



## 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 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

(for senior members of the community)

#### 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

## VISION DOCUMENT – Shaping Our Future

This important document was published last weekend and outlines the way forward for our diocese in the coming months and years. We have very few printed copies left and may be able to obtain more; in the meantime, the document can be viewed on the Diocese of Brentwood website. It has two main parts: Renewal and Restructuring.

The **Renewal** section contains themes which should be at the heart of Catholic Life anyway and have been identified by contributors throughout the diocese as being of essential importance to us all.

The **Restructuring** section outlines parish partnerships; in our case, the five parishes of Collier Row, Gidea Park, Harold Hill St Dominic, Harold Hill Most Holy Redeemer and Romford. Nothing is set in stone; we are being asked to explore ways in which we could collaborate and share together. This process will be led by the Stewards of the Gospel and the priests of the parishes. It is likely that each Partnership will develop differently from others; we are asked to decide what would work best for us. Our long-term plan needs to be finalised during the coming year, with Easter 2020 being the absolute deadline for these plans to be submitted to the Bishop.

### CHRISTMAS POSTERS

These are available in the porch – do take one to display in your window at home. It is a good way to remind others of the real message of this season. Once again, we are grateful to the Knights of St Columba who have arranged for these to be printed and distributed to parishes.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Hope King into God's family, the Church and we pray for her and her family – that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God within our community of faith.

### TALKS ON THE FAITH

Our programme of sessions for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith continues on Sunday 16 December: 4.30 – 5.30 pm in Church House. The topic: *The Christmas Stories*.

### YOUR OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £1005.76 (£545.58 of this was gift-aided). As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

### 2019 DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The new Diocesan Directory is now available on the newspaper table in the porch, priced at £2.75 – please put your payment in the newspaper wall safe.

### CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch: religious Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Candles, Nativity sets, Calendars and gifts, all reasonably priced.

### APPLICATIONS TO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Parents who wish to apply for places in Catholic schools will need to obtain a "Certificate of Catholic Practice" from the parish priest of the place at which they attend Sunday Mass. The Certificate is evidence that a family practises the Catholic Faith – which includes **attendance at Sunday Mass for the past five years**

(on Saturday evening or Sunday). This is a requirement throughout England & Wales. You will need an appointment with Father Philip to discuss whether such a Certificate can be issued. To arrange this, please telephone the Parish Office.

### NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

on Sunday 23 December at 4.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. A service of profound readings, carols and beautiful choral music from the Cathedral choir. The perfect way to reflect on the radiant meaning of Christmas. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served in the Cathedral Parish Hall after the service has finished. All very welcome.

### 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](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk). There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

### 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](http://www.thecatenians.com/bursary)

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

**For the final weekdays of Advent (17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>)** the Divine Office (the daily Prayer of the Church) and Masses are those assigned to the calendar date, for example: on Monday the readings and prayers are for the 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Gospel Acclamations use the ancient 'O Antiphons', which were originally the *Magnificat* antiphons sung at Evening Prayer; they are brilliant. The great Advent hymn 'O come, O come Emmanuel' is based on them.

### CAROL SERVICES WITH THE CHOIR OF ST EDWARD'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 16 December at 6.00 pm

**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS** at St Edward in the Market Place  
a service of Christmas carols and readings

Sunday 13 January at 6.00 pm

**EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE** at Corpus Christi  
a service of Epiphany carols and readings

### VACANCY FOR A SIXTH FORM SUPPORT OFFICER

Scale APTC 4/5 (£20,667 - £24,999 pro rata) 39 weeks per year, 36 hours per week The Champion School is looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to join the Sixth Form team. This is a key role and the successful candidate must be committed to supporting the success of all young people, drawing together the pastoral and academic elements of pupils' development and ensuring the provision of individual pastoral care for all Sixth Form students. The successful candidate will have excellent communication and administration skills, be flexible and have enthusiasm and experience of working in support of young people. Appointments made are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Applications welcome from Catholics and non-Catholics. Please apply on-line via [JobsGoPublic](http://JobsGoPublic). Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 10 December 2018. Further details on the school website or contact the Headmaster's PA on ext 303.

### VACANCIES AT THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

#### Second in Charge of Religious Education

Full details of the post and application forms are available from the Academy's website: [www.tpc.cacademy](http://www.tpc.cacademy). Closing date for completed applications is 12.00 noon on Friday 11th January 2019. Completed application forms should be emailed to the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Bolton, at [jbolton@tpc.cademy](mailto:jbolton@tpc.cademy)

#### Student Learning Mentor

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