (McGeary family)

Sunday 9 Feb : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Helen)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyuke)

Monday 10 Feb : 9.15 am Alice & Roland Gear RIP (Chadwick)

Tuesday 11 Feb : 9.15 am Emily Cardozo Thanksgiving (Fernandes)

Wednesday 12 Feb : 9.15 am Colin Pohl RIP (Church Cleaning Team)

Thursday 13 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Friday 14 Feb : 9.15 am Lizzy O'Shea, Irene Butcher & Anthony Frendo RIP (Butcher)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15 Feb : 6.30 pm Claudio & Maria Graca Sobral (Smith)

Sunday 16 Feb : 9.00 am Mary Gallen RIP (Brennan)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8-9 February 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 Parish Offerings amounted to £874.85 (£377.30 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Crib Collection (for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) throughout the Christmas season, culminating last Sunday on Candlemas, came to £614.85 (£279.50 of this was gift-aided).

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of an antiphon in honour of the Blessed Sacrament – music by the English composer Colin Mawby (1936-2019).

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body, born of Mary, truly killed, sacrificed, on the cross for man:

whose pierced side flowed with a tide of blood. The one first put to the test for us, in the trial of death.

O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

MARRIAGE WEEK

7th-14th February is National Marriage Week. Please pray for couples living the vocation to marriage, for those preparing for married life, for those who are widowed, and those who are struggling with difficult situations in their family life. The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21st June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know. In a message for this week the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, writes 'the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us'. Read the whole message on the Bishops' Conference website cbcew.org.uk

BISHOP'S VISIT AND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Bishop Alan will be visiting our parish on Sunday 6 July 2025; during the Visit he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for any young people in Year 11 (or older). Information about the programme of preparation and application forms will be available soon; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

SHROVE TUESDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4 March. Guests are kindly invited to arrive for 1pm to be greeted and seated in good time for tea between 1.30 and 3.30pm. This event is open to all and promises to be a lovely afternoon celebration. Tickets are £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk so that we can note these. Guests will be seated at tables of 12 so if you are coming in a group, do please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Scholastica** – the sister of St Benedict, it is not known whether she lived in community or alone, she lived near the monastery at Monte Cassino and Benedict visited her shortly before she died.

Tuesday is the **Diocesan Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** – as with all true shrines of the Mother of God, Lourdes is a place where Mary leads us to her Son; in addition, she urges us to do penance for the sins of the world. It was on this day in 1858 that Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette. The girl grew up to lead a life of great saintliness, and died in 1879.

Friday is the **European Feast of SS Cyril and Methodius** - these two brothers were missionary priests to what is now the Czech Republic and Slovakia, where they are still greatly honoured. They lived in the ninth century and were responsible for creating an alphabet, based on Greek, for the local language – this alphabet is known as 'Cyrillic' (after Cyril) and used in countries such as Russia.

FILM EVENING IN ROMFORD

An inspiring film about a pioneering black female leader, "On a bet and a prayer," tells the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV and Radio presenter, and more recently the founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Along the way she has battled cancer. The film will be shown at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford RM1 4AT, on Friday 28th February as part of an evening running from 6.30 – 9pm. Gather from 6.30, film at 7pm, and then after the film Mary herself will be available for a Q&A. The cost for the evening is £10, but places are limited; please book on the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185> – for any questions about the evening please contact the organisers via the website.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interest are being sought from practising, committed Catholics for this ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor, please email your expression of interest to: governanceappointments@brcdt.org

ROME & ASSISI OCTOBER 2025

St Joseph's Upminster are organising a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. There are just a few places remaining, which we are keen to fill as soon as possible so flight bookings can be confirmed. We depart on Sunday 26th October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available online at https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025.

Please return the completed form to St Joseph's Upminster with your deposit (card details or cheque payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

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 every month 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.

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/ or email 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. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

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/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocesan-brentwood

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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

8-9 Feb		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Frank Smith	Donna Hector Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Shirley Hay 3. Andrew Shaw	Noel Foley Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Isabel Hegarty 2. Toke Aina 3. Shirley Hay	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
15-16 Feb		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Mary O'Driscoll 2. Shantay Charles 3. Eileen Collier	Sue Butcher Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2. 3. Mary Brennan	Peter Hale Marie Joseph Alex Hinton
11.30am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Michael Chadwick 3. Triston Osuji	Stephen Doherty Margaret Moffat