



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 to focus especially on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks' - The Year of the Word.

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

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 1 December at 6.00 pm at St Edward's in the Market Place
A traditional Service of Lessons & Carols for the beginning of Advent

MISSIO

Thank you very much to those of you who have recently requested a Red Missio Box. Also sincere gratitude for donations made over the last few weeks to this very worthwhile charity, which exists at Pope Francis' request, throughout the world for the benefit, both spiritual and practical, of the developing Church. The final date this year for your donations is December 8th as all money received must be banked by December 16th. Please note 2020 Missio Calendars are available at the back of the Church as are the brown collecting envelopes. Many thanks for all your fantastic support this year.
Kate Welcome, Parish Missio Co-Ordinator

INSIGHT INTO PALESTINE

The Caritas Jerusalem group at Gidea Park would like to invite you to 'Insight to Palestine', an information evening, to be held from 7 pm on Tuesday 26 November at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), about the situation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi, a Palestinian psychologist, will speak to us about the impact of living under occupation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and a light supper of Middle Eastern food will be available. We will end with a period of prayer. If you would like to come, please book your place for catering purposes by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES medical, nursing and other helpers

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine's Church, Springfield, Chelmsford on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30 pm. Further information, contact Cathy O'Connor cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com Tel: 01026-735623 or Patrick Parsons Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com Tel: 01621-851875

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join homelessness charity Caritas Anchor House for a night of festivities at their Christmas Concert – including wonderful music, and guest speaker Jeremy Paxman! CAH are based in Newham and help 140 homeless people every day. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27 November at St Margaret and All Saints Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB, 6.30 – 7.45pm, followed by refreshments in CAH. For more info and tickets, contact events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk or phone 020-7476 6062.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING at The Palmer Catholic Academy

Thursday 28 November at 6pm. Headteacher's address at 6.15pm. Please note students must be accompanied by an adult and must be dressed in school uniform. External students will be asked for photographic ID, eg TfL Zip card. Students must register in order to attend, please go to the latest news section of our website: www.tpc.academy/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=212

THE CAMPION QUIZ NIGHT

On 29 November from 6:30pm until 9:30pm, help us raise money in order to fund the much-loved OAP Party in December. The night will be filled with many mini-games, an exciting quiz, and a chance to win a few prizes! We invite everyone to join, as tickets are £5 per person

with each quiz table being a size of 8-10 people and please bring your own refreshments. For booking or any questions, please email campion.quiznight@gmail.com

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

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

for parents and students seeking admission to the Sixth Form of the School in September 2020 to take place in the School Hall at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 4 December. The Headmaster will speak at 6.30 pm regarding admissions to the sixth form. This will be followed by an opportunity to meet with teachers and to view the classrooms and sixth form facilities.

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School in Dagenham is looking to recruit a class teacher to join our School team in January 2020. This post would be suitable for NQTs or experienced teachers. Visits to the school are welcome. Please contact the school office to arrange a visit 020-8270 6695. Closing date: Friday 6 December 2019. Interviews: Tuesday 10 December 2019. Visit: www.st-vincent.barking-dagenham.sch.uk

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting its very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Friday 6 December 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268-784544 / iphillips@bccs.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.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

in the beautiful chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us on Thursday 19th December at 6pm for a reflective time of Advent and Christmas music, interspersed with scripture readings, poems and inspiring words about Christmas. After around an hour in the chapel we will move to the main house for mince pies, mulled wine and luxurious hot chocolate. Tickets are just £10, and there are a maximum of 60 tickets available. All money raised will support young adults travelling to Lourdes next Easter with HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust – to help children with additional needs. For tickets phone 01277-373959 and ask for Joe or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

SUMMER LOURDES 2020 with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Open to anyone currently in school year 10-13. We travel on Saturday 25 July, return Saturday 1 August 2020. Cost £600 includes return coach travel, hotel accommodation, insurance and all meals in Lourdes. This amazing experience comes just once a year – full details are at <https://bcys.net/events/summer-lourdes-2020-pilgrimage/>. Applications open Sunday 27 October 2019 and close on 10 January 2020; places will be allocated on 14 January and no deposit is required until then. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship.

SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL - SIMS MANAGER AND EXAMINATIONS OFFICER

see noticeboard for further details of this vacancy

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Catherine of Alexandria** – according to tradition, a virgin-martyr, who was put to death in the early 4th century at the hands of the pagan emperor Maxentius. According to her hagiography, she was both a princess and a noted scholar, who became a Christian around the age of fourteen, and converted hundreds of people to Christianity. In 1969 her feast day was removed from the General Roman Calendar, however, she continued to be commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on November 25; in 2002, her feast was restored to the Calendar as an optional memorial.

Saturday is the **Feast of St Andrew** - it was Andrew who introduced his brother Simon (Peter) to the Lord. Eventually, with James and John, they left all to follow Jesus. Andrew is patron saint of Russia and Scotland.