

Our Lent Offerings this year . . .



WEEKLY EVENTS

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Sundays in the Church Porch during 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 at 4.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall
(for senior members of the community)

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm
at 10 Norman Close



WAY OF THE CROSS during Lent

Fridays : 7.30 pm

A NOTE FROM MICHELLE MACK, GIFT AID CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you to everyone who is a member of Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme. Through this scheme, your church is able to reclaim the tax paid on your donations, at no extra cost to yourself, which provides a vital source of additional income. The 2019/20 envelopes will be ready for collection in the porch on the weekend of 23/24 March. If there are any errors in names, or if your box is missing, please get in touch with me. For those who pay by standing order, mini boxes for second collections will be available. If you are not yet a member of Corpus Christi Gift Aid scheme and you are a tax payer, please consider joining. If you would like information, please get in touch. I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Father Philip, to thank the checkers and Margaret Conway for their hard work throughout the year collating the donations. My contact details are: Michelle Mack, 01708-750331, michelle.mack16@gmail.com

NEW CHECKING ROTA

A new Checking Rota begins this Sunday; it is available on the parish website and there are hard copies in the sacristy. Anyone who would be prepared to help (we need teams of two or more) please speak with Fr Philip.

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.

ADULT CEILI LESSONS

The 'Adult Ceili' lessons at Campion, Mondays 8 pm - 9 pm, £5 per week, term time only. Come and enjoy a fun class while also getting fit. No experience necessary.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27 May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268-762 278 or 07740-175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

VITALITY LONDON 10K RUN

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912-277413.

THE PASSAGE BIG GIVE

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tuesday 19 March to 12 noon Tuesday 26 March to support its work with homeless people moving from Street to Home. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20

(and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth on 020-7592 1856 or email: andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019 The maximum is £25,000 from any one donation. It is not a limit per person.

CALAIS LIGHT

On 21- 23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord** – St Pope Paul VI wrote that this is a 'joint feast of Christ and the Blessed Virgin; of the Word who becomes Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes Mother of God'.

Diocese of Brentwood - Vision Document - "Shaping our Future"

Parish Partnership Focus

As part of the process of planning for the future, parishes have been arranged in clusters known as *Parish Partnerships*. We are in the **North Havering Partnership** which comprises the parishes of Corpus Christi, Collier Row; St Edward the Confessor, Romford; Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park; Most Holy Redeemer, Harold Hill and St Dominic, Harold Hill.

The Vision Document, published at the beginning of Advent 2018, asks that Partnerships throughout the diocese look at ways of collaborative working and sharing of resources. In our Partnership the clergy and Stewards of the Gospel are meeting frequently to look at the sort of issues raised in the Vision Document, these include:

Sacraments: What new ways can we find to prepare for and celebrate the sacraments? Are there things we can do together? For example: preparation for Confirmation, preparing adults to be baptised or received into the church, marriage preparation.

Service: Are there ways we can exercise the ministry of charity more effectively or together?

Buildings: Do we want or need to keep every building open (churches, halls, presbyteries)? Do we want to use them in the way they are currently used or do we want to close some or put them to new uses? Are there some churches that could become 'Chapels of Ease'?

Masses: What will our Mass schedule look like in the future (within the next decade or so, it is anticipated that there will be only two or three priests to cover the five parishes). How will we manage to provide each church with Sunday Masses?

Priests: As parishioners, we need to start thinking about our priests' working lives; how can the Partnership best care for and sustain our priests in the future? What do we expect from them now? Will this be fair or realistic when they have to serve two or more church communities?

In the coming months this group will begin to formulate a long-term plan for the future. The process of developing the plan has to be completed and submitted to Bishop Alan later this year, with Easter 2020 being the absolute deadline.

Future newsletter articles will keep us up-to-date with developments and with information about the parishes in our Partnership.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME begins next weekend – put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night or be late for Sunday Mass!

*"Let us thank God for 'sister water', such a simple and precious element,
and let us strive to make it accessible to all".*

Pope Francis, Message for World Water Day, 22 March 2019