

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).

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given Christopher Kelly.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Diane Duggan.

Bookings for 2025 can be made now – the list of the few 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 . . .

Mary Barnard (in hospital following a fall), Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Ken Hay, Gloria Jackson, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, 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. His body will be brought to the church on Wednesday 8 January at 5 pm and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9 January at 10.30 am followed by burial at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone. We continue to keep him and his wife Anne in our prayers.

Claire McGeary died on Friday 13 December; we keep Claire and her husband John in our prayers. Her funeral will be held here; arrangements will be announced in due course.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

14-20 Dec: Bernadette Mallon, Ted Repecki, Teresa Noble, Kath Jukes, Mary McCarthy and Brenda Mallon.



MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 14 Dec : 6.30 pm Ita Patterson RIP (Foley)

Sunday 15 Dec : 9.00 am Ita Patterson RIP (Foley)

11.30 am Conceisao Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Monday 16 Dec : 9.15 am Menino Jose Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Tuesday 17 Dec : 9.15 am Sharon George int (Cody)

Wednesday 18 Dec : 9.15 am Peggy Broderick RIP (Hardy)

Thursday 19 Dec : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Maria Goretti)

Friday 20 Dec : 9.15 am Diane Duggan RIP (Peter)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 21 Dec : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 22 Dec : 9.00 am Madeline Ritchie RIP (Peters)

11.30 am Brigid Rosewarne RIP (Dalley)

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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Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete*)

14-15 December 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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES THIS WEEK

To help with our preparation for the celebration of Christmas, Father Philip and Father Dominic will again be leading Services of Reconciliation, with the opportunity for individual absolution:

Wednesday 18 December at 11.00 am at St Edward's, Park End Road, Romford.

Thursday 19 December at 7.00 pm here at Corpus Christi.

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £590.07 (£244.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE SVp

Last weekend your very kind and generous donations to our Christmas collection amounted to £282.70. We are so grateful. God bless you all.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

O Radiant Dawn – words from the O Antiphons (Magnificat antiphons sung at Vespers and as the Gospel Acclamations at Mass during the final days of Advent); music by the Scottish composer James MacMillan (born 1959).

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, the people who walked in darkness have seen the great light upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The deadline for returning completed application forms is this weekend: Sunday 15 December.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

Traditional religious Christmas cards, Christmas candles and calendars are on sale in the church porch after all Masses, together with nativity sets, etc. Although retail prices have increased since last year, in view of the continuing cost of living crisis, it has been possible to keep all Christmas cards, candles and calendars at last year's prices.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

As is their tradition, the Knights of St Columba have sent a supply of Christmas Posters for our homes – do take one and display it prominently in your window as an act of Christian witness.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2025

The new edition of the Diocesan Directory is available in the porch, priced at £3.20. Packed with information about the Church in Essex and East London, it also includes articles written by newly-ordained clergy and obituaries of the nine priests who have died during the year (eight Diocesan and one Franciscan).

MISSIO END OF YEAR – FINAL EMPTYING OF THE RED BOXES IN 2025

Money collected in 2025 has to be paid in to the *Missio* bank account before the end of the year. It would be really helpful if you could take a brown *Missio* envelope from the porch, empty your box into the envelope and return it to the church before Christmas. Thank you those who have already done so and thank you for your ongoing support for the missions.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

From Tuesday, for the final days of Advent, the texts and readings at Mass are those for the calendar date – 17th December onwards.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS in Brentwood Cathedral

on Sunday 22 December at 4pm. This is a most beautiful Service of Music and Readings for Advent and Christmas (lasting about an hour and a quarter) and perhaps the high point of the Cathedral Choir's Choral Year. It is always very popular and well attended. In addition to the Choir Carols there are also popular Carols for everyone to sing.

ISLAM STUDY DAY

In 2025 we mark sixty years since the promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the inter-faith document of Vatican II. We are delighted to welcome Sidra Naeem, distinguished teacher and chair of Havering Interfaith, who will speak about Islam. The talk will take place on Saturday 18 January 2025 from 11.00 in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The talk will also be available by livestream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org and will be available subsequently on the same website. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee available from 10.30. Do join us.

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.

TONY MOORE'S AWAKE in the Collier Row Catholic Club

Friday 3 January 2025 – arrive by 8 pm – show begins at 8.30 pm. Advance tickets available from the Bar: £5.00, on the door: £7.00

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interest are being sought from practising, committed Catholics for this ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor, please email your expression of interest to: governanceappointments@brcdt.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 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.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2025/2026

Applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people, then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. See the website for more information: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP NEXT SUMMER?

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage next year, led by Bishop Alan, will be from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow.

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

MINISTRY ROTA

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

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

14-15 Dec		GROUP 5
6.30 pm	1. Carleen Heath 2. Frank Smith 3. Margaret Smith	Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. Diane McCarthy 3.	Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale
21-22 Dec		GROUP 6
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Eileen Collier 3. Mary O'Driscoll	Caroline Ramstead Kulangara Johnson Sue Butcher
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. 3. Eileen Jonas	Wally Barnes Alex Hinton Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. 3.	Margaret Moffat Stephen Doherty

CHRISTMAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI



CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30 pm
10.00 pm

Tuesday 24 December

Mass of the Vigil
Mass during the Night

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am
11.30 am

Wednesday 25 December

Mass of the Dawn
Mass of the Day