



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 of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. The Year began on 30 September, the feast of St Jerome.

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

TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER ~ ROSARY WITH THE SVP

During the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, members of the SVP will be praying the Rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady at 7 pm on the following dates: Tuesdays 15th, 22nd and 29th. All are welcome to join us. We suggest that if coming by car, you park in Lowshoe Lane – entrance to the church is through the Lady Chapel doors,

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 14th October at 2.00 pm

Thursday 17th October at 6.00 pm

Friday 1st November at 11.00 am

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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.

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

LECTURE AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE

The Canonisation of Blessed (Cardinal) John Henry Newman takes place in Rome on Sunday 13 October. To mark this historic occasion Father Stewart Foster (Diocesan Archivist & Historian) will give a lecture entitled 'St John Henry Newman: His Life and Times' on Thursday 17 October at 7.30pm in the Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. All are welcome.

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

TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance is on 26 October from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish Hall, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LB. Dancing to the very popular by John McHugh on tour from Ireland, playing music to suit all tastes. Refreshments will be available. Admissions £5.00, all proceeds to parish funds. Hope to see you there, if you have been before and enjoyed it please tell your friends and neighbours about it everyone welcome. For further information, please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

VACANCY : DEPUTY HEADTEACHER – The Palmer Catholic Academy

Closing date for completed applications: 12 noon on Tuesday 15 October 2019. Details on the noticeboard.

LONDON MARATHON 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268-784544 or lphillips@bccs.org.uk The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November. Please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

ABBOTSWICK MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION

Mass of Remembrance and Commemoration of loved ones, Sunday 10th November, 2.30pm, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. If you are the friend or family member of someone who is remembered at Abbotswick, you are very welcome to this Mass, where the names of all those commemorated there will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. For more details email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277-373959.

VACANCY (maternity leave cover) : EVENTS & PILGRIMAGES CO-ORDINATOR

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service seeks an Events and Pilgrimages co-ordinator to cover maternity leave for 16 hours/week from January to October 2020. We seek a practicing Catholic with experience in events organisation, experience leading and motivating volunteers, experience of pilgrimage to Lourdes, and proficiency in Word and Excel. Full details at www.bcys.net/cover. Closing date for applications: 28 October at midday.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Teresa of Avila** – 400 years ago the Carmelite sisters were partly reorganised by St Teresa. Her reform was strict but humane, combining opportunities for holiness with much practical common-sense. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch** – among the many Christians who were killed by wild beasts in arenas across the Roman Empire was this elderly bishop; he died very early in the second century. His writings tell us much about the daily life and liturgy of the early Church.

Friday is the **Feast of St Luke** - author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and a missionary companion of St Paul. Luke is patron of doctors – with him we pray for all involved in the ministry of healing.

FUNDRAISING CONCERT AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 November on the theme Magic of Italian Opera with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessum Dorma with soloists Joyce El-Khoury, Michael Fabiano, Clare Presland and Simon Thorpe . For more details call 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk

CATHOLIC SINGLES

For single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics – see poster on the porch noticeboard for information.