

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The lamp in honour of Our Lady** is given in memory of Maureen & Johnny McCarthy.

**The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph** is given in memory of Fred Trower.

*Bookings for 2025 can be made now – the list of dates still available is in the porch, together with the envelopes for donations.*



*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, Jim Peters, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

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

**Robert Dick** died on Tuesday 8 October. We keep him in our prayers, together with his wife Anne and their family and friends.

**Jimmy Peters** died on Wednesday 13 November, he had been in poor health for some time. Funeral arrangements are not known yet, but we keep him, Rita and their family in our prayers.

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

**16-22 Nov:** Ronald Brown, Kathleen Peat, Patrick Callaghan, Thomas Moran, Fred Golding, Ben Tully, Rene Montrose, Eula Jude, John Alfred Gillard, Patrick McDonnell, Maureen McCarthy, Brian Dixon, Joe Wheelhouse and Daniel McGoay.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 Nov : 6.30 pm MSC Nosegbe RIP (Agbebi)

Sunday 17 Nov : 9.00 am Annie Joy RIP (Donohue)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 18 Nov : 9.15 am Winifred Long RIP (Long family)

Tuesday 19 Nov : 9.15 am Robert Dick RIP (Anne)

Wednesday 20 Nov : 9.15 am Holy Souls

Thursday 21 Nov : 9.15 am Father Christopher Hogan RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Friday 22 Nov : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

#### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday 23 Nov : 6.30 pm Eileen Collier int (Our Lady's Prayer Group)

Sunday 24 Nov : 9.00 am Maureen & Johnny McCarthy RIP (McCarthy family)

11.30 am Deceased Members of Casey & Moffat families (Moffat)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

16-17 November 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The programme of preparation for Roman Catholic children in Year 3 or above will begin in January and will involve a series of children's sessions on Saturday mornings (once per month) in the Parish Hall. There will also be meetings for the parents with Father Philip and John; these will take place in the church, the first is on Saturday 14 December at 10.00 am. Application forms and an information sheet with all the dates are now available and can be collected after any of the weekend Masses over the next few weeks. The deadline for returning completed application forms is: Sunday 15 December.

#### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £897.31 (£387.55 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

#### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

This coming Friday is the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of musicians; we hear the Hymn to Saint Cecilia by the English composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983); words by Ursula Vaughan Williams.

#### WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Youth Sunday - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to find out more about their work. Find out more at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net), searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate) Thank you.

#### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please place them in the offertory

baskets, put them through the letter box at Church House or hand them in to the sacristy. Any offerings you make will help to provide Masses for the Holy Souls, celebrated during November and throughout the year.

### MISSIO CALENDARS

Copies of the 2025 *Missio* calendar are available in the porch – if you are a Red Box holder, do help yourself to one. If you do not have a Red Box in your home, but are interested in the work *Missio* supports, do take a copy.

#### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – although based only on pious legend, this feast has a special value as a link with the Eastern Church, where it has been celebrated for well over a thousand years.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Cecilia** - as a virgin-martyr she was held in high honour from the sixth century onwards, but her dates and history are unknown. Her body was discovered in the catacomb of St Callistus outside the ancient City of Rome and was transferred to the Basilica built in her honour in Trastevere, the area “across the Tiber”. She is patron of musicians.

### ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have received an invitation from The Champion School for anyone who would like to attend the annual Christmas Party – this year on Sunday 15 December between 12.30 and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30 pm. Names and contact phone numbers to Father Philip or John to be added to the list in the Sacristy. Places are limited to fifteen people: first come, first served. Final date for booking a place: Wednesday 27 November.

### 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 will be available soon after Christmas; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

### 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. Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month at 2pm in St. Anthony’s Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

### PROCLAIM THE WORD: A SERIES OF TALKS FOR READERS/LECTORS

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled ‘He stood up to read (Lk 4:16), will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### ROME & ASSISI OCTOBER 2025

St Joseph’s Upminster is organising a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year, departing Sunday 26 October 2025 for 5 nights. For more information, brochure and booking form please visit [https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs\\_rome\\_2025](https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025) To book, please print and complete the booking form and return to Rome Pilgrimage, St Joseph’s Presbytery, Champion Road, Upminster RM14 2SY, with your deposit (payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### OUR LADY’S PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 7.30-9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close, RM5 3EJ. Children over First Communion age also welcome. We pray the rosary together, a chance to learn if you are not familiar with it. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

### MINISTRY ROTA

The Rota is available on the parish website – in the ‘Rotas’ section.

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

16-17 Nov		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Margaret Smith 2. Carleen Heath 3. Ngozi Obiakonwa	Dylan Scott Donna Hector Frank Smith
9.00 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Andrew Shaw 3.	Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Isabel Hegarty 2. Toke Aina 3.	Pam Hale Louise Seaton Barbara Binder
23-24 Nov		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Sue Butcher 3. Eileen Collier	Mary O’Driscoll Kulangara Johnson Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Wally Barnes 3.	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Eileen Jonas	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick

An extract from **Pope Francis**, *Angelus Address*, St Peter’s Square, Sunday 14 November 2021

The Gospel passage of today’s liturgy begins with a phrase from Jesus that leaves us astonished: “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven” (Mk 13:24-25). But what now, even the Lord was a doomsdayer? No, this is certainly not his intention. He wants us to understand that, sooner or later, everything in this world passes. Even the sun, the moon and the stars that make up the “firmament” — a word that indicates “firmness”, “stability” — are destined to pass away.

In the end, however, Jesus says what does not fall: “Heaven and earth will pass away”, he says, “but my words will not pass away” (v. 31). The Lord’s words will not pass away. He makes a distinction between the penultimate things, which pass, and the ultimate things, that remain. It is a message for us, to guide us in our important decisions in life, to guide us on what is worthy of investing our life in. In something transitory, or in the words of the Lord that remain forever? Obviously on these. But it is not easy. Indeed, the things that come before our senses and give us immediate satisfaction attract us, while the Lord’s words, although beautiful, go beyond the immediate and require patience. We are tempted to cling to what we see and touch and what seems safer to us. It is human, that is temptation. But it is a deception, because “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away”. Here then, is the invitation: do not build your life on sand. When someone builds a house, they dig deep and lay a solid foundation. Only a fool would say that it is money wasted on something that cannot be seen. According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who founds his life on the rock, which is his Word, which does not pass away (cf. Mt 7:24-27), on the firmness of the Word of Jesus: this is the foundation of the life that Jesus wants from us, and which will not pass away.

And now the question - when we read the Word of God, questions always arise - let us ask ourselves: what is the centre, what is the beating heart of the Word of God? In short, what is it that gives solidity to life, and will never end? Saint Paul tells us. The very centre, the beating heart, what gives solidity, is love: “Love never ends” (1 Cor 13:8), says Saint Paul: love. Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful, is not puffed-up with pride, who is not rude (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, they will not make the news in the papers, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.