



Saturday is the Memorial of
St Alexander of Comana

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

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 Arthur Roberts into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism; may he and his family grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £926.93 (£457.70 of this was gift-aided). As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA

A Commemoration Service for Light and Peace to remember Hiroshima will be held at St Edward's Catholic Church, Romford at 7pm on Monday 6 August. Everyone is welcome and invited to take part.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not know 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.

FAMILY CEILI NIGHT : Saturday 6th October
at The Campion School. See poster for details.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** – Peter, James and John, the disciples closest to Jesus, receive a glimpse of the glory that is his. On Mount Tabor, where he had gone to pray, his face appears to shine like the sun and his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses (who represents The Law) and Elijah (representing The Prophets) appear. It is worth recalling that at this time the Jewish Scriptures had not been finalised – two main sections were recognised: The Law and The Prophets (the third section - The Writings - was not added until the second century AD). The appearance of Moses and Elijah are, therefore, significant: they represent the Bible as it was then; here we see Jesus in dialogue with representatives of the Word of God. And a voice is heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Sixtus II and his Companions** – in 258, with several others, this saint was put to the sword after only twelve months as Bishop of Rome.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Dominic** – founder of the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans. These friars set new standards of learning in the Church in the later Middle Ages.

Thursday is the **European Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)** – born at Wroclaw, Poland, in 1891 into a Jewish German family. Although raised in the Jewish tradition, at fourteen Edith declared herself an atheist. She studied philosophy at Göttingen and Freiburg with a special interest in phenomenology. Drawn to the Catholic faith, she converted and was baptised in 1922. Her career as a teacher was interrupted by the racist Nuremberg Laws, and she entered the Carmelite convent at Cologne, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In 1942, she was deported together with her sister, to the extermination camp at Auschwitz, where she died in a gas chamber. She was canonised in 1998 – a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

Friday is the **Feast of St Lawrence** – deacon of the church at Rome under Pope Sixtus II, he was ordered by the city prefect to hand over the church's valuables. He collected together the poor and the sick and presented them, saying: 'Here is the church's treasure'. He was arrested in 258 during the persecution of Valerian, and was put to death by being roasted on a gridiron. According to tradition, when on the point of death, he said: 'Let my body be turned; one side is roasted enough'.

Saturday is the **Memorial of St Clare** - born of a noble family at Assisi in 1194, she was deeply moved by the life and teaching of St Francis and decided to follow his example. She founded the order of Poor Clares, giving it a Rule that was approved in 1228 by Pope Gregory IX and was confirmed by Innocent IV, the year of Clare's death. When confined to her death-bed she was reputed to have been able to see what was going on in the convent chapel; as a result she was made patron saint of television by Pope Pius XII in 1958.

In the Orthodox Calendar, Saturday is also the **Memorial of St Alexander of Comana** – patron saint of colliers (charcoal burners) – the origin of the name 'Collier Row'. So, he could be said to be our own patron saint. St Alexander prayer cards are available in the porch – please help yourself. The pub sign at the Colley Rowe Inn has an image of him.

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

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