



Tuesday is the Memorial of  
St Agatha

## 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

## PARISH DIARIES

The company that has provided these free of charge in previous years, has not been able to do so this year owing to a shortage of advertising revenue. It is uncertain whether they will be able to do so in the future.

### CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MASS

The Annual Mass with the Bishop for Catholic Fellowship is on Saturday 23 February at 3.00pm, Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, most especially, People with Special Needs and their Carers.

I knelt to pray, but not for long, I had too much to do.  
Must hurry off and get to work, for bills would soon be due.  
And so I said a hurried prayer, jumped up from my knees.  
My Christian duty now is done, my soul could be eased.  
All through the day, I had no time, to speak a word of cheer;  
No time to speak of CHRIST to friends, they'd laugh at me I feared.  
No time, no time. Too much to do; that was my constant cry;  
No time to give to those in need – at last 'twas time to die'.  
And when before the Lord I came, I stood with downcast eyes;  
Within His hands He held a Book ... it was the **Book of Life**.  
He looked into the Book and said 'Your name I cannot find';  
I once was going to write it down ... **'but never found the time'**.



*Please let Father Philip know if ...*

**you are new to the parish,  
you are moving within the parish  
or you are leaving the parish.**

### ANNIVERSARY CHARITY BALL

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9 March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for *bccs*. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268-784544 / 07912-277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

### SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK

Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on "The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion" - Saturday 16 February - 10.30am-12.00noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277-265285.

### CALAIS LIGHT

Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral. The next trip is Mar 1-3 & we'll be supporting a different charity this time, Care4Calais, who go out with their volunteers to distribute aid, clothes & food to refugees. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Sign up to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, email calaislight@yahoo.com or visit www.calaislight.com. If you can't, then please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight.

## A DAY OF FORMATION – working with and for our Youth

The Vicariate for Evangelisation is organising a formation day with Fr Dominic Howarth on Saturday 9 March (10.00 am to 3.00 pm) at English Martyrs, Hornchurch (240 Alma Avenue RM12 6BJ). If you or anyone else in your parish is actively working with youth, this day is for you. The content of the day will help inform the plan for your Parish Partnership, and it would be ideal if at least two Stewards from each Partnership group could attend. To sign up please use the Doodle link below or email [adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org) <https://doodle.com/poll/n9ptqbmgyvhmbm7c>

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – 7-14 May 2019

Details on the noticeboard. Organised by Tangey Tours. Chaplain: Father Stephen Myers.

### VACANCY AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK – ASSISTANT MANAGER

Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

### JOB OPPORTUNITY : RESEARCH ASSISTANT

An opportunity has arisen for a Research Assistant to work with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supporting the work of the Social Justice team. It is a role which would suit an individual seeking to develop their already proven research skills and increase their understanding of the social justice contribution of the Catholic Church. This is a varied role within a committed and professional team, working in the office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, a short walk from Victoria Station in Central London. Details on the noticeboard.

### VACANCY WITH BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) - Head of School Services

BCCS are seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic team manager who has the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to lead our School Service provision. The Head of School Services will provide professional support, supervision, training and leadership to social workers and counsellors who work in the school setting. Please visit our website at [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) to download details, or email [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for further information or to arrange an informal chat.

### CATHOLIC TEACHING: Two fantastic opportunities from the Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance

21/3/19 - "Get Into Teaching - Catholic Education" is a drop-in event in Billericay for anyone considering a career in teaching (primary or secondary) who wants to find out more about training and employment opportunities.

6/4/19 - "Moving Into Catholic Education" is a Saturday networking event with a free lunch provided in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school.

For more details please contact: <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> or email [agnusdei@stbons.org](mailto:agnusdei@stbons.org)

### TEACHING VACANCY

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a full time Teacher MPS + SEN 1 from April to work with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. SEN teaching experience essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. Applications close 4pm on Friday 8th February, interviews 13th/14th February. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)

### HEADTEACHER VACANCY

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford, CM2 0RG. Applications are invited for this post.. The closing date is Monday 4 March 2019. For further information please refer to TES online or Essex JobsScene. Visits to the school are strongly encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office for an appointment on: 01245-353755. Completed application forms must only be returned to the Chair of Governors, Sr Sheila Sumner OSM, at recruitment@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or personally addressed to her at the school.

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Agatha, virgin martyr** – martyred in Sicily, she was much venerated from about the third century. Very little is known for certain about this virgin-martyr – but she has been included in the Roman Canon since the earliest centuries. As she was martyred, her breasts were cut off; in iconography, she is often shown holding them in a dish. Amongst other things, she is patron saint of bell ringers.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs** - at the same time that the Church in this country was suffering persecution, Japan was also producing many martyrs. Among them were today's saints – brutally put to death, mainly by crucifixion, at Nagasaki in 1597.