

## Services During the Week

*(Morning Prayer - 20 mins prior to each weekday Mass)*

<b>Sat 06 Apr</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Peter Clarke. RIP</i>
<b>Sun 07 Apr</b> 08.00 am 10.30 am	<b>The 5th Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Our Parish Community</i> <i>Mass Kathleen Delaney. RIP</i>
<b>Mon 08 Apr</b> 09.30 am	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Tom Brightman. Intention</i>
<b>Tues 09 Apr</b> 09.30 am	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Aleyne Fontenelle. RIP</i>
<b>Wed 10 Apr</b> 09.30 am	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Mrs Mary Mortimer. RIP</i>
<b>Thur 11 Apr</b> 09.30 am	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Mass Tushar Kanti Ghosh. RIP</i>
<b>Frid 12 Apr</b> 11.00 am 7.30 pm	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Funeral Mass for Esther Deshaut. RIP</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Sat 13 Apr</b> 5.00 pm	<b>Weekday of Lent</b> <i>Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions</i>
<b>Sat 13 Apr</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Mass Bernadette Kelly. RIP</i>
<b>Sun 14 Apr</b> 08.00 am 10.30 am	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Mass Our Parish Community</i> <i>Mass Rita Claudius. RIP Anniversary</i>

### **RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Unless otherwise stated, there is a Holy Hour every Saturday from 5 pm, during which time the priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room to hear confessions. Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses or whenever Fr Matthew is in the Presbytery, or by appointment at any time.

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



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### The 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 07 April 2019

We have been reflecting on the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, and the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and finally Justice. Justice is the virtue by which we give to each and every person what is properly due to them. Societies have laws designed to protect the rights of their members; the virtue of justice however goes beyond following the letter of the law. Our most basic rights come not from the law but from the fact that we are each individually made, known and loved by God.

The Church has a long tradition of promoting social justice, with roots going back to the old testament: the requirement to pay workers their just wages; not exploiting those who seek assistance; ensuring fair treatment for widows and orphans and others in need. Though we tend to see almsgiving in terms of charity, providing someone with the basic necessities of life is really an act of justice since we are only giving them what is their due. St John Chrysostom taught "not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs". The Church's social teaching does not rule out private ownership of goods – indeed the prohibition on stealing in the Ten Commandments assumes this is the case – but it does remind us that everything comes from and ultimately belongs to God, and we are accountable for our temporary stewardship of these possessions.

Justice demands that people are held fairly to account for their treatment of others. The virtue of justice, however, cannot be practised apart from the virtue of charity, or love. This virtue, the greatest of all the virtues, is concerned with seeking the good of the other, for their own sake. When someone infringes the rights and freedoms of another, justice requires some form of reparation. It is not just, however, to seek revenge. Practicing justice and charity together require us to seek the ultimate good of one who has harmed us, which is the conversion and repentance that leads to salvation. This Sunday's gospel in year C of the lectionary is that of the woman caught in adultery and threatened with stoning to death. Jesus – the only one who is without sin – does not condemn the woman (who presumably was not sinning

by herself anyway) but he does tell her to go and sin no more. God is a loving father not a harsh judge. In him we see that true justice is always joined to mercy. God does not ignore our sins, which separate us from him, but he doesn't stop loving us; having paid the price of our sins himself he stands waiting, arms open in embrace. As we draw nearer to Holy Week we reflect more and more on the cross, which shows both the seriousness of sin, and the extravagance of God's mercy.

True justice is always medicinal, in that it is intended to heal the guilty of their sin by leading them to see the error of their ways, amend their lives and seek forgiveness. For God in his justice and mercy wants all sinners to turn back to him. "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?". The gospel used for the third Scrutiny, the raising of Lazarus -(read today at the 10.30am Mass), reminds us that we are made for life, not death. For those preparing for baptism the three Scrutinies during Lent are a sign of the call to conversion that is at the heart of the Christian life. During this season we are all called to examine our lives carefully so that we can grow in virtue and holiness.

