



Tuesday is the Memorial of
St Charbel Makhluf

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

YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £953.26 (£450.50 of this was gift-aided). As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GARDENING TEAM

Many thanks for your support at our recent Table Top Sale. Thanks to your generosity we now have a brand new lawnmower.

OUR LADY VISITS BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit Brentwood Cathedral from Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st July. An opening Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Armitage at 7.30 pm on 19th July in Brentwood Cathedral to which everyone is invited. For more details about the Dowry pilgrimage and the events at Brentwood Cathedral please go to <http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/>

"Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us"

SUMMER LOURDES 2018 – the "virtual pilgrimage"

From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch "Lourdes TV" to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

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 will open on the evening of 29th July, on our return from Lourdes. You can apply by creating an account at www.bcys.net and applying on the Events page.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP at Aldham, Essex

This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July 2018 for Boys

Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August 2018 for Boys

Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk More information can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

FAMILY CEILI NIGHT : Saturday 6th October

at The Campion School. See poster for details.

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **European Feast of St Bridget of Sweden** – a fourteenth century Swede, devoted wife and mother of eight. As a widow, she founded the religious order of Bridgettines, one of their main apostolates is hospitality.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Charbel Makhluf** – a nineteenth century Maronite monk, priest and hermit in the Lebanon; his reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. Following his death, Christians and Muslims soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage; it was renowned for cures. Blessed Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1965 and canonised him twelve years later.

Wednesday is the **Feast of St James** – this apostle, the brother of John, was the first to follow his Master in being put to death. According to tradition, he went to Spain to preach the gospel; whether this is an historical fact or not, his famous shrine at Santiago de Compostella still attracts pilgrims in their thousands.

Thursday is the **Memorial of SS Joachim and Anne** - the parents of Our Lady, and hence, the maternal grandparents of Jesus. In France there is great devotion to St Anne, with churches and shrines in her honour – as at St Anne d'Auray.

HOME FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY – VOLUNTEERS AND TRUSTEES

Home from Home for the Elderly are seeking new volunteers (both admin and practical) and also new trustees for the charity. Our charity currently provides much needed befriending services to the elderly, and we also run a monthly social group which meets at St Mary's Parish, but which is open to all. We hope to enter an exciting new phase in the charity's growth soon; moving towards the provision of care services in the home. We still maintain our ultimate goal of establishing a residential home from the elderly in the fullness of time too. We are not looking for huge time commitments, many hands make light work! For more information, or to arrange to meet with us, please contact our trustees via Joanne Challis on 01708-747026 or e-mail: admin@hfh4elderly.org

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2019 - English Martyrs Hornchurch

We are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th March 2019. If you wish to join in this holy pilgrimage, which will be led by Fr Britto, please contact the parish office at English Martyrs: 01708-507020 / hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org for an itinerary and booking form. Cost per person £897 / booking deadline 20 July 2018 for this price.

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

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT at The Campion School

Scale APTC 2 Spinal Point 13 £18,396 HPW to be agreed, term time only (38 weeks per year).. Application forms can be accessed from the school website and should be submitted with the names of two referees to Mrs C Noddings, PA to the Headmaster at the above address or by e-mail to cnoddings@thecampionschool.org Further detail on the porch noticeboard. Closing date: Friday 3 August 2018.