

### 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).

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The lamp in honour of Our Lady is given by a generous benefactor.

The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph is given for the intentions of Sarah O'Driscoll.



*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 . . .*

**8-14 March:** Luigi Fasulo, Lamorna (Josie) Jarvis, Paddy Conway, Joseph Nwosu, Reg Bradbrook, Nicholas Zervos, Liam Brennan, Bridie Clancy, Karl Deal, Maria Mazza, John Harrington, Eric Moores and Kevin White.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 8 March : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 9 Mar : 9.00 am in thanksgiving for my family & for their intentions (Jonas)

11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 10 Mar : 9.15 am Reg Bradbrook RIP (Bernie)

Tuesday 11 Mar : 9.15 am Joe Smithers RIP (Dolby)

Wednesday 12 Mar : 9.15 am Sunny Vettath RIP (Vettath family)

Thursday 13 Mar : 9.15 am Eleanor Allen-Foley RIP (Mullaly)

Friday 14 Mar : 9.15 am Hannah, James & Kevin White RIP (McGoay)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 15 Mar : 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

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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

### Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

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## First Sunday of Lent 8-9 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 is the Lent Fast Day – when we are 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.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your Parish Offerings amounted to £902.13 (£402.30 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continued support and contributions to our parish.

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

If you come to Mass here at Corpus Christi 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

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

### MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

The motet *Miserere mei, Deus* – the opening words of Psalm 50, set to music by the English composer William Byrd (c1539-1623). Living during a turbulent time in England, Byrd remained faithful to his Catholic faith and continued writing music for the liturgy, which would often be celebrated in safe houses and in secret. This piece is from a collection of motets, his *Cantiones Sacrae 1591*. He was buried at night, in an unmarked grave somewhere in the churchyard at Stondon Massey in Essex.

*Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam;  
et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam*

*Have mercy on me, God, in accordance with your great mercy;  
and in accordance with the greatness of your pity, do away with my wrong-doing.*

### 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.

### 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](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org)

### 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.

### SINGING FOR THE BRAIN

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

### HEADTEACHER VACANCY – details on the Diocesan website

**St Peter's Primary School, Romford** Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 17 March 2025

### DIOCESAN 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)

### 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

| 8-9 March   |   | GROUP 1   |
|-------------|---|---|
| 6.30 pm     | 1. Margaret Smith<br>2. Carleen Heath<br>3. Ngozi Obiakonwa | Dylan Scott<br>Donna Hector<br>Frank Smith                |
| 9.00 am     | 1. Diane McCarthy<br>2. Andrew Shaw<br>3.                   | Olivia Paton<br>Noel Foley                                |
| 11.30am     | 1. Isabel Hegarty<br>2. Toke Aina<br>3. Shirley Hay         | Pam Hale<br>Louise Seaton<br>Barbara Binder               |
| 15-16 March |   | GROUP 2   |
| 6.30 pm     | 1. Shantay Charles<br>2. Sue Butcher<br>3. Eileen Collier   | Mary O'Driscoll<br>Kulangara Johnson<br>Caroline Ramstead |
| 9.00 am     | 1. Alex Hinton<br>2. Marie Joseph<br>3.                     | Mary Brennan<br>Peter Hale<br>Eileen Jonas                |
| 11.30am     | 1. Triston Osuji<br>2. Nicole Osuji<br>3. Stephen Doherty   | Margaret Moffat<br>Michael Chadwick                       |