



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.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is for the good health of Blaise Fernandes.
The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is in memory of Carmen & Anthony Frendo.

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 Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

3-9 Feb: John Kavanagh, John McNamara, Doris Stevens, Josephine Arias, Marie Krysztofek, Luigi Dellamura, Bessie Page, Sheila Chater, Henry Spencer, Michael Walsh, Don Philliston, Stephen Chadwick, Jack Long, Steve Mazza, Peggy McGear, Alice Gear, Arthur Westrop, James Malanafey, Stan Richards, Geoffrey Lewis, Cyril Dennis, Dymrna Samwell and Josef Czermak.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Feb : 6.30 pm Elizabeth Rifat RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 4 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 5 Feb : 9.15 am Billy O'Connell RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 6 Feb : 9.15 am Bartlett Family int (Margaret)

Wednesday 7 Feb : 9.15 am Stephen & Joyce Chadwick RIP (Michael)

Thursday 8 Feb : 9.15 am Alice & Roland Gear RIP (Michael)

Friday 9 Feb : 9.15 am Pat Galvin int (Cody)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 Feb : 6.30 pm In Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Sunday 11 Feb : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Barwell family)

11.30 am Eileen Davies RIP (Wilson)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3-4 February 2024



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Bella Milliken into God's Family, the Church; we pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There is a diocesan retiring collection this weekend for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £958.96 (£378.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

RETIRING COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

The retiring collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice raised £167.90 (of which £130.35 was gift-aided).

CRIB OFFERINGS

If you have a gift aid envelope for the crib collection this may be placed in the offertory baskets this weekend.

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.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 6 February at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Deacon Matúš Meleg who is training for the priesthood for our Diocese. For further information please contact Father Mark Swires: vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 or via Instagram by searching HCPT Group 709. Sign up deadline for new group members is 7 February 2024.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday is the **Memorial of St Agatha, virgin martyr** – martyred in Sicily, she was much venerated from about the third century. Very little is known for certain about this virgin-martyr – but she has been included in the Roman Canon since the earliest centuries. As she was martyred, her breasts were cut off; in iconography, she is often shown holding them in a dish. She is patron saint of bell ringers.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs** – at the same time that the Church in this country was suffering persecution, Japan was also producing many martyrs. Among them were today's saints – brutally put to death, mainly by crucifixion, at Nagasaki in 1597.

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) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at 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 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

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

SEN Class Teacher (MPS) and 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 stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. 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

HEADTEACHER VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

St Patrick's Primary School, Collier Row. Deadline for applications: Mon 12 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)

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 or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address (extracts)*, 7 February 2021

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 1:29-39) presents Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law and then of many other sick and suffering people who gather round him. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law is the first physical healing narrated by Mark: the woman is in bed with a fever; Jesus' attitude and gesture toward her are emblematic: "he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up" (v. 31), the Evangelist notes. There is so

much tenderness in this simple act, which seems almost natural: "the fever left her; and she served them" (ibid.). Jesus' healing power meets no resistance; and the person healed resumes her normal life, immediately thinking of others and not of herself — and this is significant; it is a sign of true "health"!

That day was a sabbath. The people of the village wait for sundown and then, the obligation of rest having ended, they go out and bring to Jesus all the sick and those who are possessed. And he heals them, but forbids the demons to reveal that he is the Christ (cf. vv. 32-34). Thus, from the very beginning, Jesus shows his predilection for people suffering in body and in spirit: it is a predilection of Jesus to draw near to people who suffer both in body and in spirit. It is the Father's predilection, which he incarnates and manifests with deeds and words. His disciples were eyewitnesses to this; they saw this and then witnessed to it. But Jesus did not want them to be mere spectators of his mission: he involved them; he sent them; he also gave them the power to heal the sick and cast out demons (cf. Mt 10:1; Mk 6:7). And this has continued without interruption in the life of the Church, until today. And this is important. Taking care of the sick of every kind is not an "optional activity" for the Church, no! It is not something extra, no. Taking care of the sick of every kind is an integral part of the Church's mission, as it was for Jesus. And this mission is to bring God's tenderness to a suffering humanity

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

3-4 February		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Lili Gargiulo Thomas Kim Ayling Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Kim Pritchard 2. Diane McCarthy 3. Roger King	Alison Greene Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Nuala Doherty Alexandra Burt-Allen
10-11 February		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Carleen Heath 3. Margaret Smith	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. 2. 3.	Noel Foley Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima
11.30am	1. Shirley Hay 2. 3.	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton
17-18 February		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Susan Butcher	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Wally Barnes 3.	Mary Brennan Eileen Jonas Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick
24-25 February		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott Maria Smith David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3. Pat Pridham	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Robert Hale Adam Beddoe