



Monday is the Feast of
St Mary Magdalene

WEEKLY EVENTS

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Sundays in the Church Porch
after the 9.00 am Mass

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays in term-time
during the 11.30 am Mass

SOCIETY OF

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesdays : 7.00 pm
in the Church Sacristy

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Wednesdays at 9.30 am
inside the church

CHURCH GARDENING TEAM

Meets Wednesdays at 9.30 am
outside the church

4TH COLLIER ROW

SCOUT GROUP

Beaver Scouts

Wednesdays 5 - 6.15 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.00 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall
(for senior members of the community)

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 - 9.00 pm
at 10 Norman Close

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP

for parents of children in Year 5

In the autumn term, you will be required to apply for a secondary school place for your child for September 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply for one or more Catholic secondary schools, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass. If you are intending to ask me for this certificate, it is most important that I know who you and your child are, and that I know that it is your usual custom to attend weekly Sunday Mass (this includes Saturday evening Mass.) Do not assume that, if you slip in discreetly at the back of church during Mass, I will recognise you. If you think I should know who you are but might have forgotten, please remind me! If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask me.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Preschool has places available. We take children from 2 -5 years of age. Children are eligible for a funded place the term after their 3rd birthday, we also take children who are eligible for 30hr funding, if you are interested in a place or would like a visit, please ring Anne on 07949-187273.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the Annual General Meeting will be held at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27 July. This will be followed by a talk on 'Blessed John Beche, the last Abbot of Colchester' by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens of the Colchester Catholic Heritage Society. Non-members most welcome.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please call Julie Abbott on 01268-784544/07912-277413 or visit our website www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events

CALAIS LIGHT

Convoy details - 13-15 Sept - 2 spaces left, 22 Nov - 24 Nov just 7 spaces left and new date Jan 31-2 Feb, the car-sharing Refugee action convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work for the weekend with refugee charities! We're going to Refugee Community Kitchen (Sept) & Care4Calais (Nov). Come with us! Sign up now at: www.calaislight.com or on our Facebook Page. Choose Love!

VIDEOS TO DVD SERVICE

If you would like to have your video tapes, cine films or slides transferred to DVD please call Michael Bennett on 01708-735810 or visit www.slides2disk.co.uk for a quote.

VACANCY AT THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY -

Receptionist / Administrative Assistant

Full details are available from the academy website www.tpc.academy Closing date is 12:00 noon on Friday 9th August. Only electronic applications will be accepted.

VACANCY AT SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL - Special Needs Teaching Assistant

Full-time; 27 hrs per week term time only. Closing date for applications: 14 August 2019. Details on porch noticeboard.

VACANCY AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY, Stanford-le-Hope - Deputy Headteacher

Full details are on the porch noticeboard.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have a child who will be going into Year 3 in September, you may wish to consider enrolling them on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme. Here's what to do:

- **If your child was baptised here** please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible. You do not need a baptism certificate.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you have a copy of the baptism certificate: please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you do not have a baptism certificate: you will need to contact the parish where the baptism took place to obtain one. Then, when you have received it, telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip.

When you come for your appointment, please bring a **donation of £25** to help cover the costs of the Preparation Programme (cash or cheque payable to "Corpus Christi Catholic Church"). If your child was baptised elsewhere, please also bring the baptism certificate with you.

During your appointment with Father Philip you will be asked to complete the application form.

The closing date for all applications is **Sunday 1 September**.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of Mary Magdalene** - one of the women disciples of Jesus, she was present on Calvary at the foot of the cross, and was also a witness to her Lord, risen from the dead. In recognition of the importance of her role in the life of the early Church, her liturgical celebration was raised from a simple 'Memorial' to a 'Feast Day' by Pope Francis.

Tuesday is the **European Feast of St Bridget of Sweden** - a fourteenth century Swede, devoted wife and mother of eight. As a widow, she founded the religious order of Bridgettines, one of their main apostolates is hospitality.

Thursday is the **Feast of St James** - this apostle, the brother of John, was the first to follow his Master in being put to death. According to tradition, he went to Spain to preach the gospel; whether this is an historical fact or not, his famous shrine at Santiago de Compostella still attracts pilgrims in their thousands

Friday is the **Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne** - the parents of Our Lady, and hence, the maternal grandparents of Jesus. In France there is great devotion to St Anne, with churches and shrines in her honour - as at St Anne d'Auray.

In today's Gospel the Evangelist Luke writes about Jesus who, on the way to Jerusalem, enters a village and is welcomed into the home of two sisters: Martha and Mary (cf. Lk 10:38-42). Both welcome the Lord, but they do so in different ways. Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens to his words (cf. v. 39), whereas Martha is completely caught up in preparing things; at a certain point she says to Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me" (v. 40). Jesus responds to her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her" (vv. 41-42).

In bustling about and busying herself, Martha risks forgetting - and this is the problem - the most important thing, which is the presence of the guest, Jesus in this case. She forgets about the presence of the guest. A guest is not merely to be served, fed, looked after in every way. Most importantly he ought to be listened to. Remember this word: Listen! A guest should be welcomed as a person, with a story, his heart rich with feelings and thoughts, so that he may truly feel like he is among family. If you welcome a guest into your home but continue doing other things, letting him just sit there, both of you in silence, it is as if he were of stone: a guest of stone! No. A guest is to be listened to.

Pope Francis, extract from his *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 17 July 2016