



2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, one of the Church's greatest scripture scholars. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Year began on 30 September, the feast of St Jerome.

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 the over 60s – open to all)

1.15 - 3.15 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOUNDATION INTAKE OPEN DAYS for September 2020

These tours will give you the opportunity to see the school and ask any questions you may have:-

Friday 1st November at 11.00 am

Friday 1st November at 2.00 pm

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER ~ ROSARY WITH THE SVP

During the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, members of the SVP will be praying the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady at 7 pm on the following dates: Tuesdays 22nd and 29th. All are welcome to join us. We suggest that, if coming by car, you park in Lowshoe Lane – entrance to the church is through the Lady Chapel doors.

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be an Extraordinary Month of Mission. Prayer and action will be the focus to strengthen and grow God's Mission and our Church. This is part of a worldwide network; every Parish and school, large and small, rich or poor is asked to become involved. The aims of this special month will be:

- To encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer.
 - To look to, and learn from, the actions of our Saints and Martyrs.
 - To support home and overseas mission in our prayers and financially (20th October is World Mission Sunday).
 - To foster in our families, friends and contacts, by our words, values and the choices we make in our way of living, a real interest in the Christian faith and all that this means.
- There are copies of a special edition of the Missio magazine at the back of the Church for Red Box holders and anyone else interested in our role in continuing the work of mission started by Jesus Christ when he was on earth. Perhaps Red Box holders may wish to choose October as the time to empty their box but obviously your contributions are very welcome at any time convenient to you. *Kate Welcome*, Parish Missio Representative

TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance is on 26 October from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to the very popular by John McHugh on tour from Ireland, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments available. Admission: £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. Hope to see you there, if you have been before and enjoyed it please tell your friends and neighbours about it everyone welcome. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

VACANCY EVENTS & PILGRIMAGES CO-ORDINATOR

(maternity leave cover)

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service seeks an Events and Pilgrimages co-ordinator to cover maternity leave for 16 hours/week from January to October 2020. We seek a practicing Catholic with experience in events organisation, experience leading and motivating volunteers, experience of pilgrimage to Lourdes, and proficiency in Word and Excel. Full details at

www.bcys.net/cover. Closing date for applications: 28 October at midday.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 November on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessum Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe. For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk

ABBOTSWICK MASS OF REMEMBRANCE & COMMEMORATION

Mass of Remembrance and Commemoration of loved ones, Sunday 10 November at 2.30pm Walsingham House at Abbotswick. If you are the friend or family member of someone who is remembered at Abbotswick, you are very welcome to this Mass, where the names of all those commemorated there will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. For more details email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277-373959.

LONDON MARATHON 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268-784544 or lphillips@bccs.org.uk The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November. Please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

SPIRITUALITY MORNING

Saturday 16 November : 10.30am-12.00noon - Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: Preparing for the Advent Journey. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Tel. 01277-265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHARITY CEILIDH IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals Havering Volunteers will be holding a Ceilidh Dance on: Friday 29 November, 7.30/8.00 pm, at La Salette Parish Hall, Rainham. Licenced bar only. Please come along and support our fundraising event. Tickets £5, available from Theresa on 07845-084493. for more information visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Patrick's PTA are happy to announce that our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 13 December from 15:15 to 17:15 in the School Hall at St Patricks School. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is £2. We will be serving a range of food including international dishes along with our standard sweet treats, mulled wine and hot drinks. We will have games, novelty stalls and Santa's Grotto. Please come and support our school and enjoy the festivities with us.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

For single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics – see poster on the porch noticeboard for information.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St John Paul II** – Karol Wojtyla, elected Pope on 16 October 1978, was born in Wadowice in Poland on 18 May 1920. No other Pope met as many people: more than 17.6 million pilgrims attended his Wednesday General Audiences and he met many millions more in the course of his pastoral visits in Italy and throughout the world. Pope John Paul II died in the Apostolic Palace on 2 April 2005. He was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on 1 May 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, his immediate successor and was canonised by Pope Francis in 2014.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret** - he was Spanish and lived from 1807 to 1870. In 1849 he founded the Claretian missionary order. For a time he was Bishop of Santiago in Cuba. His prayers are sometimes asked in cases of cancer. For several years the Claretians were in charge of the parish at Loughton; they currently serve at St Joseph's, Leyton.