

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. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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).

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given by a generous benefactor.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for Pat and Jim O'Brien.

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, Gloria Jackson, Joseph Kelly, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Tracy Tucker, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

5-11 Oct: Father David Logue (*former assistant priest at Corpus Christi*), Rene Scott, Vi Smith, Kathleen Frendo, Catherine Hughes, Winifred Dennis, Mick Kelly, Mandy Barros, Jim Rushton, Eileen O'Sullivan and Anne Scullion.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 Oct : 6.30 pm Deceased Members of the Sammon family (Conneely)

Sunday 6 Oct : 9.00 am David Barwell RIP (Helen)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyuike)

Monday 7 Oct : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

1.00 pm Requiem Mass for Henry Dharry

Tuesday 8 Oct : 9.15 am Kathleen Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Wednesday 9 Oct : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (George)

Thursday 10 Oct : 9.15 am Michael, Richel & Reginald Danso int (Cody)

Friday 11 Oct : 9.15 am Josephine Walsh RIP (Borg)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 12 Oct : 6.30 pm Julie Smith RIP (Pat)

Sunday 13 Oct : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Anthony Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5-6 October 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

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL ~ FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Oversea Development, and our mission is to fight against poverty and injustice and help all people to fulfil their God-given potential. People like Daniel, a young man in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD this weekend and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills. If you have them, please use your yellow gift aid envelope; CAFOD envelopes are also available for any donations from people who do not usually gift aid.

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £841.48 (£443.90 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

During Holy Communion this weekend we hear a setting of the words of St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) by the English composer John Rutter (born 1945):

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy's sake. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

At 6.30 pm on Wednesdays throughout October the Rosary will be said in the Lady Chapel – led by members of the Afro-Caribbean Society and the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Do join them for this traditional devotion.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12 October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis'

invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The MacMillan Coffee Morning last weekend raised £757 – grateful thanks to all who organised and supported this event for a very worthwhile cause.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** – this feast reminds us of the importance of the Rosary as a pattern for prayer and of Our Lady's powerful intercession.

Tuesday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Osyth, religious** – a minor princess of the Hwicca tribe, she was married to Sighere, King of the East Saxons. It is believed that Osyth founded a convent at the place that now bears her name, on a creek of the Colne in Essex. She is said to have been slain by marauders about the year 700.

Wednesday is the **National Feast of St John Henry Newman, priest** – an important figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century. Originally an evangelical Oxford academic and priest in the Church of England, Newman became a leader in the Oxford Movement. This influential grouping of Anglicans sought to return the Church of England to many Catholic beliefs and traditional forms of worship and ritual. In 1845 Newman was received into the Catholic Church and was eventually granted the rank of cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He was instrumental in the founding of the Catholic University of Ireland - which evolved into University College, Dublin, today, the largest university in Ireland. Newman died in 1890 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the United Kingdom in September 2010; canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

Thursday is the **National Memorial of St Paulinus of York, bishop** – a Roman missionary and the first Bishop of York. A member of the mission sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great to Christianise the Anglo-Saxons from their native paganism, Paulinus arrived in England by 604 with the second missionary group.

Friday is the **Memorial of St John XXIII, pope** – Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in the small village of Sotto il Monte in Italy, on 25 November 1881. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to poor parents who made their living as tenant farmers. Ordained a priest in 1904, he was appointed secretary to his bishop; when Italy was drawn into the war he was drafted into the Italian Army as a stretcher bearer and chaplain. In February 1925, he was sent to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitor to that country. Later, he was appointed Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and Greece and made titular archbishop of Mesembria. During his tenure as archbishop, Roncalli saved thousands of Jews and was named a "Righteous Gentile" following the war. In late 1944, the Church was anxious to remove clergy in France that had collaborated with the Nazis in various forms. Roncalli was sent to France as Nuncio to negotiate the retirement of bishops who were involved with the Nazis. In 1952, he was appointed Patriarch of Venice and, in the Conclave of 1958, was elected Pope, taking the name John. As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. It was originally expected that he would only serve a short time before passing away and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. However, Pope John XXIII was a man of great mercy and kindness and, much like Pope Francis, did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most important decision was to call the Second Vatican Council. In late 1962 he was diagnosed with stomach cancer and on 3 June 1963 he died, aged 81. The date chosen for his feast day, 11 October, marks the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

BISHOP'S VISIT

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.

LIVE MUSIC at the Collier Row Catholic Club

Limited number of tickets available (priced £7) to hear Dave Edwards and Dennis Stratton: Friday 1 November from 8.15 pm.

OPEN EVENING AT THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

The Palmer Catholic Academy would like to invite the parents/carers of Year 6 students to attend our Open Evening on Wednesday 9 October from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. The Palmer Catholic Academy is a very successful,

over-subscribed 11–18 mixed academy in the London Borough of Redbridge and forms part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust. Visit our website: www.tpc.academy for lots of useful information to read over.

'WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT GENDER' – Christian Approaches to challenging questions for changing times
The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Prof Tina Beattie at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Tuesday 8 October Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. Please register via the following link: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/we-need-to-talk-about-gender/>

RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE

Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is midday on Tuesday 15th October.

"MADE FOR A PURPOSE"

Year 13 Residential Retreat, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Weds 9th – Friday 11th October. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood, For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Visit www.bcys.net/events/year13 for more information and to apply.

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY ~ Saturday 12 October

On Saturday 12 October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

YOUTH GATHER at Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26 – 27 October

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. Applications are now open - you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

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.
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

5-6 Oct		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Liz Carthy Susana Gracia Andrew Green
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Robert Hale
12-13 Oct		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. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Terence Osuji 3. Nuala Doherty	Onyema Agbebi