



Monday is the European Feast of
St Catherine of Siena

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

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

GARY'S ORDINATION AS PRIEST

Planning for this wonderful event is underway; it promises to be a great milestone in his life and for us, his parish community. Details of how we can all be involved will be available in the next fortnight.

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.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

celebrating the diversity of London, Essex, Kent & Hertfordshire

Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the home counties for this Mass on Bank Holiday Monday (6 May) at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.

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.

STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION)

A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1 June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR

On Wednesday 12 June at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

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

VACANCIES AT ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting Class Assistants and an SEN Class Teacher to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Both positions are full-time, term time only, and require previous experience. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732-886666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SOUTH EAST CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP

(0.3FTE, 2-year Fixed term contract)

The Catholic Education Service (CES) has an opportunity for an individual, able to demonstrate an outstanding leadership track record in education, to work with diocesan directors, academies and Catholic teaching schools in the region to develop and deliver effective programmes of leadership development and ongoing formation. For more information about this post please email Sophie Russell at sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date 9th May.

VACANCY AT ST PETER'S, DAGENHAM

St Peters RC Primary School in Dagenham is looking to appoint a full-time SENDCO in September 2019. Closing date - Friday 10th May at midday. Please phone 020-8270 6524 for an application pack.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the European Feast of St Catherine of Siena – a member of the Dominican Order, it was through her example of holiness, and her wisdom, that she made a great impact on the Church of her time, which was split by the 'Great Schism'. St Pope Paul VI gave her the title 'Doctor of the Church'. She died in 1380; her tomb is under the high altar in the Roman church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva.

Tuesday is the National Solemnity of St George (*transferred from 23 April*) - martyr and a patron of many places - including Georgia, Portugal, Malta & Gozo and England. Little is known for certain about him; but it is quite unlikely that he killed a dragon. In the Catholic Church there can be no celebrations of the saints during Holy Week or Easter Week; some feastdays are omitted completely, others, because of their significance, are transferred to the first available 'free' day. As Patron of Europe, Catherine of Siena is an obligatory celebration and she 'trumps' any national feastday. So, this year, the first opportunity we have to celebrate our national patron is Tuesday 30 April. Dare we mention Brexit?!

Wednesday is the Memorial of St Joseph the Worker – the Church reminds us today, International Labour Day, of the true nobility and value of work, pointing to the working life of Joseph the Carpenter (the scriptures use the word *tekton* which is better translated as "handyman") of Nazareth.

Thursday is the Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – this fourth century bishop of Alexandria was continually persecuted. Among his many writings was his steadfast defence of our belief that Jesus is God made man.

Friday is the Feast of SS Philip & James, apostles – in the Gospel reading today we hear Jesus' reply, at the Last Supper, to Philip's request: 'Lord, let us see the Father'. James is sometimes called 'the Less', simply to distinguish him from the other better-known apostle of the same name.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Saturday 22 June at 11.30 am

Sunday 23 June at 11.30 am

Friday 18 October at 9.00 pm

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

of Deacon Gary Dench
followed by reception in the Parish Centre Hall

FIRST MASS celebrated by Father Gary Dench
followed by prosecco in the church grounds

COMPLINE – Night Prayer of the Church sung by members of choirs affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music