Justice is a fitting virtue to end on since, in the biblical tradition, to be 'just', 'upright' or 'righteous' is to be a good and faithful servant of God, someone who is honourable and charitable to all, who strives to do God's will by following the spirit and not just the letter of the law. St Paul and the writer of the letter to the Hebrews both refer to the saying found in the prophet Habakkuk: the just shall live by faith. St Joseph is described as a 'just man'. Let us pray then for an increase in faith and the assistance of divine grace, so that the same can be said of each of us.

Fr Matthew

### Church Rotas

**This Week: Cleaning** - Team B.

**Next Weekend:**

**Readers** - 6.00 pm: Sini. 08.00 am: Francis. 10.30 am: John, Julia.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - 6.00 pm: Margaret O'L, Wilma. 08.00 am: Stephen, Gilbert. 10.30 am: Tarlach, Ann M, Petrona, Michael N, Sue.

**Small Linen Laundry** - Jini. **Flowers** - No flowers in Lent.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH**

## Parish - Regular Notices

**SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL:** If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please pray for those in our community who are sick and housebound as well as the patients in Goodmayes, King George's and Queen's Hospitals. Also, the sick Priests of the Diocese - Frs Tom Jordan & Martin Nott.

**ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:** Ellen Arnold, Bill O'Brien, Michael Cahill, Aleixo Fernandes, Ray Fitzgerald, Max Godfrey, Robert Jackson, Anne McGrory, Meera Mervyn, Vilma Mowlan, Dan O'Shea, Teresa O'Shea, Jai Ramcharan (Jnr), Joseph Rene, Margaret Reynolds, Joseph Souris, Olive Stephens, Anna Tan and Evalina Underwood.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

**MASS REQUESTS:** Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

**CHURCH HALL:** The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** Please remember it is essential that emergency vehicles have clear access to the Church at all times. During the week, please do not park in front of the Hall gate and remember to leave your details at the Parish Office if you are leaving your car here outside Mass times.

**CHURCH GROUNDS:** Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

**REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY:** Tea & coffee will once again be available in the Hall next week after Mass.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

## Meeting this Week

**Tuesday:** Coffee Morning Group in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.  
Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.  
Prayer Group in the Church at 7.30 pm.

## Parish - In & Around

**ESTHER DESAULT, RIP:** Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Esther Deshaut whose funeral will take place here **on this coming Friday, (12 April) at 11.00 am.** May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**MESSAGE FROM STEVE O'BRIEN:** I would like to say thank to my friends and fellow parishioners of St Teresa's for all your prayers, cards, visits and best wishes whilst I was in hospital recently. Your kindness was much appreciated, and I am pleased to say I am making a good recovery.

**VEILING OF IMAGES:** *From this Sunday*, we enter more deeply into the liturgical 'emptying' of Lent by veiling the crucifix and other sacred images in the Church, to remind us that in order to share in the resurrection of Christ we also have to participate in his dying.

**HOLY WEEK: Next Sunday (14 April) is Palm Sunday, and the 10.30 am Mass will begin in the Hall.** The days between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are the holiest days of the year. You are encouraged to make the Triduum liturgies a priority: the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (8 pm), the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday (3 pm) and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (9 pm). (NB the time of the vigil is later than last year, since Easter is later and it has to begin after dark). Please take one of the Holy Week posters and display it in a window from next Sunday.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) for **last weekend amounted to £965.22 of which 65% was "Gift Aided"**. In addition, we received the sum of £280 from one of the group of parishioners who make their donations on an annual basis; all of this was "Gift Aided". Thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

**EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION:** There will be a collection after all Masses **next weekend (13/14 April)** for flowers to decorate our Church over the Easter season. With the help of your generous contributions we feel sure our church will look lovely for this special feast. Remember, if you use the

"Gift Aid" envelope system then **please place your donation in one of your "Special Collection" envelopes** so we can reclaim the tax and thereby increase your donation by 25%. If you have run out of these or don't belong to the envelope scheme, you can also use one of the special light blue "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

