



Monday is the Diocesan Memorial of St Erconwald

## 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

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall  
*(for senior members of the community)*

### OUR LADY'S

#### PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close



## ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

During the month of May, members of the SVP are praying the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady at 7.00pm on the following dates: Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us as we pray for peace in our world and for the needs of our community. If coming by car, we suggest you park in Lowshoe Lane, entrance to the Church will be through the Lady Chapel doors.

## TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance is on the 24th April from 1.45 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, Elm Park 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 and enjoyed it please tell your friends and neighbours about it everyone welcome. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992

## CATERING FOR THE RECEPTION FOLLOWING GARY'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Saturday 22 June : 11.30 am

We are likely to have to feed 300 to 400 people – so your help is needed with preparing a vast finger buffet for us all to enjoy. Plates and napkins will be provided – but no cutlery. So everything needs to be easy to pick up and eat.

Would you be willing to prepare canapés, finger sandwiches, quiches, vol-au-vents or any of your own favourite dishes, perhaps some traditional finger food speciality?

Desserts would also be good eg chocolate-coated strawberries, profiteroles, etc. Again – anything small and easy to pick up.

A supply of trays will be available for you to pick up from the church and fill with these delights; you would need to bring these along on the day, to the Hall, before the Ordination Mass.

Alternatively, you may wish make a donation to help purchase food.

For now . . . think about what you could do to make this an occasion to remember. Hopefully, there will be a superb display of food, thanks to the efforts of our parishioners.

Next weekend a more detailed leaflet will be available with the newsletter outlining these and other ways you could help on the day.

## CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Preschool has places available. We take children from 2 -5 years of age. Children are eligible for a funded place the term after their 3rd birthday, we also take children who are eligible for 30hr funding, if you are interested in a place or would like a visit, please ring Anne on 07949-187273.

## CORPUS CHRISTI GARDENING TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Don't worry if you don't know much, or anything at all, about gardening. We will have jobs to suit all ages and all abilities! Help us dump some garden waste. Any spare compost or manure would also be gratefully received. We meet regularly on Wednesdays after Mass (around 9.30 am). If you can spare some

time, even if you only come once, we would love to see you. If you can help in any way, please ring Jean on 07591-655635.

## STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION)

A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1 June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

## FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR

On Wednesday 12 June at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

## CALAIS LIGHT

On 21-23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) or donate by emailing: [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com)

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732-886666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

## LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please call Julie Abbott on 01268-784544/07912-277413 or visit our website [www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events)

## TEACHING VACANCIES AT ILFORD URSULINE ACADEMY

Recruiting for the following roles: Teacher of Religious Education, Teacher of English and Subject Leader – Music. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Erconwald** – allegedly a member of the royal family of East Anglia, he became the abbot-founder of Chertsey in Surrey and founded a nunnery at Barking where his sister, St Ethelburga, became abbess. He was made bishop of London in 675 and died at Barking in 693. His shrine at old St Paul's Cathedral was destroyed in the Reformation; the cathedral in the Great Fire.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Matthias** – he was chosen to take the place of Judas among the apostles. The traditions concerning his later life are conflicting, but his relics were allegedly removed by St Helena from Jerusalem to what is now St Matthias' Abbey at Trier in Germany.

*"I am the good shepherd", Jesus says. "I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father" (vv. 14-15). Jesus does not speak of intellectual knowledge, no, but of a personal relationship, of predilection, of mutual tenderness, a reflection of the same intimate loving relationship between him and the Father. This is the attitude through which a living relationship with Jesus is realized: allowing ourselves to be known by him.*

**Pope Francis, Regina Caeli Address, St Peter's Square, Good Shepherd Sunday 2018**