



Monday is the Memorial of St Bernard

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.

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £778.84 (£340.20 of this was gift-aided). 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. 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are looking to identify new Foundation Governors and Directors for our Catholic schools and academies across the Diocese of Brentwood. We are seeking expressions of interests from practising committed Catholics for this role and ministry. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the

Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole.

The Governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation Governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

For more information please see flyer at the back of the Church. If you are interested and want to be considered please send a CV to sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Bernard of Clairvaux** – a founder of the great Cistercian order of monks. His writings include important passages about Our Lady. It may have been St Bernard who wrote the *Memorare* and the hymns *Jerusalem the golden* and *Daily, daily, sing to Mary*.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Pius X** – pope at the beginning of the twentieth century; faced with many issues that he felt were threatening the Church, he was led to publish the encyclical *Lamentabili* – a condemnation of Modernism. He is also credited with an attempt to stem the huge numbers lapsing from the Faith. He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and, in 1907, allowed First Holy Communion before Confirmation (changing what had been the custom and practice for nineteen centuries). Sadly, in much of the world, his experiment has not been successful. His sincere hope had been that all children would want to continue to receive the Lord in the Eucharist; for the vast majority they (or their families) do not. Pius also insisted on the importance of priests celebrating the 'proper' Sunday Mass (until then they could say any Mass – many simply memorised a favourite Mass and celebrated it week in, week out). So he was responsible for restoring 'Ordinary Time' with its readings and prayers; in art he is often depicted wearing green (Ordinary Time) vestments, giving Communion to a small child.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of the Queenship of Mary** – in the old calendar, the octave day of the Assumption, which we celebrated last weekend. Today we honour Mary, assumed into heavenly glory and crowned as Queen of Heaven. Blessed Paul VI said: 'Seated beside the King of ages, Mary shines forth as Queen and intercedes as Mother'.

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Rose of Lima** – the first canonised saint from the New World. Her life in Peru followed the pattern of so many good women before her: penance and prayer, combined with practical help for the poor and sick. She died in 1617.

Friday is the **Feast of St Bartholomew** - the call of this apostle to follow the Lord is told in the Gospel of today's liturgy. According to tradition he died a martyr's death by being flayed alive. There is a particularly graphic and gruesome statue of him in the Pope's cathedral (St John Lateran) holding up his complete skin (including facial features) and the knife used to skin him alive. All very child-friendly!

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

FAMILY CEILI NIGHT : Saturday 6th October at The Champion School. See noticeboard for details.