**PROJECT MALACHI:** Are you concerned about the number of homeless people sleeping rough in Ilford but don't know how to help? Then please come along to the next meeting of St Teresa's Ladies Guild **on this coming Monday, (08 April) at 7.30 pm** and hear from a member of the Salvation Army about Project Malachi. This is an imaginative initiative by the Salvation Army, supported by the central Ilford churches, other faith groups and Redbridge Council to create homes out of shipping containers on land adjacent to the Town Hall. The project aims to be up and running by the end of this year. All are welcome to come and hear how the work is progressing and ways you could help.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This coming Friday, (12 April),** you are invited to recall our Lord's journey to Calvary by following the Way of the Cross.

**PIVOTAL PLAYERS – BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: On Monday, 15 April** come and learn from Bishop Robert Barron's award-winning documentary series about this 'pivotal player' in the history of our church. Hall doors open, for tea and coffee, at 7.45 pm; film starts 8.00 pm; discussion until approximately 9.30 pm. See the Poster in the Porch for more information.

**LENTEN ALMS GIVING:** There are still plenty of CAFOD boxes at the back of the Church for any of your loose change that might accumulate during the remainder of Lent. Please bring your box back to the Church **on Maundy Thursday for the Mass of the Last Supper.** If you cannot attend that Mass, then please remember to bring the box back at any Mass over Easter and place it in the Offertory collection basket.

**DRAGON THEATRE COMPANY** proudly presents "An Evening of Comedy & Drama" at St George's Hall, Woodford Ave, Gant's Hill **this coming Friday & Saturday 13 & 14 April at 8 pm** (Doors open at 7.30 pm.) Do come along for an entertaining evening. There's something for everyone from "spine-tingling" to the "farcical". Tickets cost £7 (concessions £5) and can be obtained from the Box Office on 07960 676180.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The parish Knights of St Columba are organising an Easter Egg hunt in the Hall **after the 10.30 Mass on Easter Sunday,**

**21 April**, and will be putting eggs all around the outside of the church for the children to find. It will cost £2.00 to take part, and there will be tea, coffee and cakes on sale. All the money raised will go to the Knights of St Columba for charitable causes.

**THE CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD:** Members are reminded that subscriptions (£2) are now due together with either two garments which must be brand new, or, a monetary donation; these should be given to Margaret Flavin or Sheila Nugent **by no later than Wednesday, 24 April**. For further information about the work of the Guild please contact Margaret Flavin on 0208 590 8808 or Sheila Nugent on 0208 554 1203. New members are always welcome.

**OFFERTORY DONATION ENVELOPES:** If you currently use the envelope scheme for your weekly Offertory donation and haven't yet collected your box of envelopes for the new financial year, **then please do so now from the table at the back of the Church near the Confessional**. Also, if you want to start to "Gift Aid" your weekly offertory donation or have any questions about the scheme itself, then please get in touch with Pat Callaghan, the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, on 020 8220 0306 or email patjcallaghan@gmail.com

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** Thank you to those of you who have been collecting for Missio using the Red Box – in the past year £652 has been raised for this missionary work by our parish. New boxes are available from the back of church, or, speak to Fay Ghosh our Missio Organiser, for more information.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Our committed Church Cleaning Teams always need new helpers – men & women. Also, we **urgently need offers of help** to clean the brass items used during Mass and the Sacraments and to launder the small linen used on these occasions. If you would like to volunteer for either of these important tasks or would like more details, please speak to Fr Matthew.

**LONDON MARATHON 2019 ON BEHALF OF BCCS:** Fr Marek from St Cedd's Parish, Goodmayes is running in the London Marathon on 28 April on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. If you would like to support him, all you need to do is forward a donation to [www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marekpabis2019](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marekpabis2019)

**TWIN PARISH:** Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, with whom we are twinned and their parish priest, Fr Mandla Makhanya.

**VISITORS:** If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome, and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to "Gift Aid" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.



**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:** Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of its clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at the BCCS counselling suites in Rayleigh. Their 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.

