

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given in memory of deceased members of the Taluban family.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of the Birnie family.

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 . . .

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. We keep him in our prayers, together with his wife Anne and their family and friends.

Jimmy Peters died on Wednesday 13 November. His body will be brought into the church on Tuesday 3 December at 4.30 pm and his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here the following day at 10.30 am with burial at Forest Park Cemetery. We keep him, Rita and their family in our prayers.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

30 Nov to 6 Dec: Leo Mason, Vera Spelling, Alf Dunsdon, Paul Jude, Doreen Macgregor, Louise Edwards, Mary O'Leary, Jack McCabe, Veronica Thorne, Kerrie Middleton, Anne Kavanagh, Reginald Blake, Malcolm Dudney, Mary Westrop, Michel (Ben) Farraud, Richard Tabram, Frank Parkin, Neil Barron, Eve Fearon, and Mary Milano.



MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 30 Nov : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 1 Dec : 9.00 am Agnes & Bill Merrigan RIP (Jonas)
11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 2 Dec : 9.15 am Pat Langan RIP (Foley)

Tuesday 3 Dec : 9.15 am Margaret Roche RIP (Butcher)

Wednesday 4 Dec : 9.15 am Emmanuela Giordmaina RIP (Borg)
10.30 am Requiem Mass for James Peters

Thursday 5 Dec : 9.15 am Santiago Joanes RIP (Fernandes)

SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

Friday 6 Dec : 9.15 am Josephine Walsh RIP (Fealty)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 7 Dec : 6.30 pm John Fowley int (Gibbs)

Sunday 8 Dec : 9.00 am Chris Pye & Ed Corcoran RIP (Pye)
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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First Sunday of Advent

30 November – 1 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

The new liturgical year begins with the season of Advent, as we move into Year C – the year when we read from Luke's Gospel at Sunday and feastday Masses. Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming, both as a baby at Christmas and in his second coming, whenever that will be. It is a season of waiting, preparing, reflecting and expecting. It is a penitential season, marked by the lack of the Gloria on Sundays, but not of the same austere character as Lent. We should try to avoid any temptation to bring Christmas into Advent, as we find in the rest of society (especially the shops) and remember that 25 December is not the end of Christmas, but the beginning of the Christmas season.

THE NEW LECTIONARY

This new Church year is particularly significant because with it comes the launch, at the behest of our bishops, of a new translation of the Lectionary. This new version is a continuation of the process of revising liturgical translations which began with the Roman Missal in 2011. The new Lectionary uses the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) and the Abbey Psalter. There is much that remains familiar – some psalm responses, for example, are unchanged – but an awful lot will sound different to the text we are familiar with and which we have been using for over forty years.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

A traditional text sung at Mass during Advent, set to music by the Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (died at Rome in 1594):

Ad te levavi animam meam, Deus meus, in te confido: non erubescam neque irideant me inimici mei.
Et enim universi qui te expectant non confundentur.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £765.05 (£391.00 of this was gift aided). The collection for the Youth Service and Walsingham House came to £231.27 (£133.40 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Nevin Zoe Pushparaj into God's Family through the Sacrament of Baptism – we pray that she, and her family, will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our Community of Faith.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Next weekend, 7/8 December, members of the SVP will be taking up their collection after all Masses.

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.

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.

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 CALENDARS

Copies of the 2025 *Missio* calendar are available in the porch – if you are a Red Box holder or are interested in the work *Missio* supports do help yourself to one.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Francis Xavier, priest** – one of the very first Jesuits and, after St Ignatius himself, a most outstanding priest. Although only 46 when he died in 1552, his preaching in the Far East has established him as one of the Church's patrons of the Missions.

Friday is the **Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church** – we recall the day in 1979 when our church was dedicated by Bishop Patrick Casey. We give thanks for this building, for those pioneers who had the inspiration and worked so hard to create it and for all who have built up the community that is the People of God, the Church, here at Corpus Christi. It is also the day when the Foundation Stone was laid by Bishop Bernard Patrick Wall exactly sixty years ago. Friday is also the **Optional Memorial of St Nicholas, bishop** – according to tradition, a fourth century bishop in what is now Turkey. He is still popular in some parts of Europe and children receive presents on this, his feastday. 'Santa Claus' is derived from a form of his name.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from the staff and trustees of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we come to the end of our 40th anniversary year, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese over the years. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

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.

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.

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).

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford - Headteacher Required from September 2025. The school is magnificent, and they are looking for an inspiring leader with great attention to standards of teaching and learning, wonderful pastoral care for the children, and all wrapped in a strong Catholic ethos which infuses every aspect of school life. Visits are warmly encouraged, and the deadline for applications is 9th December. All the details are on the Diocesan website: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-12-09_1200_St-Peters-Primary-School-Romford_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf

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

30 Nov-1 Dec		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Clare Scott
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Debbie Cullis 3.	Robert Hale
7-8 Dec		GROUP 4
6.30 pm	1. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu	Liz Lawrence Jean Capps Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Diane McCarthy 2. Maria Green 3. Roger King	Auxilia Rayan Alison Greene Kin Pritchard
11.30am	1. Terence Osuji 2. Nuala Doherty 3. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel	Onyema Agbebi