



Thursday is the Memorial of St John Bosco

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 at 4.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays at 7.45 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

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

(for parents and toddlers)

Fridays : 1.00 - 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

NOBLE THANKS

Following the death of Teresa and her Requiem Mass . . .

The Noble family would like to thank everyone who came to the service, gave us support with such kind wishes of sympathy and for all the lovely cards.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Last call ... our Friday afternoon group for parents/carers and babies or toddlers is in danger of closing down. If you are interested in coming along and, perhaps, a couple of you would be prepared to take responsibility for running the group (mainly setting up the hall with the toys and clearing away afterwards) - please speak with Father Philip.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

On Wednesdays 30th January at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3 pm on Sunday 10 February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.



*Please let Father Philip know if ...
you are new to the parish,
you are moving within the parish
or you are leaving the parish.*

VISION DOCUMENT – Shaping Our Future

This important document has been published recently and outlines the way forward for our diocese in the coming months and years. We have very few printed copies left, however, it is available on the diocesan website and can also be accessed via a link from our own parish website (click on Parish Partnership and go to the link). The document has two main parts: Renewal and Restructuring.

The **Renewal** section contains themes which should be at the heart of Catholic Life anyway and have been identified by contributors throughout the diocese as being of essential importance to us all.

The **Restructuring** section outlines parish partnerships; in our case, the five parishes of Collier Row, Gidea Park, Harold Hill St Dominic, Harold Hill Most Holy Redeemer and Romford. Nothing is set in stone; we are being asked to explore ways in which we could collaborate and share together. This process will be led by the Stewards of the Gospel and the priests of the parishes. It is likely that each Partnership will develop differently from others; we are asked to decide what would work best for us. Our long-term plan needs to be finalised during the coming year, with Easter 2020 being the absolute deadline for these plans to be submitted to the Bishop.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas** – a Dominican priest and an outstanding Doctor of the Church. He was, first and foremost, a man of prayer. Composer of several hymns including the *O salutaris* and *Tantum ergo*. His writing, principally the magisterial *Summa Theologiae*, formed the basic text used in the formation of priests and is still influential today.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St John Bosco** - founder of the Salesian Fathers and Brothers and co-founder of the Salesian Sisters. He had a deep understanding of young people and their problems. He died in 1888.

YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE SUMMER 2019 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

If you are in school year 10 or above, come and join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We travel alongside the diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage, particularly those in wheelchairs. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Applications remain open until 31st January 2019. These can be made at www.bcys.net/events where you will also find more information about the trip. Likely travel dates will be 20th - 27th July 2019.

ANNIVERSARY CHARITY BALL

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9 March. 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 / 07912-277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

VACANCY AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK – ASSISTANT MANAGER

Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY : RESEARCH ASSISTANT

An opportunity has arisen for a Research Assistant to work with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supporting the work of the Social Justice team. It is a role which would suit an individual seeking to develop their already proven research skills and increase their understanding of the social justice contribution of the Catholic Church. This is a varied role within a committed and professional team, working in the office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, a short walk from Victoria Station in Central London. Details on the noticeboard.

VACANCY WITH BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) - Head of School Services
BCCS are seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic team manager who has the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to lead our School Service provision. The Head of School Services will provide professional support, supervision, training and leadership to social workers and counsellors who work in the school setting. Please visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk to down load details, or email bfisher@bccs.org.uk for further information or to arrange an informal chat.

CATHOLIC TEACHING: Two fantastic opportunities from the Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance
21/3/19 - "Get Into Teaching - Catholic Education" is a drop-in event in Billericay for anyone considering a career in teaching (primary or secondary) who wants to find out more about training and employment opportunities.

6/4/19 - "Moving Into Catholic Education" is a Saturday networking event with a free lunch provided in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school.
For more details please contact: <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> or email agnusdei@stbons.org

"We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good; we go to become good" - St John Bosco