

### Hearing the Word of God

Let us examine our conscience to see how we receive the Word of God. We hear it on Sunday at Mass. If we listen to it in a distracted or superficial way, it will not be of much use to us. Instead, we must receive the Word with an open mind and heart, as a good terrain, so that it may be assimilated and bear fruit in real life. Jesus says that the Word of God is like a seed; it is a seed that must grow in concrete works. So the Word itself purifies the heart and actions, and our relationship with God and with others is freed from hypocrisy. May the example and intercession of the Virgin Mary help us to honour the Lord always with our heart, witnessing our love for Him in concrete choices for the good of others.

Pope Francis, Angelus Address, St Peter's Square, 2 September 2018

### *Please remember in your prayers*

#### **Those who are ill, including . . .**

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Gary Beale, Rita Blake, Mary Brennan, Roy Brown, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Anne Connolly, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Enid Ince, Father Tom Jordan, Dominic Kelly, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Terry Rice, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

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

**Tom Connolly** died on Sunday 2 September. His body will be received into the church this Thursday at 5.00 pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated here the next day (Friday 14 September) at 1.45 pm followed by a Service of Committal at Forest Park Crematorium.

**Teresa Smith** died on 23 August. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday 19 September at 11.00 am, followed by burial at St Mary's Stapleford Abbots.

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

**7-14 Sept:** Kay Mason, Ada Spelling, Ralph Stevens, Catherine Wheelhouse, Joan England, Elizabeth Morrissey, Michael Heneghan, Kathleen Collis, Betty Pacitto, Bert Smith, Jim Palmer, Ron Fearn, Lucy Jones, Anthony Saliba and Doreen Sheppard.

#### **SHRINE OF OUR LADY**

*This week, the lamp burning in honour of Our Lady is for Mary, Angela and Annina.*

#### **MINISTRY ROTA**

**8-9 Sept:** Group 7  
**15-16 Sept:** Group 8  
**22-23 Sept:** Group 9  
**29-30 Sept:** Group 19

#### **CHECKING ROTA**

**9 Sept:** Ken Hay, Wally Barnes  
**16 Sept:** Peter Whipps  
**23 Sept:** Kieran & Pat Downey  
**30 Sept:** Linda Withers, Eddie Walker, Lucy Pritchard



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 8 Sept : 6.30 pm Joe Baldan RIP (Butcher)  
Sunday 9 Sept : 9.00 am Thanksgiving for Our Community (Pye)  
11.30 am Members of Our Parish Community  
Monday 10 Sept : 9.00 am Madeline Barker Solik RIP (Bill)  
Tuesday 11 Sept : 9.00 am *Communion Service*  
Wednesday 12 Sept : 9.00 am Fr Michael Durand RIP (PACT Westminster)  
Thursday 13 Sept : 9.00 am Teresa Smith RIP (Lawrence)  
Friday 14 Sept : 9.00 am Holy Souls  
1.45 pm Requiem Mass for Tom Connolly

#### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 15 Sept : 6.30 pm Chris Fitzgerald RIP (KSC)  
Sunday 16 Sept : 9.00 am Members of Our Parish Community  
11.30 am Monsignor Leo White RIP (McKie)

# Catholic Church of Corpus Christi

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#### **Parish Priest:**

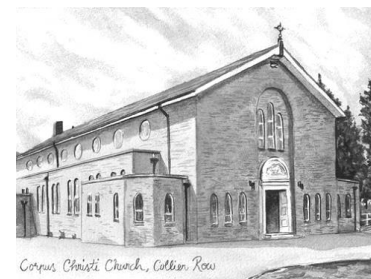
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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8-9 September 2018



*Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row*

#### **PARISH WEBSITE**

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

#### **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

#### **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday : 9.00 am

#### **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday : 9.00 am

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

Monday to Friday : 8.45 am

#### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Friday : 7.30 pm

#### **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 usually open daily until 5.00 pm*

*The newsletter is also available on the parish website*

### **PASTORAL LETTER ON OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Copies of Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter for Education Sunday are available in the porch. Please make sure you read this if you are, in any way, interested in Catholic Education.

### **NEXT WEEKEND : COLLECTION FOR TONY GRANT**

As you will remember, Tony Grant – a student for the priesthood in our diocese – was here on placement earlier in the summer. As we have done previously for the other students who spent time in our parish, we would like to suggest having a collection to help him with his expenses as he continues his studies in Rome. A basket will be available after all Masses next weekend.

### **TRAINING SESSIONS FOR NEW READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS**

*Thank you to those who have volunteered to take up one or both of these ministries – a few more are still needed (especially for the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday 11.30 am Mass). Initial training sessions, to be held in the church, have been arranged as follows:*

**Readers:** Sunday 23 September : 5.00 – 6.00 pm

**Communion Ministers:** Saturday 29 September : 10.00 – 11.00 am

### **SVP – NATIONAL AWARENESS MONTH**

September is the SVP National Awareness Month. This year the theme of our Awareness Month is "Beyond Boundaries", highlighting the fact that poverty exists beyond where we can see, ie loneliness and social isolation. From this weekend and for the next four weeks there will be a display in the church porch reflecting the diversity of the Society's work that members are involved in, together with leaflets detailing how you can become a member of our group here at Corpus Christi. There are also copies of a report for 2016-2017 covering England and Wales detailing the work undertaken by our members. Please do take a few minutes to have a look and feel free to take any of the leaflets.

### **YOUR OFFERINGS**

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £922.37 (£422.50 of this was gift-aided). Standing Orders last month came to £1,981.00. As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

