



Thursday is the Memorial of St John XXIII

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

OPEN DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 INTAKE ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row, Romford RM5 2AP

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5th November @ 2.00pm

12th November @ 10am

21st November @ 10am & 2.00pm

22nd November @ 6.00pm

BURSARIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews aged between 16 and 24 who are planning to do some good works to help others? Perhaps spending time in their holidays in a third world country helping others or accompanying a HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes. If so, the Catenian Association Bursary Fund may be able to give a grant. Details at www.thecatenians.com/bursary

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

AUTUMN SPIRITUALITY TALKS

Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Saturday 20 October

"Sacraments of Mercy: the gracious presence of Christ"

Speaker: Fr Martin Boland

Saturday 17 November

"Life and healing: Spirituality of the Sacraments"

Speaker: Mgr David Manson

Saturday 1 December

"Advent Spirituality"

Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams sm

For further details contact:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277- 265285

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA 22nd to 25th October with Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead

There are still places available for this pilgrimage. For price and more information please call Siobhan on 07932-634589

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.

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. If you can't, please donate with compassion so we can keep helping them at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. Next Trip 30th November-2nd December. Sign up to volunteer or donate on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', or on our website calaislight.com or email us at calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Diocesan Memorial of St Osyth** – a minor princess of the Hwicca tribe, she was married to Sighere, King of the East Saxons. It is believed that Osyth founded a convent at the place that now bears her name, on a creek of the Colne in Essex. She is said to have been slain by marauders about the year 700.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St John XXIII** – Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in the small village of Sotto il Monte in Italy, on 25 November 1881. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to poor parents who made their living as tenant farmers. Ordained a priest in 1904, he was appointed secretary to his bishop; when Italy was drawn into the war he was drafted into the Italian Army as a stretcher bearer and chaplain. In February 1925, he was sent to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitor to that country. Later, he was appointed apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece and made titular archbishop of Mesembria. During his tenure as archbishop, Roncalli saved thousands of Jews and was named a "Righteous Gentile" following the war. In late 1944, the Church was anxious to remove clergy in France that had collaborated with the Nazis in various forms. Roncalli was sent to France as Nuncio to negotiate the retirement of bishops who were involved with the Nazis. In 1952, he was appointed Patriarch of Venice and, in the Conclave of 1958, was elected Pope, taking the name John. As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. It was originally expected that he would only serve a short time before passing away and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. However, Pope John XXIII was a man of great mercy and kindness and, much like Pope Francis, did many things that created sensation in the streets and pews. Perhaps his most important decision was to call the Second Vatican Council. In late 1962 he was diagnosed with stomach cancer and on 3 June 1963 he died, aged 81. The date chosen for his feast day, 11 October, marks the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

Friday is the **Diocesan Memorial of SS Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga** - these 8th century, saintly Anglo-Saxon nuns were from the abbey at Barking – Ethelburga being their first abbess.

Some sayings of St John XXIII:

"I want to throw open the windows of the Church so that we can see out and the people can see in."

"We are not here to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life."

"See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little." (his advice to priests)

"Here I am at the end of the road and at the top of the heap."

"I am able to follow my own death step by step. Now I move softly towards the end."