

### THE COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

Donations of the following would be much appreciated:

**items of food in tins or jars:** eg meat, fish, vegetables, coffee, fruit, custard, long life milk or fruit juice  
**items for personal hygiene:** deodorant, shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste  
**cleaning products, especially:** washing up liquid, clothes detergent (liquid or similar, not too big)

### BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

### *Please remember in your prayers*

#### **Those who are ill . . .**

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Cristiana Bianco, Lesley Carroll, Betty Casey, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Marjorie Moores, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

#### **Those who have died recently . . .**

**Madge Hayes** died on Friday 23 December. Her body will be brought to the church on Wednesday 25 January at 4.30 pm and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Thursday 26 January at 10.30 am, followed by Committal at Corbets Tey Crematorium.

#### **Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .**

**31 Dec – 6 Jan:** Bernard McCarthy, Teresa Cunningham, Ivy Sullivan, Doris Tidey, Josie Allen, Tony Conway, Frances Jay, Daniel Hennessy, Betty Tunkin, Frances Larkin, Patrick Riordan, Ian Moffat, Arthur Eyley, Martine Doolan, Derrick Clarke, Doreen Archer, Patrick Lennon, Sheila Hosking, Brian De'ath, Catherine O'Shea, Tony McCartan, Terry Harrington, Valerie Hammond, David Hart and Derek Wilson.

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The light in honour of Our Lady** is in memory of Elizabeth & Joseph Golding.  
**The light in honour of Saint Joseph** is for the Members of Our Parish Community.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday 31 Dec : 6.30 pm Tony Conway RIP (Margaret)  
Sunday 1 Jan : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am Edward Murphy RIP (John)

Monday 2 Jan : 9.15 am Charles O'Neill RIP (McCartan)  
Tuesday 3 Jan : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community  
Wednesday 4 Jan : 9.15 am Willie Reilly RIP (Moffat)  
Thursday 5 Jan : 9.15 am In Thanksgiving (Vettath)

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Friday 6 Jan : 9.15 am William Doran RIP (Butcher)  
11.00 am Members of Our Parish Community (School Mass)  
7.30 pm Dermot Tobin RIP (Kennedy)

#### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 7 Jan : 6.30 pm Bill Doran RIP (Butcher)  
Sunday 8 Jan : 9.00 am John O'Driscoll RIP (Margot)  
11.30 am May Shanahan and family int (Donohue)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

31 Dec 2022 – 1 January 2023



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

### MASS DURING THE WEEK

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)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon



## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Friday 6 January**

**Holyday of Obligation**

Parish Masses at 9.15 am and 7.30 pm  
School Mass at 11.00 am

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Last Sunday your Christmas Offerings amounted to £5154.61 (£3487.50 of this was gift aided). Father Philip writes: *"Thank you for your generosity to me personally: for your kind offerings, your gifts and many cards; I am most grateful"*.

### CRIB OFFERINGS

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.

### VISIT TO ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – they are due to start school in September 2023. St Patrick's would like you and your child to come and visit our Reception Class. Please call or e-mail the school office to book your place on the visit on Wednesday 11 January at 2.00 pm: 01708-745655 or [office@saint-patricks.org.uk](mailto:office@saint-patricks.org.uk) *We are looking forward to meeting you and your child.*



### BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2023 edition of the Diocesan Yearbook is available in the porch, priced £2.95. If you wish to purchase one, please place your payment in the wall safe labelled "Diocesan Directories".

### UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY WINTER APPEAL

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason a new Emergency Winter Appeal has been launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which are suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics: grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc. It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised to allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need.

The Appeal is being co-ordinated through the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in central London; if you would like to make a contribution, funds can be remitted to:

*Account Name:* Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund *Account Number:* 20927317 *Sort Code:* 20-92-60 or by cheques made payable to *Ukrainian Catholic Church* referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address to send cheques: Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

### AN EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR THE HOME

*The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the twelfth day after Christmas, 6th January. This short ceremony is a traditional way of marking our homes, with sacred signs and symbols, as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work or visit throughout the coming year:*

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for a great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh as a symbol of His burial.

*Using chalk, the following signs are marked upon or above the main door:*

**20 + C + M + B + 23**

All: Lord God, you once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of the star that guided the wise men to his birth, now guide us to recognise him in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives. As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love. May all who enter here find your gracious hospitality, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts. May Christ bless our home. Amen.

#### **What the signs mean:**

*The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the customary names of the Magi: **C**aspar, **M**elchior and **B**althasar. They are also an acronym for: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" - "May Christ bless this house". The year (2023) is divided before and after these letters. The crosses represent the blessing and protection of Christ.*

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

This weekend is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – the divine maternity of Mary was proclaimed as a belief and teaching of the Church at the Council of Ephesus in 431; in more recent times, the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) made the meaning explicit: "that Christ should be recognised, in the truest sense, as the Son of God and the Son of Man". Before this feast was inserted into the revised Roman calendar, the first day of the year had been dedicated to the remembrance of the circumcision of the Lord, which took place eight days after his birth, as prescribed by Jewish law.

Monday is the **Memorial of SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen** - bishops and doctors of the Church. Basil the Great, a Father of the Greek Church, struggled against the Arian heresy and was the principal monastic legislator of the East. He lived in Cappadocia (in modern Turkey) from 328 to 379. His cult was brought to the West by Greek monks as well as by St Benedict, who was profoundly inspired by 'our holy father Basil'. Gregory grew up in a family of pious Christians, son of the bishop of Nazianzus (also in Cappadocia). A lifelong friend of St Basil, he joined him in the struggle against Arianism. One of the fathers of the Greek Church, he was already bishop of Nazianzus when the Emperor Theodosius sent him to Constantinople to bring that city back to orthodoxy. Greeted with stones, he eventually succeeded.



### EPIPHANYTIDE CAROL SERVICE

**Sunday 15 January at 6.30 pm**

here at Corpus Christi Church

*(led by the choir of St Edward's, Romford Market Place)*

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is also available in the on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

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

31 December-1 January <b>A</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Gabrielle Gill 3. Margaret Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. Charles Gallen 2. Mary Brennan 3.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Carleen Heath 3.	Alexandra Burt-Allen
7-8 January <b>B</b>		
6.30 pm	1. 2. Mick Doolan 3. Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes 3. Ken Hay	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Nicole Osuji 2. Triston Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Remika Quintus
14-15 January <b>C</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Frank Smith 3. Kammalunna Onyekonwu	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2. 3.	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Les Hislop	Adam Beddoe
21-22 January <b>D</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Carol O'Kane 3. Vanessa Thompson	Maria Smith
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Alex Hinton 3.	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Nuala Doherty 2. Terence Osuji 3. Humma Gill	Barbara Binder