

Friday is the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

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 Begver 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

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the parish offerings amounted to £853.87 (of which £393.65 was gift aided). Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

OUR 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. Thank you.

Kate Welcome, Parish Missio Representative**

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A message from Father Philip for parents of children in Year 6

If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply to Catholic secondary schools for September 2020, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass.

In order for me to be able to issue a certificate, I must be satisfied that you are a committed parishioner and it is your usual practice to attend Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass here.

As soon as you have an idea of the schools you will be applying to, please telephone the Parish Office for an appointment with me. If your child was baptised in another parish, you will need to bring with you a copy of the baptism certificate.

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:-

Monday 30th September at 2.00 pm Wednesday 9th October at 11.00 am Monday 14th October at 2.00 pm Thursday 17th October at 6.00 pm Friday 1st November at 11.00 am Friday 1st November at 2.00 pm

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Bishop Alan Williams will open the 'Year of the God who Speaks', which is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales, at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 12 October. For information about the Year visit www.cbcew.org.uk/ Fr Adrian Graffy will give two talks entitled 'Beginning with Genesis', which will provide a fresh reading of the opening chapters of the Book of

Genesis. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the newly-published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church.

MUSIC AND MIRTH CHARITY EVENING

The Collier Row Catholic Club have a Music and Mirth Charity Evening in aid of the Stroke Association and the Water Rats on Friday 11 October at 8.00 pm. With Duncan Norvelle, Maggie Regan and the London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra. Tickets £12 available from the Club Bar (open daily).

COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT - Friday 18 October at 9.00 pm

A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St Luke based on the liturgy used for centuries by monastic communities. A serene and contemplative end to the bustle of the day in psalmody and hymnody here at Corpus Christi on 18 October.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL CHARITY BALL

A Dinner Dance in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust, Motor Neurone Disease Association, CRY and UK Sepsis Trust will be held on Saturday 19 October at The Campion School, Hornchurch in the Main Hall. 6.30 pm for Bucks Fizz Reception. DJ and Entertainment throughout the evening. 3 Course Dinner. Tickets £35. Dress Code: Black Tie or Lounge Suit. Bar Closes at 11.30 pm. Carriages at midnight please! Tickets can be ordered by contacting ptucker@thecampionschool.org

BCYS YOUTH GATHER ~ Mersea Island ~ 26th-27th October (half term weekend)

The Youth Gather is for anyone is 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/

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to announce that it will be holding a Christmas Craft and Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Rayleigh on Sunday 3rd November 10.30-4pm. Admission is only £1.50 and free for children under 14. If you are interested in having a stall at the event to sell your crafts or Christmas goodies, these are charged at £27. Please contact Libby if you are interested in being one of our stallholders: lphillips@bccs.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES by air for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

4 Nights, 10th - 14th February 2020 £560 p.p. (twin/double), £660 p.p. (single room) which includes flights from Stanstead, 4 nights' full board accommodation at the luxury Hotel Saint-Sauveur (inc. wine with meals), full time presence of the tour operator and chaplain, airport transfers in Lourdes, Mass offerings and procession candles. For more information please contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932-634589 or siobhan@parker-travel.com

VACANCY: BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - Brentwood Diocesan Education Service

Salary: £45,000 - £60,000. Closing date: Friday 11 October 2019. Details on porch noticeboard.

ENOUIRERS' EVENING

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 1 October at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Jerome** – one of the Church's greatest scholars, he was the first to complete a translation of the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin – by then the common (vulgar) language of the people – hence the name 'Vulgate Bible' (which was for centuries the standard Latin version of the Bible used by the Church. He died at Bethlehem in 420.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)** – she showed by her life as a Carmelite nun and by her writings how each of us can 'become like little children again' in God's sight. She died at Lisieux in 1897.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of the Holy Guardians Angels** – this day honours those angels appointed by God to look after our personal welfare.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Francis of Assisi** - perhaps the best-known and most-loved saint since the time of the apostles. His life was a Christ-like as seems humanly possible. With St Paul he could humbly yet truthfully say: 'Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ' (I Cor 11:1).