

Our Lent Offerings this year . . .



## 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



## WAY OF THE CROSS

during Lent

Fridays : 7.30 pm

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

Next Friday is the CAFOD Fast Day – we are asked to fast in solidarity with the world's poor; the money saved forms the second collection next weekend which provides valuable support for our own Catholic aid agency.

## PARISH OFFERINGS

Last weekend the Parish Offerings amounted to £1073.84 (£427.50 of this was gift-aided). Standing Orders: £1893.50. As always, we thank you for your generous and continued giving.

## CHURCH REPOSITORY

On sale in the church porch – cards for St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Easter cards will be available in a few weeks' time.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Our group of sixteen young adults continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation: meeting in the church on Wednesday at 7.00 pm.

## NEW CHECKING ROTA

A new Checking Rota comes into force from Sunday 24 March, with a slightly reduced number of teams. The rota is available on the parish website and there are hard copies in the sacristy. Anyone who would be prepared to help (we need teams of two or more) please speak with Fr Philip.

## 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.

## COLLIER ROW CATHOLIC CLUB

### Saturday 16 March ~ St Patrick's Eve

Gerry "K" and his All Stars with DJ ~ Tickets £6

Members are reminded that renewal is from 1st April.  
New Members always welcome.

## 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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27 May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268-762 278 or 07740-175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## VITALITY LONDON 10K RUN

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This

May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912-277413.

## BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This is a full time post - 35 Hours a week - 52 weeks a year. Annual Leave 20 days plus Bank Holidays. Pay range: £39,000 - £45,000. We have a vacancy in the Education Department for a Buildings Development Officer. A job description and further details will be available shortly on the Diocesan Website or can be requested by calling 01277-265284. Applicants are asked to provide a CV and a covering letter, highlighting how their skills and experience match the job description and person specification, to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Thursday 21 March 2019, with interviews and tasks to take place on or around 2nd April 2019.

## Brentwood Diocesan Education Service (BDES)

### CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST (CMAT) DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Fixed Term Contract. Salary circa £25,000 depending on experience. (2.5 days per week - 17.5 hours per week - Term time – including some home working). Reporting directly to the Diocesan Director of Education. We have a vacancy in the Education Department for a CMAT Development Officer. A job description and further details will be available shortly on the Diocesan Website or can be requested by calling 01277-265284. Applicants are asked to provide a CV and a covering letter, highlighting how their skills and experience match the job description and person specification, to [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 18 March 2019, with interviews and tasks to take place on Friday 22 March 2019.

## PHYSICS AND MATHS TEACHING INTERNSHIPS

The Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance based at St Bonaventure's Catholic School, Forest Gate, is working with the Royal Borough Teaching School Alliance to run a four-week paid internship programme offering second year university students the opportunity to be placed in a number for schools in East and West London. Participants will be receive a £300 a week bursary for the 4-week programme, a total of £1200. Preference will be given to penultimate year students but all undergraduates can apply. Those interested in applying are asked to complete an application form via [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/internship\\_2019](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/internship_2019) or email [agnusdei@stbons.org](mailto:agnusdei@stbons.org).

## CHORAL CONCERT ~ 'A Time to Dance'

at the Parish Church of St Edward the Confessor, Market Place, Romford  
on Sunday 17 March at 6.30 pm

Programme includes 'A Time to Dance' by Alec Roth – reviews of this work include: "A small treasure of contemporary British music" (*Choir & Organ*) and "Here is an absolute pearl of stunning music" (*Elite*). Tickets available at the door £15 or in advance from John £12 (students £5). A flyer available in the porch gives further details.

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS

A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 16 March. Six years after his election we look at Pope Francis' efforts to bring renewal to the Catholic Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, who is Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

"On this Lenten journey, back to what is essential. The Gospel proposes three steps which the Lord invites us to undertake without hypocrisy and pretence: almsgiving, prayer, fasting. What are they for? Almsgiving, prayer and fasting bring us back to the three realities that do not fade away. Prayer reunites us to God; charity, to our neighbour; fasting, to ourselves. God, my neighbour, my life: these are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must invest. Lent, therefore, invites us to focus, first of all on the Almighty, in prayer, which frees us from that horizontal and mundane life where we find time for self but forget God. It then invites us to focus on others, with the charity that frees us from the vanity of acquiring and of thinking that things are only good if they are good for me. Finally, Lent invites us to look inside our heart, with fasting, which frees us from attachment to things and from the worldliness that numbs the heart. Prayer, charity, fasting: three investments for a treasure that endures" - **Pope Francis, Homily on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019**