



Thursday is the Memorial of  
St Stephen of Hungary

## 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

## A VERY BIG THANK-YOU FROM TONY GRANT !

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received at Corpus Christi on my Placement in the parish. I especially wish to thank Fr Philip, John, and everyone who made my stay here so wonderful. The kindness and generosity shown by you all I will keep in my heart, together with all the great memories. I will keep you all in my prayers and I will light a candle in the basilica of St Paul's Outside-the-Walls for each and every one of you. May the Lord bless and keep you all. Your brother in Christ,  
*Tony.*

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Tilly Francis and Ella & Oliver Williams into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism; may they and their families grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

## YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £843.79 (£433.60 of this was gift-aided). Standing Orders £1,801.00. As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.bcys.net) and applying on the Events page.

**FAMILY CEILI NIGHT : Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at The Campion School. See noticeboard for details.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe** – during the Nazi occupation of his Polish homeland, this Capuchin friar harboured over 2000 Jews and other refugees. Arrested and taken to the original Auschwitz concentration camp, he begged to be allowed to die in place of another. Thrown into one of the notorious starvation cells, he was finished off with a lethal injection of phenol. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that the Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This declaration is one of the three infallible statements issued by popes in the 2000-year history of the Church; it formalised and made explicit, a long-held belief of the Church. The Feast of the Assumption was celebrated here in England in the Middle Ages – far earlier than the rest of Europe. Indeed, there are many medieval churches today known as "St Mary's" whose original dedication was: "The Assumption of Mary".

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary** – an example of what a good Christian ruler should be; he died in 1038.

## INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY AND INJUSTICE?

Perhaps you might consider volunteering for CAFOD...

CAFOD's Brentwood office are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help them in their work, **not least in this parish**. If you are interested in helping our parish support CAFOD then please get in touch about this simple and supported role. They also need a volunteer to help children and young people in our local schools learn about global poverty, and inspire them to take action (full training given) in addition to other roles in which you may be interested. If you would like more information or feel that you could help us make that difference then please contact Chris Driscoll on 01277-218730 or email [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

## VACANCIES WITH THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of our youth programme. **Young Vincentians Programme Manager:** £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 15:00 on Thursday 23rd August 2018. Interviews: Thursday 30th August 2018. Start date: ASAP. **Mini Vinnies Officer:** £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10:00 Monday 20 August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24th August. Start date: ASAP. Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>.

*Mary is the model of virtue and of faith. Today, in contemplating her Assumption into Heaven, the final fulfillment of her earthly journey, we thank her because she always precedes us in the pilgrimage of life and faith. She is the first Disciple. And we ask her to keep us and support us; that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith; that she may help us to be saints, to meet with her, one day, in Heaven.*

**Pope Francis**, from the *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 15 August 2017