



Friday is the Memorial of St Maria Goretti

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as we welcome Florence Scuffell into the Church; we pray that she and her family will grow in the knowledge and love of God within our faith community.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £1024.43 (£504.90 of this was gift-aided). As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

GARY DENCH : ORDINATION AS DEACON

As we mentioned a few weeks ago, Gary (whose family home is here in Collier Row) is due to be ordained to the diaconate on Thursday 19 July at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead - where Gary is on placement with Canon Pat Sammon. In order for the parish to gauge numbers, if you are thinking of going, there is a sign-up sheet on the porch noticeboard or, if it is easier, let Father Philip or John know. Gary will be serving as a deacon in Colchester parish.

THE LAMP AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

Our thanks to those whose offerings are helping to maintain the light that burns in honour of Our Lady. This year is now fully covered – as are several weeks in 2019. If you would like to contribute to the maintenance of the light and have a specific date in mind – it would be an idea to “book early to avoid disappointment”. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the porch and the Sacristy.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

A few weeks ago we received a request for a large Rosary that would not rust. It was for a gravestone. This is now in stock in the Repository cupboard in the Church Porch.

CHORAL CONCERT : Sunday 8 July at 6.30 pm at St Edward the Confessor, Romford Market Place

The Wykeham Singers and Sinfonia performing a number of works including Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo and Vivaldi's Gloria. Tickets £15 on the door, £12 in advance, students £5 (John has a few tickets if you are interested).

COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB ~ NEWS

- Membership Renewal is now due.
- Golf Day: Saturday 7 July at Stapleford. £40 includes Full English Breakfast and Fish & Chip Supper.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

at Aldham Essex. This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July 2018 for Boys

Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August 2018 for Boys

Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk More information can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Mon 23 - Sat 28 July. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. **Flight times** If you are coming on the pilgrimage, you will appreciate knowing the flight times. The departure on Monday will be from Stansted at 10 am. Our return flight on Saturday 28 July will arrive at Stansted at 12.20 pm (departing Lourdes at 11.30 am).

SACRED HEART OF MARY PAST PUPILS & TEACHERS REUNION

We wish to warmly invite you to a Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7 July between 2pm and 5pm. Come back, meet up with some old friends and teaching staff and have a look around the school to spark fond memories! To purchase a ticket please telephone the school on 01708 222660 and ask for the Finance Office. Tickets cost £12 each and include the cost of a finger buffet plus wine or soft drinks. Any profits made will be donated to the school PTFA. If you have any questions please email the school Alumni coordinator at alumni@mary.havering.sch.net Please spread the word to any past pupils you may still be in contact with.

CARITAS – DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

Passionate about challenging injustice? Working with the poor, vulnerable or marginalised? The newly forming Caritas Diocese of Brentwood would like your wisdom, your views, and your experience, as we shape the vision for the future. Come to the Brentwood Ursuline School on Saturday 7 July: 10.30am-3.00pm to be part of a conversation with other like-minded people from across the Diocese. This is a gathering for all ages – 16 to 106 – and we encourage you to come with someone of a different generation to yourself, to help build the future! More details from frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or stevenwebb@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Sunday is the fourth anniversary of the **Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Alan**.

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Thomas** – famous for his ‘doubting’ – but also for his great profession of faith: ‘My Lord and my God’. According to tradition, Thomas took the gospel to India and is the principal patron saint of that country.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal** – both as queen and later as widow, St Elizabeth worked tirelessly for the poor, the sick and the helpless. Faced with family troubles, she gained a reputation as a ‘peacemaker’. She died in 1336.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Anthony Mary Zaccaria** – an Italian, he founded the Congregation of St Paul (the Barnabites) – they gave practical as well as spiritual help to the victims of sixteenth century plagues.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Maria Goretti** - this Italian saint was a girl of twelve when she died. She had received fatal knife wounds in virtuously resisting a lustful attack by a young, local man named Alessandro Serenelli. He was sentenced to 30 years hard labour and, for some time, seemed viciously unrepentant. Then, around 1908, he experienced a vision of Maria in which she handed him 14 lilies, thought to be representative of the number of stab wounds she had received. From that day onwards, he proved a model prisoner. Released in 1927, he found a place as a gardener and lay-brother in a Capuchin monastery. He made his peace with Maria's mother and, in 1950, attended Maria's canonisation in the company of her family. He died in 1970.

HOME FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY – VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Home from Home for the Elderly are seeking new volunteers (both admin and practical) and also new trustees for the charity. Our charity currently provides much needed befriending services to the elderly, and we also run a monthly social group which meets at St Mary's Parish, but which is open to all. We hope to enter an exciting new phase in the charity's growth soon; moving towards the provision of care services in the home. We still maintain our ultimate goal of establishing a residential home from the elderly in the fullness of time too. We are not looking for huge time commitments, many hands make light work! For more information, or to arrange to meet with us, please contact our trustees via Joanne Challis on 01708-747026 or e-mail: admin@hfh4elderly.org

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2019 - English Martyrs Hornchurch

We are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th March 2019. If you wish to join in this holy pilgrimage, which will be led by Fr Britto, please contact the parish office at English Martyrs: 01708-507020 / hornchurch@dioceseofbrentwood.org for an itinerary and booking form. Cost per person £897 / booking deadline 20 July 2018 for this price.

VACANCY FOR A TEACHER OF ART at The Ursuline Academy Ilford

Salary: MPS (Outer London), possible Subject Leader for the right candidate. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

VACANCIES FOR CLASS ASSISTANTS at St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge

Full time Class Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Immediate and September starts available. 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

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