



Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

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

"DEO GRATIAS" PRAYER GROUP

Monday mornings : 10.30 am at 15 Burland Road

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 at 4.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

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

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

(for parents and toddlers)
Fridays : 1.00 - 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

SPICMA

(Special Projects in Christian Missionary Areas)

Together with our recent Lent Offerings, in the past year we have sent £2131.57 to SPICMA – specifically for the provision fresh water for rural villages in Kenya and Uganda. Since 2011, when we began supporting this work, we have raised £11,492.20 from the bucket at the back of the church.

A NOTE FROM MICHELLE MACK, GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you to everyone who is a member of Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme. Through this scheme, your church is able to reclaim the tax paid on your donations, at no extra cost to yourself, which provides a vital source of additional income. There are still a few envelopes for 2018/19 to be collected – they are in the porch. If there are any errors in names or addresses, or if your box is missing, please get in touch with me. For those who pay by standing order, mini boxes for second collections are, as usual, available. If you are not yet a member of Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme and you are a tax payer, please consider joining. If you would information, please get in touch. I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Father Philip, to thank the checkers and Margaret Conway for their hard work throughout the year collating the donations. My contact details are: Michelle Mack, 01708-750331, michelle.mack16@gmail.com

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The staff car park, next to Church House, is usually available during evenings and weekends for parishioners attending church. Unfortunately, there have been problems with people using the car park as a place to buy and sell drugs; this seems to occur at evenings and weekends. The police are aware of the situation and have advised that, for the time being, the car park be locked when the school is closed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Children's Liturgy group are looking to extend their team. No formal qualifications are required and training will be provided. We plan sessions together and all sessions and resources are prepared well in advance. We support each other with resources and running the sessions. All you need is a love of your faith and a will to help our young children explore the joys of the gospels. If you are interested in joining us please come and speak to one of us - *Adam, Catherine, Leela and Louise.*

TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance is on Wednesday 18 April from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to Finbar Black, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments will be available. Admissions £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

Monday 7 May (Bank Holiday Monday), 11am, Southwark Cathedral. For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan, and many priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire, this Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

THE JERSEY GUYS - Saturday 19 May at The Champion School

The UK's premiere tribute band to the hit West End musical "The Jersey Boys" and the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons are back at Champion for the 4th year!! Tickets, £15 each, sell out

quickly so book quickly to avoid disappointment. For booking details or enquiries please call 01708-452332 or email chair@championpa.org.uk

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE BIBLE

Fr Levente Balazs Martos from Hungary, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day on this topic at Gidea Park Church Hall, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 26 May from 10.30 until 3 pm. The study day will include a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy, and Fleur Dorrell, Scripture Coordinator at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Admission is free and you are invited to bring a packed lunch. Please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone 01708-449914.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 26 May

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

10K SPONSORED RUN

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28 May. This Bank Holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912-277413

2018 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from Monday 23 to Saturday 28 July. We shall be accompanied by an experienced medical team and there is plenty of help for those with mobility needs. The pilgrimage is no less ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends; all are welcome. There is a full programme to opt in and out of. There are brochures at the back of the church. For more information or for a brochure, please contact the pilgrimage administrator Cathy O'Connor: email cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org or 01206-735623.

SACRED HEART OF MARY REUNION

We wish to warmly invite you to a Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7 July 2018 between 2pm and 5pm. Come back, meet up with some old friends and teaching staff and have a look around the school to spark fond memories! Please save the day in your diary and spread the word to any past pupils you may still be in contact with. In the meantime, and in order to ensure we don't miss you off any future communications, would you please follow the link to our school website where you will be able to complete a simple form to ensure we have your contact details on record <https://sacredheartofmary.net/about/alumni/> We will then contact you, in due course, with details of how to join us and how to buy a ticket.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (EDUCATION)

Do you support the Church's provision of high quality education for children across the country? Are you interested in supporting dioceses, teachers, schools and colleges to achieve this mission? If so, the Catholic Education Service (CES) is seeking to appoint an Assistant Director (Education) to lead our work on Religious Education, Inspections, Leadership, Governance and wider education policy. Full details on the role and how to apply can be found on the CES website: www.catholiceducation.org.uk

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD : ACADEMY BUSINESS MANAGER

From: September 2018. Salary range: £55K – £65K plus £1, 848 (Outer London Allowance) pa Apply at: uai.org.uk Closing date: 18 April 2018.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY at The Palmer Catholic Academy, Ilford

Required from January 2019. Salary: Group 7 – Leadership Scale L33-39Details on the noticeboard.

VACANCIES FOR ACADEMY DIRECTORS

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (based in Newham) is looking to appoint additional directors to the Trust Board. Please see <http://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk/careers-opportunities/> The closing date for applications is noon on 16 April.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – this feast has been transferred from 25 March (which, this year, was Palm Sunday) to the first available 'free' day – Holy Week and Easter Week are so important that no other celebrations take precedence. We recall the visit of the angel to Mary, announcing the news that she had been chosen to be the Mother of the Lord; we celebrate her *fiat* – her yes to God: 'Let it be done as you have said'. Blessed Pope Paul VI used to say of this feast that it celebrates 'the beginning of our redemption'.