

### OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP

Monday evenings (except Public Holidays) 7.30-9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close, RM5 3EJ. Children over First Communion age also welcome. We pray the rosary together, a chance to learn if you are not familiar with it. Contact Eileen Jonas (07442 173956).

#### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

**The lamp in honour of Our Lady** is given in memory of Deceased members of the Akpey family.

**The lamp in honour of Saint Joseph** is given in memory of Sarah O'Driscoll.

*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, Ray Lobendhan, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Jim Peters, Stephen Smithers, June and Sue Spelling, Mary Treston, Tracy Tucker, Kate Welcome and Yvonne Wilson.

#### **Those who have died recently . . .**

**Margaret Harrington** died on Sunday 6 October. We pray for her and keep Pat and their family in our prayers.

**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 . . .**

**2-8 Nov:** Norah Fitzpatrick, Antonia Maxim, Sheila Kromer, John Kerans, Stephen Snoxell, Vincent Keaney, Compton Glasgow, James Curtis, Jim Cuff, John Kemzura, Charles Field, Doreen Doyle and Moira Kelly.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 2 Nov : 6.30 pm Paddy O'Donoghue RIP (Conneely)

Sunday 3 Nov : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am Thanksgiving (Onyiuke)

Monday 4 Nov : 9.15 am Sarah O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

Tuesday 5 Nov : 9.15 am Emmanuela Giordmaina RIP (Borg)

Wednesday 6 Nov : 9.15 am Paul Goodfellow RIP (Smith)

Thursday 7 Nov : 9.15 am John Merrigan int (Jonas)

Friday 8 Nov : 9.15 am Thanksgiving (Brennan)

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9 Nov : 6.30 pm Timothy O'Driscoll RIP (O'Driscoll)

Sunday 10 Nov : 9.00 am The Dempsey family (O'Driscoll)  
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 2-3 November 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We hope that the programme of preparation for Roman Catholic children in Year 3 or above will begin soon after Christmas and will involve a series of sessions on Saturday mornings (once per month) in the Parish Hall. We need a team of people to work with small groups of children, under the guidance of Mrs Olivia Paton (the former Headteacher of our school). Without a team it will be difficult (if not impossible) for the programme to run. If you would be prepared to help in this important work, please speak with Fr Philip or John. As with anyone who works with children, you would need to be happy to complete an application for a police check (the "DBS") to comply with the Church's safeguarding practice. Once we have a team of catechists, we shall be in a position to produce application forms and publish the dates of the sessions and of the celebrations of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Teddy Mackenzie into God's Family, the Church – we pray that he and his family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

### YOUR OFFERINGS LAST WEEKEND

Parish Offerings last weekend amounted to £835.41 (£376.50 of this was gift aided). Thank you for your continuing support for the life and ministry of our church and its community.

### COFFEE MORNING LAST WEEKEND

The Coffee Morning/Afternoon organised by the Afro-Caribbean group raised £65.73 for parish funds – our thanks to the organisers and all who supported it.

### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we especially remember our dead and their influence on us, the living. We also pray for them and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God. Our custom here, for many years, is to leave the names of our loved ones before the altar throughout the month. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch; please place them in the offertory

baskets, put them through the letter box at Church House or hand them in to the sacristy. Any offerings you make will help to provide Masses for the Holy Souls, celebrated during November and throughout the year.

**THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .**

Monday is the **Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, bishop** – Cardinal Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584. Among his many qualities was a great practical love for the poor. He was a tower of strength to the post-Reformation Church. His advice and blessing were highly valued by newly-ordained priests from the Venerable English College in Rome. Bound for home and possible martyrdom, they made a point of first visiting St Charles.

Thursday is the **National Memorial of St Willibrord, bishop** - born in about 658 in the Kingdom of Northumbria, he was an Anglo-Saxon missionary, known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" in the modern Netherlands. He became the first bishop of Utrecht and died in 739 at Echternach, Luxembourg.

**ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**

We have received an invitation from The Campion School for anyone who would like to attend the annual Christmas Party – this year on Sunday 15 December between 12.30 and 5.00 pm, with lunch served at 1.30 pm. Names and contact phone numbers to Father Philip or John to be added to the list in the Sacristy. Places are limited to fifteen people: first come, first served. Final date for booking a place: Wednesday 27 November.

**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. Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 6 November, at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Further meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**RUN ALPHA - Catholic Context, Romford**

Join the Alpha UK Catholic Context team on Saturday 9th November, 10am-3.30pm at St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Romford for a session especially tailored for Catholic parishes to explore Alpha as a tool for evangelisation. **Run Alpha** is designed to give you the opportunity to experience sample Alpha sessions, discover how Alpha works in a Catholic parish setting, hear from other parishes already running Alpha, and most importantly to give you space to ask all your questions. The event is free. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. More details about the day can be found in the registration link below. To register for Run Alpha in Romford please follow this link: Run Alpha – Catholic Context, Romford Tickets, Sat 9 Nov 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Michael Roche at Michael.Roche@alpha.org

**CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET – Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School**

Saturday 16 November: 4 to 8 pm. £2 entry, children free. Boundary Road Entrance. BBQ, refreshments, Santa's Grotto, Carol Singing and much more. Huge range of craft stalls.

**PROCLAIM THE WORD: A SERIES OF TALKS FOR READERS/LECTORS**

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled 'He stood up to read (Lk 4:16)', will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road,

Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.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](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.

**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.

There are a few 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

2-3 Nov		GROUP 7
6.30 pm	1. Kammalunna Onyekonwu 2. 3.	Clare Scott David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Adekemi Ogunro 2. Pat Pridham 3.	Susana Gracia Andrew Green Liz Carthy
11.30am	1. Debbie Cullis 2. Ify Okoye 3.	Robert Hale
9-10 Nov		GROUP 8
6.30 pm	1. Jean Capps 2. Hanyeolisa Onyekonwu 3. Mick Doolan	Liz Lawrence Lili Garagiulo Thomas Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Kim Pritchard 3. Diane McCarthy	Alison Greene Maria Green Auxilia Rayan
11.30am	1. Oluwajuwon Emmanuel 2. Onyema Agbebi 3. Terence Osuji	Nuala Doherty

from **Pope Francis' Angelus Address**, St Peter's Square, All Saints' Day, 1 November 2024

Today, Solemnity of All Saints, in the Gospel (cf. Mt 5:1-12), Jesus proclaims the identity card of the Christian. And what is the identity card of the Christian? The Beatitudes. It is our identity card, and also the way of holiness. Jesus shows us a path, that of love, which He Himself took first by making Himself man, and which for us is both a gift from God and our response. Gift and response.

It is a gift from God because, as Saint Paul says, it is He who sanctifies (cf. 1 Cor 6:11). And this is why the Lord is the first we ask to make us holy, to make our heart similar to His. With His grace, He heals us and frees us from all that prevents us from loving as He loves us (cf. Jn 13:34), so that in us, as Blessed Carlo Acutis used to say, there may always be "less of me to make room for God".

And this leads us to the second point: our response. The Father of heaven indeed offers us His holiness, but He does not impose it. He sows it in us, He makes us taste its flavour and see its beauty, but then He awaits our response. He leaves us the freedom of following His good inspirations, of letting ourselves be involved in His plans, of making His sentiments ours, putting ourselves, as He taught us, in the service of others, with an ever more universal charity, open and addressed to all, to the entire world.

We see all of this in the life of the saints, even in our time ... Brothers and sisters, how much hidden saintliness there is in the Church! We recognize so many brothers and sisters formed by the Beatitudes: poor, meek, merciful, hungry and thirsty for justice, workers for peace. They are people "filled with God", incapable of remaining indifferent to the needs of their neighbour; they are witnesses of shining paths, possible for us too.