



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

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

on Friday 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work. If you are interested in supporting CAFOD's work through volunteering your time, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01263-551293.

## CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale from this weekend: St. Patrick's Day cards (17<sup>th</sup> March) and Mother's Day cards (22<sup>nd</sup> March), all reasonably priced.

## TEA DANCE

Our next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 18 March in Saint Albans Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens Elm Park, RM12 5LA. As this is the day after St Patrick's day it will be a special St Patrick's celebration: green will be the theme. Music by the fabulous Finbar Black, dancing from 1.30 till 4.30 pm. Admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon of fun and help us to create a good Parish community spirit. Any information please contact John O'Connor on 07903-366992

## 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.

## 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.

## MISSIO UPDATE

As you may be aware, 19th March is the Feast of St. Joseph. I have sent a donation on your behalf to St. Joseph's Missionary Society (which is part of the Missio Charity) for a Mass to be said for your intentions and those whom you care for and love. The Spring edition of the "Missio" magazine is at the back of the Church; do feel free to

take a copy to learn more about the diverse roles of missionary work in the 21st century. All too frequently this may involve very real danger for the clergy, religious and lay workers. One of our own congregation told me recently about how in her homeland of Western Nigeria a mini bus of children and their parish priest were murdered on their way back from a religious pilgrimage. The priest had been ordained just 40 days. Please continue to support Missio by your prayers and, if you are able, financially, using the Red Box. Many thanks, *Kate Welcome*, Parish Missio Co-ordinator

## 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)

## 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?	<i>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):</i>	<b>Yvonne</b> 01708-767355 or <b>Marie</b> 01708-732249 All calls will be strictly confidential.
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See poster for details of Havering Dementia Groups: 'Singing for the Brain' and the Dementia Café

## BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL "GOD WHO SPEAKS" LENTEN LECTURES

Wednesday 4 March at 7.30 pm in Cathedral parish hall. The Bible: alive and active or dead and irrelevant? to be given by Professor Anthony Towey, Director of Aquinas Centre, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London. Free Entry. All welcome. For more information go to [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org).

## LENTEN RESOURCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service have gathered together a collection of links to Catholic resources from across the Internet, to help you on your Lenten journey. You will find everything at <https://bcys.net/lent-2020/>. The next Youth Mass is this Wednesday (4th March) – another way to go deeper into prayer and reflection for Lent, in the company of other young people aged approx. 14-23. The Mass is at 8pm at Brentwood Cathedral, followed by simple refreshments. The next Youth Mass is this Wednesday (4th March) – another way to go deeper into prayer and reflection for Lent, in the company of other young people aged approx. 14-23. The Mass is at 8pm at Brentwood Cathedral, followed by simple refreshments.

## LENTEN TALKS – THE YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

On the evenings of 11th, 18th and 25th March beginning at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about 'The Great Johannine Gospels', considering the gospels of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus, which will be proclaimed on the subsequent Sundays, 3rd, 4th and 5th of Lent. These evenings will include a reading of the relevant gospel in parts. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Please book your place for these events by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. For further information and video of past events go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)