



Saturday is the National Feast of Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

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

“Ask the Lord to draw us nearer to himself and to one another through the ministry of our bishops, priests and deacons”
Pope Francis

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON GARY DENCH

Saturday 22 June : 11.30 am

NEXT SATURDAY'S PREPARATIONS . . .

> *If you have offered to prepare food:*

please collect serving trays from the porch (this will save you having to bring the food on your own dishes and collect them afterwards).

On the Saturday, please bring them to the Parish Hall (at any time that is convenient to you from 8.00 am onwards). Probably a good idea to cover them with clingfilm.

> *We urgently need help ...*

Early on Saturday morning (from 8.00 am onwards) to set up tables and chairs in the Parish Hall and marquee (we have only discovered this week that there is a wedding reception in the hall on Friday and so we cannot gain access to the Hall until Saturday morning. This means that there will be much to get ready before the Mass at 11.30 am).

> *We could still do with some further offers of help ...*

On Saturday afternoon to serve the food and drinks, to help with the washing up, with clearing the tables, returning tables and chairs to the Hall.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP for parents of children in Year 5

In the autumn term, you will be required to apply for a secondary school place for your child for September 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply for one or more Catholic secondary schools, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass. If you are intending to ask me for this certificate, it is most important that I know who you and your child are, and that I know that it is your usual custom to attend weekly Sunday Mass (this includes Saturday evening Mass.) Do not assume that, if you slip in discreetly at the back of church during Mass, I will recognise you. If you think I should know who you are but might have forgotten, please remind me! If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask me.

ORDINATION CARDS

A selection of cards is available from the Repository.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the parish offerings amounted to £1350.61 (of which £442.60 was gift aided). Standing Orders: £1924.79. Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

DEACON ADRIAN LOWE

Many of you will remember Adrian – he spent a month here on pastoral placement in the summer of 2017. He has now completed his third year at the Beda College in Rome and was ordained deacon last Wednesday at the Basilica of St Paul

outside the Walls. There is a photo on the noticeboard. Following his final year at the Beda, he will be ordained priest next summer.

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.

ELM PARK TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance will take place on Wednesday 19 June in Saint Albans Parish Centre Elm Park, music by the very popular Mary. Dancing from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission is £5.00 including teas, coffee, and a selection of cakes. Thanks for your continued support. Please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992 for further information.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Once again a 7 day camping holiday for children is being held this year during the period 27th July to 24th August. Essentially, it's for children who would not be having a holiday this year. Please see the notice board in the Church Porch for further details of ask any member of the SVP for more information and an application form.

ANNUAL ASCOT LADIES' LUNCHEON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting its annual Ascot Ladies' Luncheon on Friday 21 June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268-784544/ lphillips@bccs.org.uk

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. This year the Mass is on Saturday 6 July at 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation please speak to your parish priest. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage - see the diocesan website or speak to your parish priest for more information.

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

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Alban**, protomartyr of Britain – the first known martyr of our country; he was put to death during a persecution sometime in the third century. St Alban's Abbey (now a cathedral) marks the traditional site of his death.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga** - this good young man joined the Jesuits, wanting to be a priest. But in 1591, at the age of twenty-three, he died from the plague which he caught while nursing its victims.

Saturday is the **National Feast of SS John Fisher and Thomas More** – John Fisher is best known for his martyrdom under Henry VIII in 1535; he also deserves to be admired for his outstanding example as a pastor. Bishop of Rochester, his first concern was always for the people entrusted to his care. Thomas More was a great Englishman, statesman, scholar and saint. His own words on the scaffold are now famous: "I die the King's good servant, but God's first". He was able to face death in this way – because that was the way he had lived.