



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 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

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.

TEA DANCE

Our next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 19 February in Saint Alban's Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens, Elm Park, RM12 5LA. Music by the very popular Mary, dancing from 1.30 4.30 PM Admission £5.00 includes tea, coffee and cakes. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon of fun and help us to create a good Parish community spirit. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

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.

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
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: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 01268-784544 / 07912-277413.

ADULT QUIET RETREAT

Enjoy the peace, prayer and stillness of Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a long weekend this summer; Friday 7th August (5pm) to Monday 10th August (11am). Optional programme including Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and social time; accommodation and all meals provided; single en-suite £225; twin en-suite £150 per person. Bursary for anyone in financial hardship. Full details from josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net and on the website www.bcys.net Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly!

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, 27-29 March (8pm Friday to 3pm Sunday). In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. Meals included. Cost £35.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Saturday 21 March	IRISH "SING-ALONG" EVENING with Kelly's Heroes Tickets: £7
Saturday 28 March	CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT raising funds for "Home from Home for the Elderly" Tickets £10 per person available from the Catholic Club (to be purchased in advance) includes Fish or Chicken & Chip Supper. See poster for further details.
Friday 17 April	WEST HAM EVENING - an evening with The Boys - hosted by Tony Gale Tickets: £20
Saturday 9 May	VE CELEBRATION EVENING featuring a 6-piece Swing Band Tickets: £10 (over 14s only)

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday is the **Memorial of St Scholastica, virgin** – the sister of St Benedict, it is not known whether she lived in community or alone, she lived near the monastery at Monte Cassino and Benedict visited her shortly before she died.

Tuesday is the **Diocesan Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** – as with all true shrines of the Mother of God, Lourdes is a place where Mary leads us to her Son; in addition, she urges us to do penance for the sins of the world. It was on this day in 1858 that Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette. The girl grew up to lead a life of great saintliness, and died in 1879.

Friday is the **Memorial of SS Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop** - these two brothers were missionary priests to what is now the Czech Republic and Slovakia, where they are still greatly honoured. They lived in the ninth century and were responsible for creating an alphabet, based on Greek, for the local language – this alphabet is known as 'Cyrillic' (after Cyril) and used in countries such as Russia.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT : Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April

in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

TRUSTEES REQUIRED FOR THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

VACANCIES IN EDUCATION – see porch noticeboard for details

SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL – Part-time Assistant Schoolkeeper

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HORNCHURCH – Headteacher

THE CAMPION SCHOOL, HORNCHURCH - Exam Invigilator

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

DEMENTIA CARE – CHAT-LINE

Are you caring for someone 24/7 with a diagnosis of Dementia?

or

Are you worried about someone who is getting too forgetful, out of the ordinary?

In either case, if you would like to chat to someone, Yvonne and Marie (two parishioners who have a few years' experience of caring for someone with Dementia) will be happy to hear from you for a chat. Please call (from 5 pm onwards):

Yvonne : 01708-767355 or Marie : 01708-732249

All calls will be strictly confidential.

See poster for details of Havering Dementia Groups: 'Singing for the Brain' and the Dementia Café