



YOUTH MASS

Wednesday 5 February 8pm : Brentwood Cathedral

Anyone age 14+ is very welcome; the February Mass includes a live interview with Rob Green, a former Campion pupil and parishioner here, who – using his own resources – went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp for a month. Hear his fascinating story, and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. More details www.bcys.net. Youth Masses take place at the Cathedral every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 February at 3 pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

TEA DANCE

Our next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 19 February in Saint Alban's Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens, Elm Park, RM12 5LA. Music by the very popular Mary, dancing from 1.30 4.30 PM Admission £5.00 includes tea, coffee and cakes. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon of fun and help us to create a good Parish community spirit. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29 February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. 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.

FATHER DOMINIC HOWARTH REACHES FIFTY

Fr Dominic is turning 50 in September, and to mark the moment he is solo cycling 5000km between now and then – all without leaving Walsingham House at Abbotswick! He is raising money for the BCCS, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House and all the details are at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50> where you can donate online. Or send cheques payable to "Fr D Howarth" to FrDominic5000at50, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Essex CM14 5SH.

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL – Brentwood Catholic Children's Society
At The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7 March from 7pm. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for bccs. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 01268-784544 / 07912-277413.

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

There is a basket in the porch for donations to the local Foodbank; at the moment they could do with the following items:

*Tinned Potatoes & Vegetables - Tinned Meat and Fish - Instant Mash
Tinned Custard - Rice Pudding - Long Life Milk - Tomato Ketchup
Long Life Fruit Juice - Instant Coffee - Jam - Tinned Spaghetti
Sponge Puddings - Basic Toiletries*

ADULT QUIET RETREAT

Enjoy the peace, prayer and stillness of Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a long weekend this summer; Friday 7th August (5pm) to Monday 10th August (11am). Optional programme including Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and social time; accommodation and all meals provided; single en-suite £225; twin en-suite £150 per person. Bursary for anyone in financial hardship. Full details from josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net and on the website www.bcys.net Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly!

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Friday 20 March **AN EVENING with Phil Parkes/Alan Devonshire and Tony Gale**
Tickets: £20
Saturday 9 May **VE CELEBRATION EVENING featuring a 6-piece Swing Band**
Tickets: £10 (over 14s only)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Anne Line, martyr** – born at Dunmow, a convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for the crime of harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour, close to the sacristy, the gift of the Catholic Women's League. St Anne was canonised in 1970 as part of that representative group known as the 'Forty Martyrs'. It is important for us to remember that there were many, many thousands of faithful Catholics who died during the penal times – the vast majority during the reign of Elizabeth I ('Good Queen Bess'). Their place in history was covered up by the authorities in their attempt to create a Protestant country here.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Agatha, virgin martyr** – martyred in Sicily, she was much venerated from about the third century. Very little is known for certain about this virgin-martyr – but she has been included in the Roman Canon since the earliest centuries. As she was martyred, her breasts were cut off; in iconography, she is often shown holding them in a dish. She is patron saint of bell ringers.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Paul Mikki and Companions, martyrs** – at the same time that the Church in this country was suffering persecution, Japan was also producing many martyrs. Among them were today's saints – brutally put to death, mainly by crucifixion, at Nagasaki in 1597.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, 27-29 March (8pm Friday to 3pm Sunday). In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. Meals included. Cost £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT : Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April

in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

TRUSTEES REQUIRED FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

VACANCY AT SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL - PART-TIME ASSISTANT SCHOOLKEEPER
20 hours per week. APTC SCALE 4 - £22,377 - £23,607 (Pro Rata) - see noticeboard for further details.

ENQUIRERS' EVENING

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 4 February at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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

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.