



Wednesday is the Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe

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

(for senior members of the community)

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall

The Club is closed throughout August and will re-commence on 5 September

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 - 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN

Tuesday 10 September is the 25th Anniversary of Father Philip's Ordination to the Priesthood. He doesn't want any fuss - but several parishioners have other ideas (!) and have approached me to ask what are we doing?

As you will see from the notice on the front page of the newsletter, we are holding a "Hog Roast and Sausage Fest" after the 11.30 Mass on Sunday 8 September; you are all invited to join us for some food and a glass of prosecco or soft drink. Another suggestion is that we have a collection so we can make a **Parish Presentation** to him, to mark his Silver Jubilee. If you would like to contribute to this, envelopes are available on the hymnbook shelves in the porch; if it is easier for you, they can be returned in the Offertory baskets at any Sunday Mass.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP

for parents of children going into Year 6

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.

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS

To open the 'Year of the God who Speaks' Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Beginning with Genesis' on Saturday 12 October at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). The day will begin at 10.30 a.m. with the formal opening of the Year by Bishop Alan Williams. This will be followed by the launch of our evangelisation website. Coffee will be available from 10 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. The study day will end at 3 p.m. Admission is free but please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Plentiful parking space at the church, and easy access to Gidea Park by train and bus.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER ~ Mersea Island

26th-27th October (half term weekend)

The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford,

Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

ADVICE FOR THE ELDERLY IRISH

The Irish Elderly Advice Service located in Forest Gate continues to provide an Advice Service on the first Thursday of every Month. It will re-open on Thursday 6 September at Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, Forest Gate at 10.30am to 2pm.

CALAIS LIGHT

Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how? We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. Next Trips: 22- 24th Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2. Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

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 . . .

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe** - during the Nazi occupation of his Polish homeland, this Capuchin friar harboured over 2000 Jews and other refugees. Arrested and taken to the original Auschwitz concentration camp, he begged to be allowed to die in place of another. Thrown into one of the notorious starvation cells, he was finished off with a lethal injection of phenol. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that the Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This declaration is one of the three infallible statements issued by popes in the 2000-year history of the Church; it formalised and made explicit, a long-held belief of the Church. The Feast of the Assumption was celebrated here in England in the Middle Ages - far earlier than the rest of Europe. Indeed, there are many medieval churches today known as "St Mary's" whose original dedication was: "The Assumption of Mary".

VIDEOS TO DVD SERVICE

If you would like to have your video tapes, cine films or slides transferred to DVD please call Michael Bennett on 01708-735810 or visit www.slides2disk.co.uk for a quote.

ADULT CEILI LESSONS

The 'Adult Ceili' lessons at Campion, Mondays 8 pm - 9 pm, £5 per week, term time only. Come and enjoy a fun class while also getting fit. No experience necessary.

PRIVATE TUTORING SERVICE

offered in 11+ preparations, Maths, English and others. Lessons held in Romford at very competitive rates Please call 07960-786735 or see poster in porch for more details.