



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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Melissa Sylvester into the People of God, the Church; we pray for her and her family – that they will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The deadline for handing in completed application forms and interviews with Father Philip is this Monday – 24 February.

## PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend your offerings amounted to £728.00 (of which £359.64) was gift-aided. Thank you for your generous and continued giving.

## 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](mailto: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 on the website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or from [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.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.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR TRAVELLERS

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm for anyone who is interested in assisting with the Sacramental Preparation of Traveller children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The training will be led by Sister Philomena Purcell and will take place in the Pastoral Centre at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay. If you are interested in attending please contact Father Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277-624891. All prospective Catechists will need to have a DBS certificate issued by the diocese.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

Saturday 21 March	<b>IRISH "SING-ALONG" EVENING with Kelly's Heroes</b> Tickets: £7
Saturday 28 March	<b>CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT raising funds for "Home from Home for the Elderly"</b> 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	<b>WEST HAM EVENING - an evening with The Boys - hosted by Tony Gale</b> Tickets: £20
Saturday 9 May	<b>VE CELEBRATION EVENING featuring a 6-piece Swing Band</b> Tickets: £10 (over 14s only)

## 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

## OPEN DAY

St John's Special Educational Needs College (ages 19-25) invite you to an Open Day on Friday 13 March 10am – 2pm, providing an opportunity to visit and see what we can offer prospective students, with the opportunity to meet the staff and current students. IG8 8AX 020-8504 1818

## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY - DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

This significant role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16th March 2020. Full details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277-373959.

## ASSISTANT MANAGER - WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK

As we say a fond farewell to Beth Warren this summer, we are looking to recruit someone who has retreat centre experience, to live and work at Walsingham House, to lead retreat programmes and to help with the training and formation of our volunteer team. Start in mid-August 2020. Salary £16,926. Closing date for applications 2nd March 2020. Full details at [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or call Joe Beattie on 01277-373959.

## NATIONAL NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

takes place from 10th-18th March 2020 at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St. Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Novena Director, St. Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)