



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 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

VOCATIONS ENQUIRERS' EVENING

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5th November at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 Nessim 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

ABBOTSWICK MASS OF REMEMBRANCE & COMMEMORATION

Mass of Remembrance and Commemoration of loved ones, Sunday 10 November at 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 telephone 01277-373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

PAN-AFRICAN MASS FOR THE AFRICAN COMMUNITIES

The 22nd Pan-African Annual Mass for the African Communities will be celebrated on Sunday 10 November at 3pm prompt, at St George's Catholic Church, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU. The main celebrant this year is Rt. Revd. Msgr. Keith Newton, the Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. The African Chaplains and other Clergy together with the various African Community Choirs will be in attendance. The theme of the Mass is "African Catholic Youth in the Church, today and tomorrow". Two speakers will speak on Knife Crime and share personal experience with the youth during the Mass. Special Reception follows immediately after the Mass in the Parish Hall. All are cordially invited.

CAFOD'S DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASS

in honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year on Wednesday 13 November at 12 noon at St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford. You are warmly welcome to attend the Mass followed by a short reception hosted by the Golden Club in the parish hall. A Book of Remembrance will be available for anyone who would like their loved ones held in prayer. For more information, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01268-551293 or 07776-493162.

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.

SPIRITUALITY MORNING

Saturday 16 November : 10.30am-12.00noon - Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: Preparing for the Advent Journey. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Tel. 01277-265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 20 November in Saint Alban's Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens Elm Park, RM12 5LA. Music by Finbar Black, dancing from 1.30 to 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – medical, nursing and other helpers

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine's Church, Springfield, Chelmsford on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30 pm. Further information, contact Cathy O'Connor cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com Tel: 01026-735623 or Patrick Parsons Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com Tel: 01621-851875

INSIGHT TO PALESTINE

The Caritas Jerusalem group at Gidea Park would like to invite you to 'Insight to Palestine', an information evening, to be held from 7 pm on Tuesday 26 November at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), about the situation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi, a Palestinian psychologist, will speak to us about the impact of living under occupation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and a light supper of Middle Eastern food will be available. We will end with a period of prayer. If you would like to come, please book your place for catering purposes by email to gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join homelessness charity Caritas Anchor House for a night of festivities at their Christmas Concert – including wonderful music, and guest speaker Jeremy Paxman! CAH are based in Newham and help 140 homeless people every day. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27 November at St Margaret and All Saints Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB, 6.30 – 7.45pm, followed by refreshments in CAH. The church is just 2 minutes from Canning Town DLR and Tube station. For more info and tickets, contact events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk or phone 020-7476 6062.

CHARITY CEILIDH IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals Havering Volunteers will be holding a Ceilidh Dance on: Friday 29 November, 7.30/8.00 pm, at La Salette Parish Hall, Rainham. Licenced bar only. Please come along and support our fundraising event. Tickets £5, available from Theresa on 07845-084493. for more information visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Patrick's PTA are happy to announce that our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 13 December from 15:15 to 17:15 in the School Hall at St Patricks School. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is £2. We will be serving a range of food including international dishes along with our standard sweet treats, mulled wine and hot drinks. We will have games, novelty stalls and Santa's Grotto. Please come and support our school and enjoy the festivities with us.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

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

SUMMER LOURDES 2020 with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Open to anyone currently in school year 10-13. We travel on Saturday 25 July, return Saturday 1 August 2020. Cost £600 includes return coach travel, hotel accommodation, insurance and all meals in Lourdes. This amazing experience comes just once a year – full details are at <https://bcys.net/events/summer-lourdes-2020-pilgrimage/>. Applications open Sunday 27 October 2019 and close on 10 January 2020; places will be allocated on 14 January and no deposit is required until then. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Charles Borromeo** - Cardinal Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584. Among his many qualities was a great practical love for the poor. He was a tower of strength to the post-Reformation Church. His advice and blessing were highly valued by newly-ordained priests from the Venerable English College in Rome. Bound for home and possible martyrdom, they made a point of first visiting St Charles.