

BISHOP'S VISIT

We have received notification that 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.

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 Ian Sheridan.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Sister Aquinas.

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 . . .

21-29 Sept: Clelcia Patricia Seeger, Blanche Spring, Bridget Rowan, Ethel Henshaw, Molly Hammersley, Eileen Mulhearn, Nancy Foote, Margaret Campbell, Florrie Kemzura, Michael Lyons, Father Ninian McNamara SJ (*former Chaplain at The Champion School*), Josephine Flaherty, Sister Aquinas Frayne, Green (Joe) Joseph, Sheila Oxby, Bridget (Barbara) Dobson, Venerable John Paul I, Mick Clark, Michael Smith, Bamidele Suleiman, John Rowan, Harry Hopkins, James Kennedy and Ted Lampy.



MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21 Sept : 6.30 pm Maureen Sammon RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 22 Sept : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Earl 'Tony' Joseph RIP (Hamilton/Okoye)

Monday 23 Sept : 9.15 am Ian Sheridan RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 24 Sept : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Onyuke)

Wednesday 25 Sept : 9.15 am Ray Lobendhan int (McGoay)

Thursday 26 Sept : 9.15 am Green Joseph RIP (Marie & family)

Friday 29 Sept : 9.15 am SVP Intentions

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 28 Sept : 6.30 pm Veronica Nolan RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 29 Sept : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Tony & Justine Knight RIP (Cast)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21-22 September 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

PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £1019.60 (£519.00 of this was gift aided). The collection for the Evangelii Gaudium Sunday came to £172.50 (£157.50 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The motet during Holy Communion this weekend is "*The Lamb has come for us*" – words by the fourth century Syrian, St Ephraim; music by the Scottish composer James MacMillan (b 1959):

The Lamb has come for us from the House of David, the priest and pontiff from Abraham, he became for us both Lamb and pontiff, giving his Body for sacrifice, his Blood for sprinkling, blessed is his accomplishment. Mary carried him as a child, the priest carried him as an offering, the Cross carried him as the one slain! Heaven carried him as God! Praise to his Father. Whom have we, Lord, like you, the Great One who became small, the wakeful who slept? The pure one who was baptised, the living one who died, the King who abased himself to ensure honour for all. Blessed is your honour.

READERS AND EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The new rota is available on the parish website (under "Rotas") and there are paper copies in the Sacristy. If you would like to join the rota – please have a word with Fr Philip or John, there are a number of vacancies!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday 29 September after morning Masses to raise money for Cancer Research; there will be tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be a table-top sale. Help to run this event would be very welcome as would donations for the sale and raffle prizes (contact Jean on 07591 655635).

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina** – perhaps better known as Padre Pio, Francesco Forgione was born in 1887 at Pietrelcina, northeast Naples. He became a Capuchin friar, choosing the name Pius. Ordained priest in 1910, in 1916 he was transferred to the friary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he spent the rest of his life. He was active in caring for the needy and revealed gifts as a miracle worker. In 1918 he received the stigmata, a sign of communion with the passion of Christ. He died in 1968 and was canonised in 2002.

Tuesday is the **National Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham** – in 1061 the Lady Richeldis received a vision of Our Lady, asking her to build a replica of the home of the Holy Family, here in the village of Walsingham. The shrine became known as England's Nazareth and was one of the most frequented places of pilgrimage in medieval Europe. Destroyed at the Reformation, it was restored in the 20th century by both Anglicans and Catholics as a place of devotion to the Mother of God.

Thursday is the **Memorial of SS Cosmas and Damian** – these brothers lived in Cilicia, southern Turkey, between the third and fourth centuries. They were doctors who treated the sick without asking for payment, and both died as martyrs during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. In art, they are always depicted together, with containers of drugs and medical instruments. Patrons of doctors, surgeons, dentists, pharmacists, midwives, barbers and hairdressers; they are invoked against the plague, glandular inflammations, kidney problems, gallstones and distemper.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Vincent de Paul** – the SVP honours this saint by bearing his name. St Vincent founded the Vincentian Fathers and, also, shared in founding the world-renowned Sisters of Charity. He died in 1660.

CALAIS LIGHT

This weekend, Sept 20-22, Calais Light are taking their 29th convoy to help refugees in Northern France. Thirty volunteers from across the Diocese will be bringing essential food and medical supplies to continue helping refugees exposed to increasingly lethal risks, desperately trying to survive and seek sanctuary. 20 people have drowned in the last month alone. Please sponsor the work of Calais Light, if you can. Calais Light say, "Our volunteers are ordinary people spending their own weekend to help others. Each volunteer pays their own way, so all donations directly benefit the hundreds of men, women and children stranded across Northern France who desperately need help." For more information and to donate, visit <https://www.calaislight.com/>

OPEN EVENING AT BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2025. For prospective Year 7 students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 26 September 2024 from 6.30pm - 9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Please note that there are no on-site parking facilities available.

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. All are welcome but need to 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.

ART EXHIBITION

The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of art work by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5th October, 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinson's Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

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.

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 the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

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 and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

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

In the meantime, there are 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

21-22 Sept		GROUP 1
6.30 pm	1. Ngozi Obiakonwa 2. Margaret Smith 3. Carleen Heath	Frank Smith Dylan Scott Donna Hector
9.00 am	1. Andrew Shaw 2. 3. Diane McCarthy	Olivia Paton Jacklin De Lima Noel Foley
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Barbara Binder Louise Seaton Pam Hale
28-29 Sept		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Collier 2. Shantay Charles 3. Sue Butcher	Caroline Ramstead Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson
9.00 am	1. Wally Barnes 2. Alex Hinton 3.	Eileen Jonas Mary Brennan Peter Hale
11.30am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Triston Osuji 3. Nicole Osuji	Michael Chadwick Margaret Moffat