

### AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

We want to encourage everyone who is of African or Caribbean descent to join; our goal is to showcase our cultures and encourage members to attend Mass and church activities. If you would be interested in joining this new venture, contact: Martha – 07533 340622 or Chi – 07463 247424.



*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).

### 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 in memory of Kathleen & Joseph Frendo.

**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 dates still available is in the porch, together with the envelopes for donations.*

### *Please remember in your prayers*

#### **Those who are ill or housebound . . .**

Isabella Ayres, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Gloria Jackson, Joseph Kelly, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

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

**3-9 Aug:** George Goodfellow, Joseph Frendo, Father Tom Jordan, Peter Montrose, Pope St Paul VI, James Anderson and Bill Ragan.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 Aug : 6.30 pm Eleanor & John Smith (Maria & Frank)

Sunday 4 Aug : 9.00 am Michael Cole RIP (Kevin)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Monday 5 Aug : 9.15 am Joseph Frendo RIP (Butcher)

Tuesday 6 Aug : 9.15 am Ilya & Harry (Slawek)

10.15 am Requiem Mass for Emma McKernan

Wednesday 7 Aug : 9.15 am Guiseppa Sorrentino RIP (Carroll)

Thursday 8 Aug : 9.15 am Roy Bates RIP (Gray)

Friday 9 Aug : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Vettath)

#### NINEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10 Aug : 6.30 pm Eileen Rogers RIP

Sunday 11 Aug : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford, Essex RM5 2AP

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Father Philip Denton

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3-4 August 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)

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £720.03 (£353.70 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

A setting of a hymn in honour of the Blessed Sacrament – music by the English composer William Byrd (1540-1623).

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

*O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true body, born of Mary, truly killed, sacrificed, on the cross for man:*

*whose pierced side flowed with a tide of blood. The one first put to the test for us, in the trial of death.*

*O sweet, O gentle, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Rokas Mamonovas into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism; we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

### MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

**Emptying Red Boxes:** we can be fairly flexible about when this is done. This time of year, the half-way point, might be a time, if you haven't already done so, to take an envelope (they are in the porch), empty your box and return the contents in the next week or two. Thank you to those who have already brought in their envelopes. So far, this year, we have collected £401.44. The middle of December is the final emptying – ready for the year end Parish Totals. You can always empty your box at any time – especially if it is full!

### VACANCY FOR A PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH COORDINATOR

Inspire, nurture and accompany young people on the edge of East London. The parishes in the North Havering Parish Partnership (the parishes of Romford, Collier Row, Gidea Park and the two in Harold

Hill) are recruiting a Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator. Salary £30,000/year, closing date 10 September 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church, and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith within a diverse and vibrant part of London. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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

Monday is the **Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major** – this feast honours Our Lady and the famous church built in her honour in Rome 1500 years ago – *Santa Maria Maggiore*. The site on which it was built is said to have been indicated by a miraculous, isolated fall of snow there in (the heat of a Roman) August.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** – Peter, James and John, the disciples closest to Jesus, receive a glimpse of the glory that is his. On Mount Tabor, where he had gone to pray, his face appears to shine like the sun and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses (who represents The Law) and Elijah (representing The Prophets) appear. It is worth recalling that at this time the Jewish Scriptures had not been finalised – two main sections were recognised: The Law and The Prophets (the third section - The Writings - was not added until the second century AD). The appearance of Moses and Elijah are, therefore, significant: they represent the Bible as it was then; here we see Jesus in dialogue with representatives of the Word of God. And a voice is heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Sixtus II, pope and his companions, martyrs** – in 258, with several others, this saint was put to the sword after only twelve months as Bishop of Rome.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Dominic, priest and founder** – of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans. These friars set new standards of learning in the Church in the later Middle Ages.

Friday is the **European Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin and martyr** – born at Wroclaw, Poland, in 1891 into a Jewish German family. Although raised in the Jewish tradition, at fourteen Edith declared herself an atheist. She studied philosophy at Göttingen and Freiburg with a special interest in phenomenology. Drawn to the Catholic faith, she converted and was baptised in 1922. Her career as a teacher was interrupted by the racist Nuremberg Laws, and she entered the Carmelite convent at Cologne, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In 1942, she was deported together with her sister, to the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where she died in a gas chamber. She was canonised in 1998 – a daughter of Israel and of the Church and has since been declared a Patron of Europe.

*"The Gospel's invitation is this: rather than being concerned only with the material bread that feeds us, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other" – Pope Francis*

#### PARISH 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. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 7 August at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

#### WALSINGHAM HOUSE RETREAT MANAGER VACANCY

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role, but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

#### WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS - 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

This year marks 60 years since the opening of the first Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31 August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

#### SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL

If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

#### JOIN US IN SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES!

The Catholic Fellowship Disability Network (CFDN) has supported individuals with disabilities and their families across Essex and East London since 1962. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers of all ages, especially younger people, to bring new ideas and experiences to our charity. Why Volunteer? You will not only make a difference in your community, gain valuable experience and be part of a supportive network, but share your ideas, experience and skills in helping us maintain our charitable legacy. To get involved, please visit: [www.cfdn.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.cfdn.org.uk/volunteer) or contact us at [info@cfdn.org.uk](mailto:info@cfdn.org.uk)

#### 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/>

#### MINISTRY ROTA

The current Rota will be available soon on the parish website – in the 'Rotas' section.

In the meantime, there are paper copies in the Sacristy.

For the time being, the newsletter will only list those ministering this week and next.

Readers & 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

3-4 August		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2. Eileen Collier 3. Shantay Charles	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. 3. Alex Hinton	Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. 3.	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat
10-11 August		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. 2. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 3.	Maria Smith Clare Scott David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Andrew Green Liz Carthy Susana Gracia
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Robert Hale Adam Beddoe

#### OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Please come and pray with us! Monday evenings 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. We ask Our Lady to guide us in prayer, and she always does! We can be silent too! Bring a friend! Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).