



Monday is the Memorial of
St Bonaventure

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

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 5 - 6.15 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.00 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30 pm
in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall
(for senior members of the community)

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 - 9.00 pm
at 10 Norman Close

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP for parents of children in Year 5

In the autumn term, you will be required to apply for a secondary school place for your child for September 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply for one or more Catholic secondary schools, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass. If you are intending to ask me for this certificate, it is most important that I know who you and your child are, and that I know that it is your usual custom to attend weekly Sunday Mass (this includes Saturday evening Mass.) Do not assume that, if you slip in discreetly at the back of church during Mass, I will recognise you. If you think I should know who you are but might have forgotten, please remind me! If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask me.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Preschool has places available. We take children from 2 -5 years of age. Children are eligible for a funded place the term after their 3rd birthday, we also take children who are eligible for 30hr funding, if you are interested in a place or would like a visit, please ring Anne on 07949-187273.

THE PASSAGE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19 July, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196 or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 020-7592 1856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society): the Annual General Meeting will be held at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27 July. This will be followed by a talk on 'Blessed John Beche, the last Abbot of Colchester' by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens of the Colchester Catholic Heritage Society. Non-members most welcome.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please call Julie Abbott on 01268-784544/07912-277413 or visit our website www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will feature on Lourdes TV (www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/) at 22.00 (UK time) on Monday 22nd July when we are part of the Marian (Torchlight) procession and at 09.30 (UK time) on Tuesday 23rd July, when we celebrate Mass at the Grotto. In addition, each

day from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July the BCYS (Brentwood Catholic Youth Service) will be offering "Virtual Pilgrimage" clips and highlights from Lourdes, including homilies from Bishop Alan and priests of the Diocese. You will find all these on the website www.bcys.net. The website is being refreshed this Friday, 19th July, with new resources and links for youth leaders and catechists: have a look!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – message from Kate Welcome

I will be participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in a few days' time and would be very happy to take any intentions with me to be placed at the shrine. Please leave your request in an envelope clearly labelled with your name in the sacristy no later than Wednesday 17th July.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you have a child who will be going into Year 3 in September, you may wish to consider enrolling them on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme. Here's what to do:

- **If your child was baptised here** please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible. You do not need a baptism certificate.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you have a copy of the baptism certificate: please telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip, as soon as possible.
- **If your child was baptised somewhere else** and you do not have a baptism certificate: you will need to contact the parish where the baptism took place to obtain one. Then, when you have received it, telephone the Parish Office to make an appointment with Father Philip.

When you come for your appointment, please bring a **donation of £25** to help cover the costs of the Preparation Programme (cash or cheque payable to "Corpus Christi Catholic Church"). If your child was baptised elsewhere, please also bring the baptism certificate with you.

During your appointment with Father Philip you will be asked to complete the application form.

The closing date for all applications is **Sunday 1 September**.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Bonaventure** - the brilliant intellect of this Franciscan (who lived from 1221 to 1274), together with his no less outstanding humility and holiness, have caused him to be hailed as second only to St Francis himself among the friars.

Some thoughts of the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Today's liturgy presents us with the parable of the "Good Samaritan", taken from the Gospel of Luke (10:25-37). This passage, this simple and inspiring story, indicates a way of life, which has as its main point not ourselves, but others, with their difficulties, whom we encounter on our journey and who challenge us. Others challenge us. And when others do not challenge us, something is not right; something in the heart is not Christian. Jesus uses this parable in his dialogue with a lawyer when asked about the twofold commandment that allows us to enter into eternal life: to love God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself (cf. vv. 25-28). "Yes", the lawyer replies, "but, tell me, who is my neighbour?" (v. 29). We too can ask ourselves this question: Who is my neighbour? Who must I love as myself? My parents? My friends? My fellow countrymen? Those who belong to my religion? ... Who is my neighbour?

Jesus responds with this parable. ... [Then he] turns to the lawyer and asks him: "Which of these three - the priest, the Levite, or the Samaritan - do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell victim to the robbers?". And the lawyer, of course (because he was intelligent), said in reply: "The one who had compassion on him" (vv. 36-37). In this way, Jesus completely overturned the lawyer's initial perspective (as well as our own!): I must not categorize others in order to decide who is my neighbour and who is not. It is up to me whether to be a neighbour or not - the decision is mine - it is up to me whether or not to be a neighbour to those whom I encounter who need help, even if they are strangers or perhaps hostile. And Jesus concludes, saying: "Go and do likewise" (v. 37). What a great lesson! And he repeats it to each of us: "Go and do likewise", be a neighbour to the brother or sister whom you see in trouble. "Go and do likewise".

Pope Francis, part of the *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, 10 July 2016