

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 in memory of John O'Driscoll.
The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Florence Clark.



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, Jackie Burr, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Ken Hay, Gloria Jackson, Catherine Kelly, 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 15 January at 5 pm and his Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 16 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.

Pat Smerdon died on Thursday 26 December – her Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Friday 24 January at 1.15 pm followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep Pat, her husband John and all the family in our prayers.

Win Deal died on Monday 30 December; arrangements for her funeral to follow.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

11-17 Jan: Jeanette Moss, Francis Byrne, Nell Merritt, Chris Rumford, Albert Twomey, Joyce Chadwick, Josephine Walton, William Hay, John O'Driscoll, Edna Miller Jones, John Pidgeon, Francesco Milano, Edward Togher, John O'Brien, Agnes & Logan Kelly, Richard Wellman, Ellen Glen and Phyllis Guidotti.



MASS INTENTIONS

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 11 Jan : 6.30 pm John O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll family)

Sunday 12 Jan : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Bridget & James Casey int (Wilson)

Monday 13 Jan : 9.15 am Joyce & Stephen Chadwick RIP (Michael)

Tuesday 14 Jan : 9.15 am Agnes & Logan Kelly RIP (Gray)

Wednesday 15 Jan : 9.15 am Fiona Vettath in thanksgiving (Vettath family)

Thursday 16 Jan : 9.15 am Jim Peters RIP (Donahue)
10.30 am Requiem Mass for Robert Dick

Friday 17 Jan : 9.15 am Carmel McCormack RIP (Donovan)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 18 Jan : 6.30 pm Joseph Duggan RIP (Peter)

Sunday 19 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:
Father Philip Denton

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 11-12 January 2025



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 £897.95 (£385.00 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As is our custom in this diocese – our offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place from Christmas Eve until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Friday 2 February.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis, Alleluia.
Memento te mirabilium eius quae fecit, prodigia eius, et iudicia oris eius.

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis, Alleluia.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis, Christum induistis, Alleluia.

*All of you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ, Alleluia.
Remember His miracles which He did, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth.*

All of you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be forever. Amen.

All of you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ, Alleluia.

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).

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 and application forms will be available soon; look out for the announcement in the newsletter.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

From Monday we begin the **Season of Ordinary Time before Lent**; as the Diocesan Calendar explains, this season "does not celebrate any particular aspect of the mysteries of Christ, but rather the mystery of Christ himself in his fullness is recalled, especially on Sundays". On Sundays and Solemnities the readings are from Year C – the Year of Luke. On weekdays, Cycle 1.

Monday is the **Memorial of St Hilary, bishop and teacher of the faith** – a fourth century bishop of Poitiers; his writings make it quite plain that Jesus is both man and God.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Antony, abbot** – a man of wisdom, holiness and understanding of human nature. Early in the fourth century he organised the very first monks, groups of men who, like himself, lived as hermits. He became known as the 'friend of God' and died in 356.

FILM EVENING IN ROMFORD

An inspiring film about a pioneering black female leader, "On a bet and a prayer," tells the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV and Radio presenter, and more recently the founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Along the way she has battled cancer. The film will be shown at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford RM1 4AT, on Friday 28th February as part of an evening running from 6.30 – 9pm. Gather from 6.30, film at 7pm, and then after the film Mary herself will be available for a Q&A. The cost for the evening is £10, but places are limited; please book on the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185> – for any questions about the evening please contact the organisers via the website.

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 are organising a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year. There are just a few places remaining, which we are keen to fill as soon as possible so flight bookings can be confirmed. We depart on Sunday 26th October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available online at https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025. Please return the completed form to St Joseph's Upminster with your deposit (card details or cheque payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

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.

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.

VACANCY FOR A COMMUNICATIONS & FUNDRAISING ADMINISTRATOR

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively. The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email jjabbott@bccs.org.uk or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before 31st January 2025.

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.

NEW MINISTRY ROTA

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

Paper copies are available 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

11-12 Jan		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. Diane McCarthy 3.	Noel Foley Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton
11.30am	1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty	Barbara Binder Pam Hale Louise Seaton
18-19 Jan		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. Marie Joseph 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