

AFRO-CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

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

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).

SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given for the intentions of all our parishioners.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of Margaret Roche.

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 . . .

Mary Barnard (in hospital following a fall), 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.

Those whose memory we keep at this time . . .

7-13 Dec: Alfred Tidey, Stanley Ford, Christopher Pye, Johanna Murphy, Honora Burn, John Hatch, Finbarr O'Mahoney, Peter Prior, Fred Archer, Edith Daley, Peter Welcome, Stanislaw Poniowski, Hannah Ayers, Margaret Secker, Joe O'Donoghue and Ken Deal.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday 9 Dec : 9.15 am Edward & Maria Santana Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Tuesday 10 Dec : 9.15 am Margaret O'Leary RIP (Gibbs)

Wednesday 11 Dec : 9.15 am Mr A Katz RIP (Hale)

Thursday 12 Dec : 9.15 am Members of Our Parish Community

Friday 13 Dec : 9.15 am Joe Kelly RIP (Brennan)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 14 Dec : 6.30 pm Ita Patterson RIP (Foley)

Sunday 15 Dec : 9.00 am Ita Patterson RIP (Foley)

11.30 am Conceicao Fernandes RIP (Rose)

Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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Second Sunday of Advent

7-8 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

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

This weekend members of the SVP will be taking up their collection after all Masses.

YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £806.32 (£414.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

To help with our preparation for the celebration of Christmas, Father Philip and Father Dominic will again be leading Services of Reconciliation, with the opportunity for individual absolution:

Wednesday 18 December at 11.00 am at St Edward's, Park End Road, Romford.

Thursday 19 December at 7.00 pm here at Corpus Christi.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Rorate Caeli – an Advent antiphon set to music by the English composer William Byrd (died 1623 and buried at Stondon Massey in Essex).

Rorate caeli desuper et nubes plurant justum: aperiat terra et germinet salvatorem.

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Gloria patri, et filio et spiritui sancto: sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper: et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Rorate Caeli desuper et nubes plurant justum: aperiat terra et germinet salvatorem.

Drop down you heavens from above, and let the clouds rain righteousness:

let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

You have blessed your earth, O Lord: you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Drop down you heavens from above, and let the clouds rain righteousness:

let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

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 END OF YEAR – FINAL EMPTYING OF THE RED BOXES IN 2025

Money collected in 2025 has to be paid in to the Missio bank account before the end of the year. It would be really helpful if you could take a Missio envelope from the porch, empty your box into the envelope and return it to the church before Christmas. Thank you those who have already done so and thank you for your ongoing support for the missions.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (transferred from its usual date: 8 December) - from the very first moments of her existence in the womb of St Anne, her mother, Our Lady was preserved from the state of Original Sin: she was 'full of grace'. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote that this feast, falling as it does early in Advent, is also the 'basic preparation for the coming of the Saviour, as well as the happy beginning of the Church, without spot or wrinkle'.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Lucy** - another of those virgin-martyr saints from the early Church, so popular in their own time, but about whom we have few details now.

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.

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

| 7-8 Dec | | GROUP 4 |
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| 6.30 pm | 1. Lili Gargiulo Thomas 2. Mick Doolan 3. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu | Liz Lawrence Jean Capps Kim Ayling |
| 9.00 am | 1. 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 |
| 14-15 Dec | | GROUP 5 |
| 6.30 pm | 1. Carleen Heath 2. Frank Smith 3. Margaret Smith | Dylan Scott Ngozi Obiakonwa |
| 9.00 am | 1. Andrew Shaw 2. Diane McCarthy 3. | Jacklin De Lima Olivia Paton Noel Foley |
| 11.30am | 1. Toke Aina 2. Shirley Hay 3. Isabel Hegarty | Louise Seaton Barbara Binder Pam Hale |

CHRISTMAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI



CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30 pm
10.00 pm

Tuesday 24 December

Mass of the Vigil
Mass during the Night

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am
11.30 am

Wednesday 25 December

Mass of the Dawn
Mass of the Day