

### 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).

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of Kay Cole.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Alfred & Clara Braganza.

*A number of people have booked the lights at the shrines of Our Lady or St Joseph for weeks in 2026, often in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. Dates that are still available are listed on a notice in the porch. If you have a particular date in mind and would like to sponsor one of the lights, it would be worth booking it fairly soon.*



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, 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 . . .

**6-12 Sept:** Roy Collis, Rose Sheridan, Kay Mason, Ada Spelling, Ralph Stevens, Catherine Wheelhouse, Kay Cole, Hannah Mary (Joan) England, Elizabeth Morrissey, Michael Heneghan, Kathleen Collis, Betty Pacitto, Bert Kenneth Smith and Jim Palmer.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 6 Sept : 6.30 pm Ellie Doran, Norah & Michael Murphy RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 7 Sept : 9.00 am Kay Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Vittorio D'amico RIP (Marcello)

Monday 8 Sept : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Requiem Mass for Johannah Ramsbottom (née Lehané)

Tuesday 9 Sept : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (Brennan)

Wednesday 10 Sept : 9.15 am Peter McGoay RIP (Czermak)

Thursday 11 Sept : 9.15 am Helen Loneragan RIP (O'Driscoll)

Friday 12 Sept : 9.15 am Patrick Morrissey RIP (O'Driscoll)

#### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday 13 Sept : 6.30 pm Veronica Nolan RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 14 Sept : 9.00 am Thanksgiving for Our Community (Pye)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

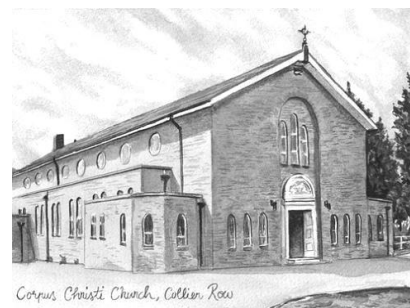
### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

### to contact Church House:

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 6-7 September 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Avery Chinedu Cham into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and we pray that he and his family will grow daily in the knowledge and love of God.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £848.30 (£431.50 of this was gift-aided). Thank you for your ongoing financial support for the life and ministry of our parish.

### MINISTRY ROTA

#### Altar Servers, Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The new rota is available on the parish website (in the Rotas section). The rota covers three months, concluding with the weekend 6-7 December. Paper copies of the complete rota are available in the Sacristy – if you need one, please help yourself.

#### WHAT GOOD NEWS STUDY DAY – Saturday 20 September : 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

#### "VATICAN II AND ITS POPES" – celebrating sixty years of the Council

The vast majority of Catholics are unaware of the story of Vatican II and its importance. This study day considers the contribution of a series of Popes to the work of the Council. Taking place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Tea and coffee available from 10.30 am; please bring a packed lunch. A further study day 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church' will be held on 11 October.

#### YOUTH ANIME MOVIE NIGHT : private cinema screening

Join us for a private screening of the new movie, "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu No Yaiba the Movie: Infinity Castle", on Friday, September 12th, at 6:45 PM at the ODEON Cinema in North Greenwich. This exclusive event is for young people aged 14+ and costs just £12. Tickets aren't on sale yet, but you can register your interest by scanning the barcode located at the bottom of the event posters or by using the link in the bio of the partnership Instagram page @romford\_youth to be notified when they become available. We hope to see you there!"

### MISSION TODAY

For Red Box holders and anyone interested in the missionary activity of the Church – the autumn edition of the *Missio* magazine "Mission Today" is available in the porch – do take a copy.

## 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. All are welcome; tea/coffee and cake provided.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Sunday 21 September : 10 am – 1.30 pm

Please support our parish event by joining us for "Coffee and Cakes". Donations of cakes, finger foods and goods for a Table Top Sale will all be very welcome – on Saturday evening 20 September or on Sunday morning 21 September. Items for the tombola can be left in the porch or ring Jean on 07591 655635 or Marianne 07950 634423. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care.

## Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 8 September 2013

In today's Gospel Jesus insists on the conditions for being his disciples: preferring nothing to the love of Christ, carrying one's cross and following him. Many people in fact drew near to Jesus, they wanted to be included among his followers; and this would happen especially after some miraculous sign which accredited him as the Messiah, the King of Israel. However Jesus did not want to disappoint anyone. He knew well what awaited him in Jerusalem and which path the Father was asking him to take: it was the Way of the Cross, the way of sacrificing himself for the forgiveness of our sins. Following Jesus does not mean taking part in a triumphal procession! It means sharing his merciful love, entering his great work of mercy for each and every man and for all men. The work of Jesus is, precisely, a work of mercy, a work of forgiveness and of love! Jesus is so full of mercy! And this universal pardon, this mercy, passes through the Cross. Jesus, however, does not want to do this work alone: he wants to involve us too in the mission that the Father entrusted to him. After the Resurrection he was to say to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"... if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:21-22). Jesus' disciple renounces all his possessions because in Jesus he has found the greatest Good in which every other good receives its full value and meaning: family ties, other relationships, work, cultural and economic goods and so forth ... The Christian detaches him or herself from all things and rediscovers all things in the logic of the Gospel, the logic of love and of service.

To explain this requirement, Jesus uses two parables: that of the tower to be built and that of the king going to war. The latter says: "What king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace" (Lk 14:31-32). Jesus does not wish to address the topic of war here; it is only a parable. Yet at this moment in which we are praying intensely for peace, this word of the Lord touches us to the core, and essentially tells us: there is a more profound war that we must all fight! It is the firm and courageous decision to renounce evil and its enticements and to choose the good, ready to pay in person: this is following Christ, this is what taking up our cross means! This profound war against evil! What is the use of waging war, so many wars, if you aren't capable of waging this profound war against evil? It is pointless! It doesn't work.... Among other things this war against evil entails saying "no" to the fratricidal hatred and falsehood that are used; saying "no" to violence in all its forms; saying "no" to the proliferation of weapons and to the illegal arms trade. There is so much of it! So much of it! And the doubt always remains: is this war or that war — because wars are everywhere — really a war to solve problems or is it a commercial war for selling weapons in illegal trade? These are the enemies to fight, united and consistent, following no other interests than those of peace and of the common good.

## CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is looking for people to join our small team of volunteers who visit local schools to inspire children and young people and raise their awareness on issues of global poverty and Catholic social teaching. CAFOD provides full- training and support and welcomes applications

from people with a range of experience. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493 162.

## AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

## MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A setting of the text of the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) from the Mass for six voices *Missa 'in illo tempore'* by the Italian composer, choirmaster and string player Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643). He developed his career first at the court of Mantua (c. 1590–1613) and then until his death in the Republic of Venice where he was *maestro di cappella* at the Basilica of St Mark.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – the birth of Mary is not narrated in the gospels, but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protoevangelium of James* along with *The Golden Legend*, the source of much iconographic tradition. The celebration was introduced into the calendar in the seventh century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Peter Claver, priest** - from a peasant family near Barcelona, he became a Jesuit in 1601 and went to Majorca, where he was inspired to work in America. He was sent to Bogota in Colombia in 1610 and to Cartagena in 1616, where he remained for forty years. The city was the central slave market for the Caribbean area, and he made a special vow to minister to the enslaved African people there. He was alleged to have baptised and cared for over 300,000 of them. During the last four years of his life he was an invalid and was often neglected by his brethren. He died in 1654, was canonised in 1888 and, in 1896, was declared patron of the Church's missions among black people.

## MINISTRY ROTA

6-7 September		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Sienna Spinola 2. Kamalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott 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
13-14 September		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. Oluwajuwpn Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Dohery	Onyema Agbebi

The new Rota is 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

## COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB – forthcoming events

- Friday 26 September Charity Night in aid of "The Indee Rose Trust" with Gelvis and Russ and their MUSIC BINGO. £10 each. 7pm (tickets available from the bar or on the door).
- Friday 3 October Gary Godmaze as FREDDIE MERCURY. £5 each (tickets available from the bar or on the door).
- Saturday 13 December EXPOSE £5 each - tickets to be ordered on-line (details to follow)