

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

On Monday the Church begins the **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity** it concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul (25 January).

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Wulstan, bishop** – an Anglo-Saxon, he was born in 1008, became a priest and joined the Benedictines at Worcester. In 1062 he was ordained Bishop of Worcester and, because he had led his diocese so wisely, he was the only English bishop to retain his See following the Norman Conquest (all other bishops being replaced by Frenchmen). He died whilst engaged in his daily practice of washing the feet of twelve poor men. He was canonised in 1203.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Sebastian, martyr** - one of the most popular saints in the first centuries of the Church; a favourite army officer of the Emperor Diocletian until he was discovered to be a Christian. Then he was tied to a tree and used for archery practice and finally clubbed to death in about the year 288.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Agnes, virgin & martyr** – another popular saint from the early Church. She was martyred whilst in her teens, about the year 304.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Vincent, deacon & martyr** – he was severely tortured and then put to death at Valencia in Spain in 304.

### *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 legal restrictions 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.

**Edward Togher** died on Friday. His family had a long association with this parish; he was in a care home in Southend.

#### **Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .**

**16-22 Jan:** Francesco Milano, Agnes & Logan Kelly, Richard Wellman, Ellen Glenn, Phyllis Guidotti, Rita O'Donoghue, Veronica Caldeira, John Dolby, John Dowling, Alice Anne Barthel, Hanna Herbert, Denis Daly, Eileen Waterfield, Maisie Ramsay and Jeannie Vincent (*fourth Headteacher of St Patrick's*).



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 16 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 17 Jan : 9.00 am John Dolby RIP (Anne)

11.30 am Steven Serrette RIP (Terri)

Monday 18 Jan : 9.00 am Mary O'Leary RIP (Chadwick)

12.15 pm Requiem Mass for Norman Barnard (*this will be livestreamed & recorded*)

Tuesday 19 Jan : 9.00 am Norman Barnard RIP (Smithers)

Wednesday 20 Jan : 9.00 am Mary Hegarty RIP (McGoay)

Thursday 21 Jan : 9.00 am Norman Barnard RIP (Corbett)

Friday 22 Jan : 9.00 am Norman Barnard RIP (Lawrence)

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 23 Jan : 6.30 pm Members of Our Parish Community

Sunday 24 Jan : 9.00 am Mrs Gilmartin RIP (Brennan)

11.30 am John McCaffrey RIP (McCaffrey family)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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## Parish Priest:

Father Philip Denton

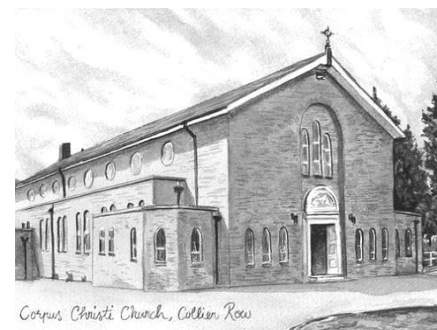
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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16-17 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](http://www.corpuschristicollierrow.org)

### STREAMING

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

## LOCKDOWN THREE

Places of worship are permitted to open for public worship and private prayer. We are celebrating our usual schedule of Sunday and Weekday Masses and the church will remain open for private prayer until 12 noon each day. Following a meeting of religious leaders with government representatives we are being reminded of our key responsibilities that should keep our community safe from transmission of the virus:

- before or after Mass you must not mix or socialise with people who do not live in your household;
- you must keep socially distant from others (preferably 2 metres);
- you must wear a face covering (unless you have a medical exemption);
- make use of the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the church;
- the church is sanitised after each celebration of Mass – thanks to all who undertake this service.

Our bishops assured the government that the Catholic community is complying with these and all the other measures that are in place and that our churches provide a safe environment for worship.

## NO NOVENA

The Friday evening Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is suspended during the rest of the lockdown, along with other liturgies that we are asked to postpone or cancel at this time.

## PARISH OFFERINGS

The parish offerings last Sunday amounted to £357.33 (of which £142.00 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.

## MINISTRY ROTA

You will also find this rota on the website, in the 'Rotas' section.

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

### READERS

1 = First Reading and Responsorial Psalm

2 = Second Reading and Gospel Acclamation.

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.

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

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
<b>16-17 Jan</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Nicola Charles 2.	Liz Lawrence
9.00 am	1. Eileen Jonas 2.	Alison Greene
11.30 am	1. Michael Chadwick 2. Terence Osuji	Helene Ward
<b>23-24 Jan</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Eileen Rogan-Hill 2. Margaret Smith	Carmelina Fulton
9.00 am	1. Roger King 2. Wally Barnes	Andrew Walker
11.30 am	1. Les Hislop 2. Carleen Heath	Pat Smithers
<b>30-31 Jan</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Sue Butcher 2.	David Elliott
9.00 am	1. Mary Brennan 2. Charles Gallen	Liz Carthy
11.30 am	1. Stephen Doherty 2. Nuala Doherty	Louise Seaton
<b>6-7 Feb</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Frank Smith 2. Mary O'Driscoll	Dylan Scott
9.00 am	1. Maria Green 2. Lisa Walker	Andrew Green
11.30 am	1. Catharine Welcome 2.	Barbara Binder
<b>13-14 Feb</b>		
6.30 pm	1. Vanessa Thompson 2. Jean Capps	Kim Ayling
9.00 am	1. Pat Pridham 2.	Wally Barnes
11.30 am	1. Susan Smithson 2. Onyema Agbebi	Elaine New
<b>20-21 Feb</b>		
6.30 pm	1. 2.	Henrietta Oppong
9.00 am	1. Ken Hay 2. Lorna Lyons	Auxilia Rayan
11.30 am	1. Shirley Hay 2. Triston Osuji	Margaret Moffat

### SHRINE LIGHTS THIS WEEK

The light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of John Dolby.

The light in honour of Saint Joseph is for the intentions of Bishop Alan.

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.

### 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).

### VACANCY AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

IT Technician (Term-time only). Start: ASAP. Closing Date: noon on Wednesday 20 January 2021. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: ONLINE CONFERENCE

To prepare for the second Sunday of the Word of God, which falls on 24 January, the Catholic Biblical Federation has organised an online conference with participation from all over Europe. The Conference will take place at 5 pm London time on Friday 22 January and will end at 6.30 pm. Reflections will be shared on two of the readings of the Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5,10 and Mark 1:14-20. Speakers will be from Croatia, Italy, Romania and Ireland. Presentations will be in English, Italian and French. Introduction and conclusions will be from Ernesto Borghi (Switzerland) and Adrian Graffy (UK). The Conference will take place online and can be followed via [c-b-f.org/streaming](http://c-b-f.org/streaming) or YouTube and Facebook at the Catholic Biblical Federation.

Fr Adrian Graffy, English representative at the Catholic Biblical Federation, explained: 'In the rich but fragmented European continent we aim to come together around the Word of God. In the post-pandemic world it will be important to derive from the Scriptures guidelines in our relationships with God, with brothers and sisters throughout the continent and beyond, and in our protection of the planet. Pope Francis' institution of the Sunday of the Word of God is welcome and timely, and this is an excellent way to prepare for the day'.

### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

An extract from the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* in which Pope Francis declared this to be a year of special devotion to St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church:

#### A Beloved Father

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation".

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home".

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honour. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression "Go to Joseph", which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: "Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do" (Gen 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. Gen 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. Gen 41:41-44).

As a descendant of David (cf. Mt 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 Sam 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.