



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

## TALKS ON THE FAITH

Our programme of sessions for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith continues on Wednesday 20 November: 7.30 - 8.30 pm in Church House. The topic: *The Bible: history of salvation.*

## CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the Church Porch from next weekend and for the following few weeks: religious Christmas Cards, Advent Candles and Calendars, Christmas Candles, Nativity Sets, Calendars and Gifts, all reasonably priced.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY at The Campion School

This annual event, hosted by the Sixth Form students at The Campion School, takes place on Sunday 15 December: 1.30 to 6.00 pm. We have a maximum of fifteen places – so, if you would like to go, let John know as soon as possible.

## 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.

## THE SCRIPTURES IN ADVENT

In this second study day of our celebration of the Year of the Word Fr Nicholas King SJ, world-famous as a Bible translator and lecturer on the Bible, will help us explore the Scriptures we will meet in the Liturgy in Advent. Saturday 23 November: 10.30 am – 3.00 pm at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road Gidea Park RM2 6DH. Admission free. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708-449914. Light refreshments provided. Please bring your own packed lunch; local eateries available.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at THE CAMPION SCHOOL

on Saturday 23 November from 10am-2pm

## INSIGHT INTO 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

## 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

## 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.

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING at The Palmer Catholic Academy

Thursday 28 November at 6pm. Headteacher's address at 6.15pm. Please note students must be accompanied by an adult and must be dressed in school uniform. External students will be asked for photographic ID, eg TfL Zip card. Students must register in order to attend, please go to the latest news section of our website: [www.tpc.academy/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=212](http://www.tpc.academy/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=212)

## THE CAMPION QUIZ NIGHT

On 29 November from 6:30pm until 9:30pm, help us raise money in order to fund the much-loved OAP Party in December. The night will be filled with many mini-games, an exciting quiz, and a chance to win a few prizes! We invite everyone to join, as tickets are £5 per person with each quiz table being a size of 8-10 people and please bring your own refreshments. For booking or any questions that you may have, please email [campion.quiznight@gmail.com](mailto:campion.quiznight@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

## LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting its very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Friday 6 December 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268-784544 / [lpillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lpillips@bccs.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.

## CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

in the beautiful chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us on Thursday 19th December at 6pm for a reflective time of Advent and Christmas music, interspersed with scripture readings, poems and inspiring words about Christmas. After around an hour in the chapel we will move to the main house for mince pies, mulled wine and luxurious hot chocolate. Tickets are just £10, and there are a maximum of 60 tickets available. All money raised will support young adults travelling to Lourdes next Easter with HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust – to help children with additional needs. For tickets phone 01277-373959 and ask for Joe or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## 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 . . .

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – although based only on pious legend, this feast has a special value as a link with the Eastern Church, where it has been celebrated for well over a thousand years.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Cecilia** – as a virgin-martyr she was held in high honour from the sixth century onwards, but her dates and history are unknown. Her body was discovered in the catacomb of St Callistus outside the ancient City of Rome and was transferred to the Basilica built in her honour in the area "across the Tiber" – Trastevere. She is patron of musicians.