



2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Jerome, one of the Church's greatest scripture scholars. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate a year to focus especially on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks' - The Year of the Word.

## 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 the over 60s – open to all)

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY at The Campion School

This annual event, hosted by the Sixth Form students at The Campion School, takes place on Sunday 15 December: 1.30 to 6.00 pm. We have a maximum of fifteen places – so, if you would like to go, let John know as soon as possible.

## CAFOD'S DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASS

in honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year on Wednesday 13 November at 12 noon at St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford. You are warmly welcome to attend the Mass followed by a short reception hosted by the Golden Club in the parish hall. A Book of Remembrance will be available for anyone who would like their loved ones held in prayer. For more information, please contact Chris Driscoll at [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or call 01268-551293 or 07776-493162.

## LONDON MARATHON 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268-784544 or [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk) The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November. Please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

## SPIRITUALITY MORNING

Saturday 16 November : 10.30am-12.00noon - Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic: Preparing for the Advent Journey. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Tel. 01277-265285 email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## TEA DANCE

The next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 20 November in Saint Alban's Parish Centre, Langdale Gardens Elm Park, RM12 5LA. Music by Finbar Black, dancing from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon of fun and help us to create a good Parish community spirit. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903-366992.

## THE SCRIPTURES IN ADVENT

In this second study day of our celebration of the Year of the Word Fr Nicholas King SJ, world-famous as a Bible translator and lecturer on the Bible, will help us explore the Scriptures we will meet in the Liturgy in Advent. Saturday 23 November: 10.30 am – 3.00 pm at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road Gidea Park RM2 6DH. Admission free. Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708-449914. Light refreshments provided. Please bring your own packed lunch; local eateries available.

## RELIEF KITCHEN ASSISTANT - vacancy at The Campion School

details are on the porch noticeboard.

## INSIGHT TO PALESTINE

The Caritas Jerusalem group at Gidea Park would like to invite you to 'Insight to Palestine', an information evening, to be held from 7 pm

on Tuesday 26 November at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), about the situation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi, a Palestinian psychologist, will speak to us about the impact of living under occupation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and a light supper of Middle Eastern food will be available. We will end with a period of prayer. If you would like to come, please book your place for catering purposes by email to [gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – medical, nursing and other helpers

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine's Church, Springfield, Chelmsford on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30 pm. Further information, contact Cathy O'Connor [cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com](mailto:cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com) Tel: 01026-735623 or Patrick Parsons [Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com) Tel: 01621-851875

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join homelessness charity Caritas Anchor House for a night of festivities at their Christmas Concert – including wonderful music, and guest speaker Jeremy Paxman! CAH are based in Newham and help 140 homeless people every day. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27 November at St Margaret and All Saints Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB, 6.30 – 7.45pm, followed by refreshments in CAH. The church is just 2 minutes from Canning Town DLR and Tube station. For more info and tickets, contact [events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk](mailto:events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk) or phone 020-7476 6062.

## CHARITY CEILIDH IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals Havering Volunteers will be holding a Ceilidh Dance on: Friday 29 November, 7.30/8.00 pm, at La Salette Parish Hall, Rainham. Licenced bar only. Please come along and support our fundraising event. Tickets £5, available from Theresa on 07845-084493. For more information visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St Patrick's PTA are happy to announce that our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 13 December from 15:15 to 17:15 in the School Hall at St Patricks School. Everyone is welcome. Entrance is £2. We will be serving a range of food including international dishes along with our standard sweet treats, mulled wine and hot drinks. We will have games, novelty stalls and Santa's Grotto. Please come and support our school and enjoy the festivities with us.

## SUMMER LOURDES 2020 with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

Open to anyone currently in school year 10-13. We travel on Saturday 25 July, return Saturday 1 August 2020. Cost £600 includes return coach travel, hotel accommodation, insurance and all meals in Lourdes. This amazing experience comes just once a year – full details are at <https://bcys.net/events/summer-lourdes-2020-pilgrimage/>. Applications open Sunday 27 October 2019 and close on 10 January 2020; places will be allocated on 14 January and no deposit is required until then. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship.

## THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Memorial of St Martin of Tours** - a hard-working bishop in his diocese of Tours; he died in 397. What is possibly the oldest church in England still in use (in Canterbury) is dedicated to him, as is St Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square.

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Josaphat** – a saint from eastern Europe (in the area associated with present-day Ukraine, Lithuania and Belarus); he attempted to improve relations between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. He was martyred in 1623.

Friday is the **Memorial of St Albert the Great** - a Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church. Master of many subjects, St Thomas Aquinas was one of his students (St Thomas became one of the most influential teachers in the Church, after St Paul and St Augustine of Hippo). St Albert died in 1280.

## WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK VOLUNTEER TEAM 2020-21

We are currently looking for young adults aged 18+ either currently in year 13 or coming to the end of their degree or apprenticeship, who would like to take up a gap year opportunity like no other. You will live alongside 9 other people your age at our beautiful house in the countryside and lead retreats for over 7000 young people, from ages 10-18 and help them engage with their faith in a new way. Over the year you will develop communication and public speaking skills whilst growing in faith and friendship. Accommodation, food and two trips abroad are all included. To see more of what we do please [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) and regarding an application, please contact [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)