**PRAYERFUL MOMENTS:** You are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord in the Adoration Chapel at Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Ilford. The Chapel, which is located in the Porch, **is open from 10.00 am till 10.00 pm Monday to Friday**. Our Lady's Grotto and Prayer Garden is also available by the side of the church as well. There is a pay car park by the side of the Church. Regular visitors to the Church may request a free parking permit from the parish office. Further details can be found at [ssppilford.org.uk](http://ssppilford.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS:** Two are planned this week. "*Islington - Charles Dickens, a forgotten Catholic heroine, and much more*", **this Sunday, 07 April, at 3 pm**. Meet at St John the Evangelist, 39 Duncan Road, London, N1 8AL. (Nearest Tube: Angel). "*In the Footsteps of John Henry Newman*" on **this coming Monday, 08 April, at 7 pm**. Meet at St Elizabeth's, The Vineyard, Richmond, TW10 6AQ. (Nearest Tube & Station: Richmond). For more information on any of the walks contact [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook or see [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com) Cost: £5, concessions available. Please wear suitable footwear and plan for the weather. Walks may take up to 2 hours.

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK:** Thanks to those participating for the prayers and support you have offered to women and babies facing abortion. Everyone is welcome to join 40 Days for Life evening of prayer for life with Bishop John Wilson at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St, London W1W 6HS (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road) **on this coming Friday, 12 April at 6 pm** with Mass, prayers, reception and testimonies. Contact Sarah on 07776 256838 for further details.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE:** There is a healing weekend **from 12 to 14 April** at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. For details please contact Freda 01322- 838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email [johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**SPONSORED SLEEPOUT:** Help get the homeless out of the cold! This winter Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Support them! Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick **on 12-13 April**. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15 pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

**HEALING MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (FAMILY TREE):** There will be a healing Mass of the Resurrection, otherwise known as a Family Tree Healing, at Our Lady of Canvey Church, Canvey Island on **Tuesday, 16 April**, starting at 7.00 pm with rosary. Those who wish to do so are invited to sketch out their family lines on paper and place this on the altar, otherwise just come and submit them in your hearts. All are welcome.

**REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM:** Two events are planned in the coming weeks. The first, is a Women's Interfaith Workshop **on Wednesday, 24 April from 1.15 pm-3.15 pm** at St Andrew's Church, The Drive, Ilford IG1 3PE. Welcoming a baby into the family and community is an exciting occasion. It is also a time steeped in customs and traditions that are believed to bring protection, spiritual blessings and happiness to the new born. Please come along to hear from our Christian and Sikh women speakers about birth customs in their faith communities. In future workshops we will hear from women of other faiths. The second event is a lunchtime Network Meeting **on Tuesday, 30 April from 11.45 am-1.30 pm** at Ilford Islamic Centre, Albert Rd IG1 1HW which should be a very informative meeting on the topic of 'New Community Hub Models'. This meeting is your opportunity to hear about the plans. Please do come along and join the conversation, ask, question and give your views.

**FEAST OF THE DEVINE MERCY:** The Feast will be celebrated at St Cedd's Church, Goodmayes **on Sunday, 28 April** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm, Chaplet of Mercy and Stations of the Cross at 3.00 pm and Blessing and Benediction at 5.00 pm. The usual Sunday evening Mass will follow at 6.30 pm.

**DAY OF DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY:** The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a day of devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, CM14 5SH **on Mercy Sunday, 28 April**. Arrival from 10.30 am for 11 am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis on 01277 658783 if you require further information. All are welcome.

**CARE FOR THE FAMILY** is a Christian, national charity, which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties. As part of their "Spring Tour", they will be holding an event in Barking **on Tuesday, 30 April at 7.30 pm** at Elim Christian Centre, IG11 7LZ. The topic is "Raising Faith", and the speakers will be looking at several important aspects of helping children to develop a faith that lasts. There is a poster in the porch, with more information.

**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, WANSTEAD:** We would like to invite prospective parents to visit our school at our next Open Morning on **Thursday, 02 May from 9.30 am to 11.30 am**. Please contact our Admissions Secretary on 020 8989 4700 or e-mail [enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsconventschool.co.uk) to reserve a place. We look forward to welcoming you to our family.

**SAVE THE DATE:** March for Life UK is happening in London **on Saturday, 11 May**. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30 am - 1.30 pm, booking required. March starts 2 pm (no booking required). For more info go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) or call 07773501721/07885505116.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held **on Saturday, 18 May** at the Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 am until 4pm. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3 pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch

**STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION):** A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford **on Saturday, 01 June**. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 am. and ends at 3 pm. 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)

**THE GENDER AGENDA:** What does it mean to be male or female? How – and why – are the two sexes different? Come and explore a Catholic perspective at a conference sponsored by the Association of Catholic Women **on Wednesday, 12 June** at St Mary Moorfields, Eldon Street London EC32M 7LS. Tickets cost £15.00 to include a buffet lunch. Send cheque made out to Association of Catholic Women to ACW, Flat 2, Salamander Court, 135, York Way. London N7 9LG.

**BCCS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT:** BCCS is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio **'The Priests'** have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us **on Saturday, 15 June at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 pm.** Tickets (£20 plus fee) can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - look for The Priests under Event, or, click the link on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

**CALAIS LIGHT: On 21 - 23 June,** Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon, all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So, come with us! Sign up for a convoy at [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com) or donate by emailing: [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF FRANCE:** If you would like any further information about this pilgrimage, which includes visits to Lisieux, Paris, Nevers, Lourdes, Avignon, Ars and Paray le Monial, please contact Celine Bui at Joe Walsh Tours on 02034680617 or e-mail [celine.bui@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:celine.bui@joewalshstours.ie).

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: From 07-14 May** with the parishioners from Holy Family Church, Dagenham, led by Fr Stephen Myers. Cost is £1363 per person including flights with El-Al. This price includes half-board accommodation based on shared rooms with private facilities and two lunches. Contact the Parish Office on 020 8592 1634 for further information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA:** Based in the heart of Avila – the home of St Teresa of Avila - but also visiting Segovia, Toledo & Salamanca. this pilgrimage, **from 19 - 24 May,** is led by Fr Francis Coveney. Accommodation is at the Palacio de los Velada in the centre of Avila - see [www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com/en](http://www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com/en) Full package prices including flights: £870 per person based on twin room (single room

supplement £120). For further details or booking please contact Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886 666 or [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bank Holiday Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May** with St Helen's, Westcliff on Sea. Flying from Southend airport and staying at the 4\* Hotel Grande Moderne on full board basis. Price £545 per Adult based on two sharing a twin room. For further details please ring Sue Baillie on 07979746707.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL** Fr Eduard-William Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Greece to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. Taking place **from Monday, 07 to Sunday, 13 October,** the cost will be £730 per person with a £150 deposit by Wednesday, 01 May required to secure your place. Walking should be light, breakfast and dinner included. Any queries or to register your interest please email [priest@holyfamily-church.org](mailto:priest@holyfamily-church.org) or call 01268 799082/01268 792082.

**ST CEDD'S YOUTH CLUB** is a Youth Club based in the middle hall of St Cedd's Church in Blythwood Road, Goodmayes. For Years 5, 6 and 7, it opens from 6 pm to 8 pm and the Senior Youth Club (for all in Year 8 & upwards), runs from 8 pm to 10 pm. All are most welcome, come along for a game of Table Tennis, Badminton or Pool, play on the PS4s, air hockey or table football, or just come along to listen to music and have a chat. Bring a friend on your first night and you can both join for free. Any questions please ring John on 07803116729.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to [admin@stteresasnewbpark.com](mailto:admin@stteresasnewbpark.com) The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter **is Thursday 12 noon.** Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

## Job Opportunities

**ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, WOODFORD BRIDGE** is recruiting Class Assistants and an SEN Class Teacher to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Both positions are full-time, term time only, and require previous experience. For an application pack please contact the School Office on 020 8504 1818 or [email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)