

### 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 Cyril Sequerah.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given in memory of members of the Foley-Gracia family.



*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 . . .

**Joe Smithers** died at St Francis' Hospice on Thursday 20 February. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 19 March at 12.30 pm, followed by the Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium. We keep Joe and Pat and their family in our prayers.

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

**15-21 March:** Hannah White, Thomas Hosking, Pat O'Mahoney, Robert Hitchcock, Dennis Carroll, Leslie Jones, Frances Byrne, Vera Wright, George Compton, Ivy Servois, Bernard Gay, Eamonn Galvin, Julia Greene, Rita Blake and Alfred Rodburn.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 15 March : 6.30 pm Patrick Roche & Badar Durrani RIP (Butcher)

Sunday 16 Mar : 9.00 am Sandra Ilena Johnson RIP (Jonas)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

#### FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK

Monday 17 Mar : 9.15 am Kate Welcome int (McGoay)

10.30 am Mass in St Patrick's School

Tuesday 18 Mar : 9.15 am John O'Callaghana RIP

#### SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday 19 Mar : 9.15 am Jorge Sobral RIP (Church Cleaning Team)

12.30 pm Requiem Mass for Joe Smithers

Thursday 20 Mar : 9.15 am Sunny Vettath RIP (Vettath family)

Friday 21 Mar : 9.15 am Cyril Sequerah RIP (Sequerah family)

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 22 Mar : 6.30 pm Holy Souls

Sunday 23 Mar : 9.00 am David Pye RIP (Pye family)

11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

## Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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Father Philip Denton

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## Second Sunday of Lent 15-16 March 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

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Wednesday : 7.30 pm

### 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)

### CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Friday was the Lent Fast Day – when we were asked to fast and offer the money saved to help the work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Please support this as best you can; CAFOD undertakes a vast amount of work in the poorest parts of the developing world – providing aid that is now severely restricted by governments here and abroad. Feeding the hungry is a Gospel imperative; we cannot turn our backs on those in such great need. There will be a basket as you leave church.

### LENT OFFERINGS

This year, we are supporting "World Villages for Children" – which aims to end poverty through education. If you didn't see the information on the back of last week's Readings Sheet, there are spare copies in the porch; also in the porch there is a display outlining the work of this charity in the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras and Tanzania. Or visit: [worldvillages.org.uk](http://worldvillages.org.uk)

### WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

This traditional Lenten devotion takes place on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. Each week we shall use a different series of meditations from a variety of spiritual writers.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £952.34 (£486.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

### SPICMA – providing water wells in Africa

As the financial year comes to an end we can report that, during the past twelve months, we have been able to send £1,874.25 to SPICMA; the total water bucket donations, since we started collecting in 2012, have come to £22,435.60.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS – APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE

If you come to Mass here at Corpus Christi, are in Year 11 (or older) and are interested in being Confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday 6 July, please collect information about the programme of

preparation and an application form from Father Philip after Mass. You should do this yourself, in person. The final date for returning completed application forms is Sunday 6 April.

### SPRING EDITION OF MISSION TODAY AVAILABLE NOW

If you are a Red Box holder, or are interested in the work of *Mission*, the Spring edition of the magazine "Mission Today" is available in the church porch, with information about the missionary activity you are supporting through your donations.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale this weekend, St Patrick's Day cards, 17 March.

### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Words from Psalm 136, set to music by the Italian composer Giovanni Pierluigi (1525-1594) - better known as Palestrina (the place of his birth). Palestrina spent his life based at Rome in the service of the Church, writing for the Pope and the Papal Choir.

Super flumina Babylonis, illic sedimus, et flevimus, dum recordaremur tui Sion.

*By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept while we remembered thee, O Zion.*

### INTER FAITH DIALOGUE

An edited recording of the talk given by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at Gidea Park parish is now available on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). The Cardinal explained how the Second Vatican Council encourages dialogue with people of other faiths, and described especially the contribution of Pope Francis to this work.

### JOIN CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

### CARITAS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the second talk in the series 'Proclaim the Word', entitled 'A richer table of God's Word', Fr Adrian Graffy explains how after the Second Vatican Council readings from all parts of the Bible were arranged so that more abundant provision of Sacred Scripture is available to all at Mass. The talk will be at 7 pm (tea and coffee from 6.30 pm) on Wednesday 2 April at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is also available via live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No need to book for this free event.

### THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. Free admission. Wednesday 12 March – Monday 21 April at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY. St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm. The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website: <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/> And on You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>

### 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 meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the

Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. You're not alone on this journey.! All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

### LIVE MUSIC AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Friday 28 March with Gary Oliver – as seen on "Stars In Their Eyes" - Songs from the 50s until now. Show starts at 8 pm; tickets £5 from the Bar.

### 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/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto: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](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

### DIOCESEAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood)

### BRENTWOOD URSULINE - 125th Anniversary

To mark our 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26 April, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: [www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk)

### 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.

## MINISTRY ROTA

The 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

15-16 March		GROUP 2
6.30 pm	1. Shantay Charles 2. Sue Butcher 3. Eileen Collier	Mary O'Driscoll Kulangara Johnson Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	1. Alex Hinton 2. Marie Joseph 3.	Mary Brennan Peter Hale Eileen Jonas
11.30am	1. Triston Osuji 2. Nicole Osuji 3. Stephen Doherty	Margaret Moffat Michael Chadwick
22-23 March		GROUP 3
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	David Elliott Clare Scott Peter Duggan
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2. Adekemi Ogunro 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Ify Okoye 2. Tsitsi Brooks 3. Debbie Cullis	Robert Hale Hilda Fernandes