



2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th 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

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 29 January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Copies of the recently published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on www.whatgoodnews.org

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. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church.

ANNUAL LOURDES MASS

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16 February at 3 pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

1st to the 6th June. Staying in central Rome. The cost includes transport in this country (airport transfer from/to Chingford) and Italy, return flights, B and B accommodation with some other meals included, a fully escorted itinerary including Mass each day and tickets for an audience with the Holy Father, and all Mass offerings and tips. £795 in shared accommodation; £895 for single rooms. For more information please call Siobhan on 07932-634589 or e-mail siobhan@parker-travel.com

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

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball 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 / 01268-784544 / 07912-277413.

COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

There is a basket in the porch for donations to the local Foodbank; at the moment they could do with the following items:

*Tinned fish • Jars pasta sauce • Long life milk • Tinned spaghetti • Tinned custard • Tinned fruit • Biscuits
Long life fruit juice • Instant Coffee • Tomato ketchup • Sponge puddings • Jam • Crisps/chocolate*

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

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| Friday 20 March | AN EVENING with Phil Parkes/Alan Devonshire and Tony Gale Tickets: £20 |
| Saturday 9 May | VE CELEBRATION EVENING featuring a 6-piece Swing Band Tickets: £10 (over 14s only) |

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday is the **Memorial of St Angela Merici** – founder, in 1535, of the Ursuline Sisters, the first teaching order of nuns. This was in the northern Italian town of Brescia, near where she had been born in 1474. She died in 1540.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas** – a Dominican priest and an outstanding Doctor of the Church. He was, first and foremost, a man of prayer. Composer of several hymns including the *O salutaris* and *Tantum ergo*. His writing, principally the magisterial *Summa Theologiae*, formed the basic text used in the formation of priests and is still influential today.

Friday is the **Memorial of St John Bosco** – founder of the Salesian Fathers and Brothers and co-founder of the Salesian Sisters. He had a deep understanding of young people and their problems. He died in 1888.

YOUTH MASS : Wednesday 5 February 8pm : Brentwood Cathedral

Anyone age 14+ is very welcome; the February Mass includes a live interview with Rob Green, a former Campion pupil who – using his own resources – went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp for a month. Hear his fascinating story, and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. More details www.bcys.net. Youth Masses take place at the Cathedral every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

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.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT : Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April

in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

OPEN DAYS

St John's Special Educational Needs College (ages 19-25) invite you to an Open Day on either Friday 7 February or 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

GARDEN BENCH

A new garden bench has been installed on the front lawn in memory of Fr. Sean Sheils RIP, our former Parish Priest, 1977-2011. Thank you for all the donations.

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 from josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net and on the website www.bcys.net Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly!