



Monday is the Memorial of St Monica

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

"DEO GRATIAS"

PRAYER GROUP

Monday mornings : 10.30 am at 15 Burland Road

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

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

(for parents and toddlers)

Fridays : 1.00 – 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

KERALA FLOODS: an SVP appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

CORPUS CHRISTI GIFT AID

On behalf of Father Philip, I would like to thank members of Corpus Christi Gift Aid for their continued support of our Parish. We have received £13,220.57 from HMRC, which is the repayment of the tax members have paid on their donations for 2017/8. This is an incredible achievement, especially in times of financial constraints, and would not have been possible without your support. I would also like to thank Margaret Conway, who does the weekly and monthly input, and also the checkers who collate donations throughout the year. If you are not yet a member of Corpus Christi Gift Aid, and you are a tax payer, perhaps you could consider joining.. If you would like further information, please contact Michelle Mack, Gift Aid Co-ordinator, on 01708-750331, or email michelle.mack16@gmail.com.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £930.54 (£468.50 of this was gift-aided). As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.



READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

Due to changes in circumstances, a number of those who are on the rota as Readers and Communion Ministers have asked to switch to a different Mass from September; so there will be changes. If you are currently on the rota and would also like a change – now would be a good time to ask. Speak with Father Philip or John in the coming weeks. We could do with a few recruits so, if you would like to serve our community in either or both of these ministries – have a word. Preparation, training and support will be offered. And no, you are not worthy – none of us is! All ministry in the Church is service; it isn't a reward for being perfect.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Alternatively, donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. Next Trip 28th-30th Sept. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER

20th - 21st October 2018, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea

This event is open to those in school year 9 and above.

We are delighted to be back at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island for our annual Youth Gather, where there is new cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities. We will combine opportunities for climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. One of our speakers for this Autumn will be the lively, humorous and engaging speaker Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

The cost includes lunch and dinner on Saturday 20th, breakfast and lunch on Sunday 21st, two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, and a night in a Mersea log cabin – all of this for just £50. This price is thanks to National Youth Sunday parish collections, to help us subsidise such opportunities.

Applications for this year's Youth Gather on Mersea Island are now open! You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20 September at 915 am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email toroland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday 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'.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of the Beheading 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?*"

Thursday is the **National Memorial of SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and 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.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne** - a saintly bishop who established Holy Island as a missionary base for preaching the gospel in northern England. Aidan died in 651. His monastery became a powerhouse of prayer and faith, producing many saints of the north, including St Cuthbert.