



2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

## YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 29 January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Copies of the recently published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

## 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. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station.

## VIDEOS OF RECENT STUDY DAYS

Videos of the first two study days in the series marking the Year of the God Who Speaks are now available. Both Fr Adrian's day 'Beginning with Genesis', which opened the series, and the day given more recently by Fr Nicholas King SJ on 'The Scriptures in Advent' are free to view on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) - just go to the home page and click on 'Watch latest event'.

## 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.

## BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Children and families from Essex and East London have direct therapeutic support to our highly experienced counselling team. We provide support directly to children, adolescents on a 1:1 basis or the whole family. We help children with various reasons including anxiety, emotional health, bereavement, behaviour, bullying, family separation and illness. Sessions take place during the day or after school at our counselling suites at our offices in Rayleigh. There is a sessional charge but support may be given if required. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you would like more information, please contact Sarah D'Lima - [sdlima@bccs.or.uk](mailto:sdlima@bccs.or.uk) or 01268-947061.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

1st to the 6th June. Staying in central Rome. The cost includes transport in this country (airport transfer from/to Chingford) and

Italy, return flights, B and B accommodation with some other meals included, a fully escorted itinerary including Mass each day and tickets for an audience with the Holy Father, and all Mass offerings and tips. £795 in shared accommodation; £895 for single rooms. For more information please call Siobhan on 07932-634589 or e-mail [siobhan@parker-travel.com](mailto:siobhan@parker-travel.com)

## 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

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball 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: 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

## 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 fish • Jars pasta sauce • Long life milk • Tinned spaghetti • Tinned custard • Tinned fruit • Biscuits  
Long life fruit juice • Instant Coffee • Tomato ketchup • Sponge puddings • Jam • Crisps/chocolate*

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Saturday 25 January

**RAT PACK/SWING EVENING with the Gerry Kelly Quartet**

Tickets: £7

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)

## VACANCIES AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

The following vacancies are available: Data and Admissions Officer – term time plus 10 days. Finance Assistant – full time. Closing Date: noon, Monday 27 January 2020. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

## VACANCY AT THE CAMPION SCHOOL

The Champion School is seeking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor to join the current team monitoring pupils during the lunch breaks. The team covers the halls, playground and all other areas where pupils spend their recreation time. The hours would be from 12.20 to 1.50 pm, one or two days per week, term time only. To apply, please complete the application form on the school website ([www.thecampionschool.org.uk](http://www.thecampionschool.org.uk)) or contact the Headmaster's PA, Mrs Noddings for an application form ([cnoddings@thecampionschool.org](mailto:cnoddings@thecampionschool.org))

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This week is the **Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Agnes, virgin and martyr** – another popular saint from the early Church. She was martyred whilst in her teens, about the year 304.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Vincent, deacon & martyr** – he was severely tortured and then put to death at Valencia in Spain in 304.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the church** – this gentle pastor gave much practical advice about personal holiness for everyone. Admired by Calvinists of his own time, his feast falls suitably within the Unity Octave. He is patron saint of writers and journalists and died in 1622.