



Thursday is the Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist

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 senior members of the community)

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall

The Club is closed throughout August and will re-commence on 5 September

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 - 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Preschool has places available. We take children from 2 -5 years of age. Children are eligible for a funded place the term after their 3rd birthday, we also take children who are eligible for 30hr funding, if you are interested in a place or would like a visit, please ring Anne on 07949-187273.

HOME FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

a charity that aims at providing affordable care to the elderly, would very much appreciate someone with fundraising experience to help with organising fundraising events. If you can assist, please contact Aminta Hall on 07702-063535.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP

for parents of children going into Year 6

In the autumn term, you will be required to apply for a secondary school place for your child for September 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply for one or more Catholic secondary schools, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass. If you are intending to ask me for this certificate, it is most important that I know who you and your child are, and that I know that it is your usual custom to attend weekly Sunday Mass (this includes Saturday evening Mass.) Do not assume that, if you slip in discreetly at the back of church during Mass, I will recognise you. If you think I should know who you are but might have forgotten, please remind me! If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask me.

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS

To open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Beginning with Genesis' on Saturday 12 October at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). The day will begin at 10.30 a.m. with the formal opening of the Year by Bishop Alan Williams. This will be followed by the launch of our evangelisation website. Coffee will be available from 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. The study day will end at 3 p.m. Admission is free but please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Plentiful parking space at the church, and easy access to Gidea Park by train and bus.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER ~ Mersea Island

26th-27th October (half term weekend)

The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

ADVICE FOR THE ELDERLY IRISH

The Irish Elderly Advice Service located in Forest Gate continues to provide an Advice Service on the first Thursday of every Month. It will re-open on Thursday 6 September at Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, Forest Gate at 10.30am to 2pm.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. Next Trips: 22- 24th Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2. Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have a child who will be going into Year 3 in September, you may wish to consider enrolling them on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme. Here's what to do:

- **If your child was baptised here** please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible. You do not need a baptism certificate.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you have a copy of the baptism certificate: please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you do not have a baptism certificate: you will need to contact the parish where the baptism took place to obtain one. Then, when you have received it, telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip.

When you come for your appointment, please bring a **donation of £25** to help cover the costs of the Preparation Programme (cash or cheque payable to "Corpus Christi Catholic Church"). If your child was baptised elsewhere, please also bring the baptism certificate with you.

During your appointment with Father Philip you will be asked to complete the application form.

The closing date for all applications is **Sunday 1 September**.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Monica** – the pious mother of St Augustine, she is said to have shed tears for her son, 'dead to the Faith until his conversion'.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Augustine** – this convert became, as Bishop of Hippo in north Africa, one of the greatest ever leaders, thinkers and teachers of the Faith. The story of his conversion is told in the classic spiritual book now known as *The Confessions of St Augustine*. He died in 430.

Thursday is the **Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist** – the horrific drama of his death, on the orders of the weak yet powerful Herod, is told in the gospel of today's liturgy. There are a number of churches dedicated to this feast, including the Anglican church at Doddington in Kent. Telephoning the vicarage there must be somewhat alarming: *"Beheading of John the Baptist, may I help you?"*

Friday is the **Memorial of Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward** - three of the many women martyrs of the Reformation. **Margaret Clitherow** was born at York in 1536; she converted to Catholicism, for which she was imprisoned for two years. Upon release, she sheltered priests in her home. Arrested again, she was condemned to the horrible penalty of being slowly pressed to death. She died at York in 1586. **Anne Line** was born at Dunmow in Essex. A convert, she was hanged at Tyburn in 1601 for harbouring priests. We have a window in her honour in our church, a gift of the Catholic Women's League. **Margaret Ward** was hanged at Tyburn in 1588 for the crime of rescuing a priest.



When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God ... enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him ... send Him a text while driving.

Translated from a poster found in a church in France

"May the Lord open our hearts to the needs of the poor, the defenceless, those who knock on our door to be recognised as a person" – Pope Francis