

Message from Kate Welcome, Missio Co-ordinator

Thank you to all red box holders who donated so generously in 2020. As soon as I receive the confirmed amount from Missio head office I will of course let you know. During such adverse conditions this year I think your efforts have been marvellous. There are a few Missio calendars at the back of the Church if you wish to take one.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Rose Sheridan, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those who have died recently . . .

Norman Barnard died on Christmas Eve; his Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Monday 18 January. Due to limits on the number permitted to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. We keep Mary and their family in our prayers.

Mary Hegarty died on Wednesday 30 December; we remember Mick and their family in our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

2-8 Jan: Frances Larkin, Betty Tunkin, Patrick Riordan, Ian Moffat, Arthur Eyley, Martine Doolan, Derrick Clarke, Doreen Archer, Patrick Lennon, Sheila Hosking, Brian De'ath, Catherine O'Shea, Tony McCartan, Terry Harrington, Valerie Hammond, David Hart, Derek Wilson, John Allen, Nora Knight, Henry McDermott, Catherine Spurling, Alfred Bines and Tony Eyley.

SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of **Our Lady** is in memory of Martine Doolan.

The light in honour of **Saint Joseph** is for all the members of our parish community.

The light in honour of Our Lady has been generously supported by donations for the whole of 2021. If you would like to help with the upkeep of the light in the Chapel of Saint Joseph; envelopes are available in the church porch.



MASS INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

Saturday 2 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 3 Jan : 9.00 am Martine Doolan RIP (Mick)
11.30 am Frances Larkin RIP (McKie)

Monday 4 Jan : 9.00 am Father Michael Horrax RIP (PACT Nottingham)

Tuesday 5 Jan : 9.00 am Bridget & James Casey int (Wilson)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Wednesday 6 Jan : 9.00 am Mary Mathew RIP (Rani)
7.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Thursday 7 Jan : 9.00 am John, Mary, Kathleen, Sean & James Brennan RIP (Hope)

Friday 8 Jan : 9.00 am Holy Souls

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday 9 Jan : 6.30 pm Philomena O'Connor RIP (Downey)

Sunday 10 Jan : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community
11.30 am Thanksgiving – Fiona Vettath (Arun)

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Second Sunday after the Nativity

2-3 January 2021



Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday : 9.00 am – 12.00 noon

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday : 6.30 pm, Sunday : 9.00 am and 11.30 am

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday : 9.00 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

THE CHURCH IS OPEN

every morning for private prayer:
9.00 am to 12 noon.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

Live and recorded streaming of Mass can be accessed from the Home page of the website

CHRISTMAS THANKS

My sincere thanks to you for your generosity to me, personally, this Christmas: your cards, good wishes, gifts and kind offerings; for all of them, I am most grateful.

Father Philip

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Offerings at Christmas, our personal gift to Father Philip, amounted to £4206.22 (£3045.00 of this was gift-aided).

PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £487.30 (of which £186.70 was gift-aided). Thank you for your continued generosity.

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 until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) on Tuesday 2 February.

DONATIONS USING QR CODES

It is now possible to make donations using your mobile phone and QR codes. There are notices in the porch for contributions to the parish and to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (crib offerings).

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Except for Wednesday, this week we celebrate the Masses of the Feria of Christmastide.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** – which is a holyday of obligation. However, we are reminded that the 'obligation' to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays has been lifted due to the pandemic.

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

At the moment, the Foodbank is closed until 8 January. Please hang on to any donations until then.

TIER 4 RESTRICTIONS

In light of the severe rise in COVID infections in this area, it is worth reminding ourselves of the rules that are in place for places of worship in Tier 4 areas. Whilst we are allowed to remain open for worship and private prayer, we have a responsibility to re-double our efforts to keep our church and community free from the coronavirus. You may find some of these restrictions very difficult as we are used to greeting others and chatting with them. We are told that the virus loves social contact.

Please note: a "support bubble" is a household that has joined with a single person who lives on their own.

- In the church building, you must not meet with friends and family unless they are part of your household (or support bubble).
- Before and after Mass, you must not mingle or interact with anyone from outside your household (or support bubble).
- You must also not meet with people outside of your household (or support bubble) in most outdoor public venues. Outside of the church building you may speak, one-to-one, with another person.
- You should maintain strict social distancing at all times (at least one metre, preferably more).
- Face coverings must be worn over the mouth and nose (unless there is a medical or other exemption).
- Prayer or study groups must not take place in person.
- **Funerals** can be attended by a maximum of 30 people. Anyone working is not counted in these limits. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together (or share a support bubble).
- **Weddings** should only take place in exceptional circumstances (for example, an urgent marriage where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover, or is to undergo debilitating treatment or life-changing surgery). They can only take place with up to 6 people (anyone working is not included).

This is the law and the police have the powers to enforce these legal restrictions, including the issue of fines (fixed penalty notices) of £200, doubling for further breaches up to a maximum of £6,400.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8 December) Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) to mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. He announced that this year would be a Year of Saint Joseph. In a footnote, almost as an aside, the Holy Father wrote:

Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible,
come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty.

Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you,
that they may have a happy outcome.

My beloved father, all my trust is in you.

Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain,
and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary,
show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

Pope Francis ends his Letter with this prayer:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR THE HOME

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the twelfth day after Christmas, 6th January. There is a short, traditional ceremony that takes place at home – a way of marking our homes, with sacred signs and symbols, as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work or visit throughout the coming year. It involves using chalk to mark signs above the main door of your house. A leaflet is available in the porch with the prayers, an explanation of the signs and an example of what it should look like. Chalk is also available to take away with you. Children should ask permission and would probably need to be supervised!

MINISTRY ROTA

With a more simplified liturgy, due to restrictions currently in place, each Mass requires just two Readers and one Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Hence the need for a revised, temporary rota, which will frequently be updated. You will find it on the website, in the 'Rotas' section.

Readers and Communion Ministers should come to the Sacristy to sign in.

Readers will need to collect a pair of disposable gloves from the Sacristy.

They remove their face covering just before reading and replace it immediately afterwards.

The first Reader listed will be responsible for the First Reading and Psalm; the second Reader for the Second Reading and leading people in the Gospel Acclamation.

Communion Ministers will need to sanitise their hands once they have received Holy Communion. Hand gel is available on the Credence Table.

	Readers	Communion Minister
2-3 Jan		
6.30 pm	Jean Capps Vanessa Thompson	Caroline Ramstead
9.00 am	Aimee Peters Pat Pridham	Tricia Rogan
11.30 am	Susan Smithson Onyema Agbebi	Barbara Binder
9-10 Jan		
6.30 pm	Kim Pritchard Doug Mongan	Chantelle Makamba
9.00 am	Lorna Lyons Ken Hay	Katie Fernandes
11.30 am	Triston Osuji Shirley Hay	Margaret Moffat
16-17 Jan		
6.30 pm	Sophie Pritchard Nicola Charles	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	Eileen Jonas Alex Hinton	Alison Greene
11.30 am	Michael Chadwick Terence Osuji	Helene Ward
23-24 Jan		
6.30 pm	Eileen Rogan-Hill Margaret Smith	Carole Miles
9.00 am	Roger King Wally Barnes	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	Les Hislop Carleen Heath	Pat Smithers
30-31 Jan		
6.30 pm	Connor Furniaux Sue Butcher	David Elliott
9.00 am	Mary Brennan Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	Stephen Doherty Nuala Doherty	Louise Seaton
6-7 Feb		
6.30 pm	Frank Smith Mary O'Driscoll	
9.00 am	Maria Green Lisa Walker	
11.30 am	Catharine Welcome Attracta Caulfield-Ross	