

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)

During 2022 the Foodbank fed 4,158 people (2471 adults, 1687 children). This compares to the previous year: 2,911 people (1573 adults 1338 children). There has been a further marked increase, so far, this month. Thank you for your generous donations.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

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)

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 whose memory we keep at this time . . .

28 Jan – 3 Feb: Franz Peter, Rosina Lummis, Norah Lyons, Harry Guidotti, John Brennan, Claire Twomey, Allison Hughes, Terry Brown, Rose Byott, Father Joseph Burns (*second parish priest of Corpus Christi*), Patrick Sheehan, John Mongan, Teresa Ennis, Georgina Hewitt (Shonk), David Hamilton, Thomas O'Neill, John Kavanagh and John McNamara.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Carmen & Anthony Frendo.
The light in honour of Saint Joseph is in memory of John Butler.



MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Jan : 6.30 pm Charles Breach RIP (Smith)
Sunday 29 Jan : 9.00 am Gemma Smith int (Murray)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community
Monday 30 Jan : 9.15 am Allison & Bill Hughes RIP (Tess)
Tuesday 31 Jan : 9.15 am Valerie Thompson RIP (Smithers)
Wednesday 1 Feb : 9.15 am Teresa Ennis RIP (Kim & Nigel)
Thursday 2 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls
Friday 3 Feb : 9.15 am Holy Souls

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 Feb : 6.30 pm Elizabeth Rifat (nee O'Shea) RIP (Butcher)
Sunday 5 Feb : 9.00 am Anne Pye RIP (Pye family)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28-29 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Aidan Conneely into God's Family and pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £729.39 (£398.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

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 Thursday 2 February.

MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY

The Governors of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a Midday Assistant to work as part of our team. Applications are warmly invited to join our supportive and enthusiastic team. We need someone who has a positive and caring attitude, a nurturing nature and a fun-loving personality. The successful candidate will be able to work as part of a team and on their own initiative. Experience working with children is preferable but not essential, on the job training will be provided. Applicants are encouraged to contact the school by email: office@saint-patricks.org.uk or telephone 01708 745655 to arrange a visit.

Hours: Required for 5 days per week, 1 hour per day/39 weeks per year. **Salary:** Scale 2 points 3 – 4. Pro rata salary of £2,859 - £2,906 p.a. (FTE £24,012 - £24,408 p.a.). To start as soon as possible.

St Patrick's can offer you:

A caring, warm and friendly school. An opportunity to be part of a strong and dedicated staff team who are committed to high standards.

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".

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St John Bosco** – founder of the Salesian Fathers and Brothers and co-founder of the Salesian Sisters. He had a deep understanding of young people and their problems. He died in 1888.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** – Candlemas Day – we celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World, as he enters the Temple. This joyful feast is tinged with sorrow as we recall the words of Simeon to Our Lady: ‘a sword will pierce your own soul’, foretelling her future sorrows.

Friday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Anne Line** – born at Hazeleigh near Maldon and brought up at Dunmow; a convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for the crime of harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour, close to the sacristy, the gift of the Catholic Women’s League. St Anne was canonised in 1970 as part of that representative group known as the ‘Forty Martyrs’. It is important for us to remember that there were many, many thousands of faithful Catholics who died during the penal times – the vast majority during the reign of Elizabeth I (‘Good Queen Bess’). Their place in history was covered up by the authorities in their attempt to create the impression that the English wanted to throw off the yoke of Catholicism and eagerly embrace the Protestant Reformation.

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

VACANCY AT SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS’ SCHOOL

Full time – Learning Support Assistant

Required as soon as possible. Permanent post – subject to probationary period. 29 hours a week term time only. Monday to Friday 8:45 – 3:30. APTC Scale 2 Points 3 – 4 £24,012 - £24,408 per annum pro rata – actual pay £16,742 - £16,471 per annum. Further details on the porch noticeboard. Please contact the School for an application form and further details or look at the ‘Job vacancies’ section of the school website www.sacredheartofmary.net and apply via the TES. Closing date: Monday 30th January 2022.

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB LTD ~ FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 3 February** **Bingo Bongo Night with SKITTLEMAN**
(fundraiser for the girls going to the World Scout Jamboree in Korea)
£10 – includes one book for Bingo
7.30 pm Start ~ Eyes Down at 8 pm
- Saturday 18 February** **Dennis Stratton & Dave Edwards**
Tickets: £7
- Saturday 18 March** **Irish Evening with Craic**
Tickets £7

Pope Francis, from the *Angelus Address*, 29 January 2017

This Sunday’s liturgy leads us to meditate on the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:1-12) which open up the great so-called Sermon on the Mount, the “Magna Carta” of the New Testament. Jesus manifests God’s desire to lead men to happiness. This message was already present in the preaching of the prophets: God is close to the poor and the oppressed, and delivers them from those who mistreat them. But in this preaching of his, Jesus follows a particular path: he starts with the word “blessed”, that is, happy. He continues with the indication of the condition to be so; and he concludes by making a promise. The cause of blessedness, that is, of happiness, lies not in the requisite condition — for example, “poor in spirit”, “mourning”, “hungry for righteousness”, “persecuted” — but in the subsequent promise, to be welcomed with faith as a gift of God. One starts from a condition of hardship in order to open oneself to God’s gift and enter the new world, the “Kingdom” announced by Jesus. This is not an automatic mechanism, but a way of life in following the Lord, through which the reality

of hardship and affliction is seen in a new perspective and experienced according to the conversion that comes about. One is not blessed if one is not converted, capable of appreciating and living God’s gifts.

I pause on the first Beatitude: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (v. 3). The poor in spirit is he who has assumed the feelings and attitudes of those poor people who, in their state, do not rebel, but who know how to be humble, meek, open to God’s grace. The happiness of the poor — of the poor in spirit — has a twofold dimension: with regard to riches and with regard to God. With regard to possessions, to material possessions, this poverty in spirit is sobriety: not necessarily sacrifice, but the ability to savour the essence, to share; the ability to renew every day the wonder at the goodness of things, without being weighed down in the obscurity of voracious consumption. The more I have, the more I want; the more I have, the more I want: this is voracious consumption. This kills the soul. Men or women who do this, who have this attitude, ‘the more I have, the more I want’, are not happy and will not attain happiness. With regard to God, it is praising and recognizing that the world is a blessing and that at its origin is the creative love of the Father. But it is also opening to Him, docility to his Lordship: it is He, the Lord, He is the Great One. I am not great because I have so many things! It is He: He who wanted the world for all mankind, and who wanted it so that men and women might be happy.

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

28-29 January		E
6.30 pm	1. Mary O’Driscoll 2. Hanyelisa Onyekonwu 3. Kim Pritchard	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. 2. Maria Green 3. Eileen Jonas	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Arno Bastiampillai 2. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 3.	Margaret Moffat
4-5 February		A
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Ngozi Obiakonwa 3. Gabrielle Gill	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen 3.	Olivia Paton
11.30 am	1. 2. Shirley Hay 3. Carleen Heath	Louise Seaton
11-12 February		B
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Mick Doolan 3.	Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Roger King 3. Wally Barnes	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Triston Osuji	Michael Chadwick
18-19 February		C
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. Jean Capps 3. Frank Smith	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	1. 2. Catharine Welcome 3.	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Debbie Cullis	Alexandra Burt-Allen