



Thursday is the Memorial of  
St Teresa of Calcutta

## 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

(for senior members of the community)

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall

The Club is closed throughout August  
and will re-commence on 5 September

#### OUR LADY'S

##### PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 - 9.00 pm  
at 10 Norman Close

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Sofia Polikaukaite into God's family and pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

## 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.

## HOME FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

a charity that aims at providing affordable care to the elderly, would very much appreciate someone with fundraising experience to help with organising fundraising events. If you can assist, please contact Aminta Hall on 07702-063535.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP

### for parents of children going into Year 6

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.

## BCYS YOUTH GATHER ~ Mersea Island

### 26th-27th October (half term weekend)

The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

## ADVICE FOR THE ELDERLY IRISH

The Irish Elderly Advice Service located in Forest Gate continues to provide an Advice Service on the first Thursday of every Month. It will re-open on Thursday 6 September at Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, Forest Gate at 10.30am to 2pm.

## STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS

To open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Beginning with Genesis' on Saturday 12 October at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). The day will begin at 10.30 a.m. with the formal opening of the Year by Bishop Alan Williams. This will be followed by the launch of our evangelisation website. Coffee will be available from 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. The

study day will end at 3 p.m. Admission is free but please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Plentiful parking space at the church, and easy access to Gidea Park by train and bus.

## CALAIS LIGHT

Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. Next Trips: 22-24 Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2. Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

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

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Gregory the Great** - a truly outstanding Pope and Doctor of the Church. It is said that he was captivated by the sight of a group of blond-haired people from England, on sale in the slave market. When told that they were Angles, he is supposed to have remarked: 'They are not Angles, but Angels'. In 596 he sent Augustine and forty Benedictine monks to convert these English people - Augustine becoming the first Archbishop of Canterbury. A pioneer of liturgical reform, the style of singing known as Gregorian Chant is named after him (though it was written many centuries after he died).

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Cuthbert** - a monk at Melrose and at Ripon; following the Synod of Whitby, he was asked to go as Prior to Lindisfarne under its new Benedictine Rule. In 685 he was ordained abbot-bishop. He died in 687 and his tomb became a popular pilgrimage shrine. In the ninth century, Viking raids led to an end of monastic life at Lindisfarne and in 875 his shrine was transported across the north until it reached Durham in 995. There the shrine became one of the most frequented in medieval Europe. At the Reformation his shrine was destroyed and his body re-buried on the same site, where it remains to this day.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Teresa of Calcutta** - *"By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus"*. Small of stature, rocklike in faith, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was entrusted with the mission of proclaiming God's thirsting love for humanity, especially for the poorest of the poor. *"God still loves the world and He sends you and me to be His love and His compassion to the poor."* She was a soul filled with the light of Christ, on fire with love for Him and burning with one desire: *"to quench His thirst for love and for souls"*. She was born on 26 August 1910 at Skopje, Macedonia and died at Kolkata in India on 5 September 1997 and was canonised by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

## EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA - CONCERT

Stewartby Operatic Society are kindly providing a musical evening in aid of this Charity on Wednesday 18 September at Castle Newnham School, Polhill Avenue, Bedford MK41 0DT starting at 7.30pm. Cheese and wine will be provided and there will be cakes, crisps and soft drinks. We are anticipating that Father Boniface (EVC's Founder) will be in attendance so you will have the opportunity to talk to him personally about his work. Tickets are available at £5 each and can be purchased either at the door on the night or from Judi Fawcett on 01234-838134. Please do let us know in advance if you are coming so that we know how many people to cater for. Children have free entry. We look forward to seeing you there.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

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*In our daily relationship with Jesus, and in the strength of his forgiveness, we rediscover our roots.*

**Pope Francis**