

provision of the sacraments. The diocesan vision anticipates a certain number of priests in each of the new parish partnerships that is fewer than the number of priests currently serving in those places. There will come a time – we can't say when – when a priest will have to be moved out of the Ilford 'Palmer' Partnership to serve somewhere else where there is a greater need. Determining 'greater need' is not simply about greater mass attendance, nor will richer parishes be prioritised – a rural parish with a small congregation may be prioritised over having one more priest in an area like ours which has several options for Sunday Mass within a relatively small area. Change is often difficult to accept, particularly if that change impacts on us in a more direct way, but we should keep in mind that there is a bigger picture.

Finally, let us not forget that restructuring is itself part of a bigger picture. Renewal is the first part of the Diocesan Vision, and restructuring has to be at the service of renewal, with the ultimate aim of bringing people to new life in Christ. It is vital that we not only promote and pray for priestly vocations, but also develop a broader culture of vocation, so that all people, young people especially, ask themselves 'what does God want of me?' The Church always needs priests, but if we want priests, we also need families that will pass on the faith and help young people discern and respond to their vocation with generosity whatever it may be. We need, in other words, a renewal of the whole Church, that we may trust in the risen Lord and follow him.

Fr Matthew

Church Rotas

This Week: Cleaning - Team C.

Next Weekend:

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

Eucharistic Ministers - 6.00 pm: Margaret O'L, Lucy.

08.00 am: Francis, Gilbert. 10.30 am: Nadine, Sylvia, Marie, Wilma, Helen.

Small Linen Laundry - Lilette. **Flowers** - Pam, Linda.

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 MAY: Laura Chocken, Michael Celejewski, Ray Clark, Doris Dean, Kathleen Delaney, Raul Echeverria, Kenneth Ferrier, Michael Hanrahan, Vera Higby, Christine Hull, Margaret Jackson, Pat Jackson, Kathleen Johns, Pauric Jones, Tony Kelleher, Rose Kelly, Mr Kusyz, Thomas McParland, Rodolfo Magallona, Brendan Mitchell, Jean Mohammed, Maria Moyser, Michael Murphy, Katherine Musial, Win O'Leary, Francis O'Neill, Carmine Palumbo, Margaret Periera, Basil Roache, John Scully, Joseph Viegas and Olive Vogt.

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 **this 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

Monday: St Teresa's Ladies Guild in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.
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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The Offertory collection (inc. Standing Orders) **for last weekend amounted to £982.54 of which 70% was "Gift Aided"**. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday and is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations for the priesthood and religious life. All of the resources to promote Vocations to Priesthood and the Religious life will be directly funded from the retiring collection which will take place after all Masses this weekend. So, please give generously to the collection and please also pray in particular for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for our current seminarians as they journey towards priesthood. They are Paschal Uche, Adrian Lowe, Michael Barwick, Tony Grant, Alexander Johnson, Damien Wade, Matúš Meleg and Jonathan Burden. Our new seminarian is Moses Itene who will start at Allen Hall in September. At the moment there are also ten young men in the priesthood enquirers' group. On the Diocesan website www.brentwoodvocations.org, there is a host of information for anyone considering a vocation to priesthood or the religious life. You are also very welcome to contact the Vocations Director, Fr Graham Smith on 01702 465720 or fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com

DOWRY OF MARY: Next March at Walsingham, England will be rededicated as the Dowry of Mary. All parishioners are most welcome to come along to the next meeting of St Teresa's Ladies Guild on **this coming Monday, (13 May) at 7.30 pm** to learn more about this title, how special gardens dedicated to Mary were created and the stories behind some of the hundreds of flowers named in Mary's honour. Find out why forget-me-nots are really called Our Lady's eyes, columbines her shoes, fuchsias her earrings and many more.

MAY DEVOTIONS: During May, the rosary will be prayed at the Church Grotto (weather permitting) **every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm**. Also, **on this coming Thursday, (16 May), at 7.00 pm**, there will be a House rosary at the home of the Mathew family, 42 Leyswood Drive, and all are welcome.

PARISH ROTAS: A new rotas for Readers is currently being prepared by Gerry Gillan and he would be extremely grateful if everyone on the current rota would please let him know of any weekends in the 3-month period to end August **when they will not be available** to undertake their ministry. You can email Gerry at gerrygillan5@gmmail.com or call him on 020 8599 0013.

THE CATHOLIC CLOTHING GUILD: Well done to members and non-members alike, who this year donated a total of 193 garments and, many thanks too, for the monetary donations which totalled £35. If you would like to learn more about the work of the Guild, please contact Margaret Flavin on 208 590 8808 or Sheila Nugent on 0208 554 1203. New members are always welcome.

COMMUNITY FUND: A reminder that we would very much appreciate any help parishioners can give in identifying individuals and/or groups who they believe could benefit from this new parish initiative. Please do let us have your thoughts/ideas, either by speaking directly to Sid James (07887983310) or, alternatively, leaving them in the "Suggestions Box" (anonymously if you wish) in Church Porch and help make this initiative a parish success story.

PARISH COUNCIL: A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 01 May can be found on the Notice Board in the Porch.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS: Our faith formation series on the Pivotal Players has now finished, but there is a time-limited opportunity for anyone who would like to watch or re-watch an episode in their own home. **One episode will be free to watch each day until Wednesday.** Visit <https://pivotalplayers.com/free-screening> for more information.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA: A reminder that our parish Knights of St Columba continue to collect old spectacles and used postage stamps and there are boxes in the Porch for your donations. All your old spectacles are sent to Fr Perera in Kandy, Sri Lanka who then passes them to the needy in his parish. The postage stamps are to help fund charitable work for the relief of bone cancer (linked with the Newbury Park Health Centre). Two very worthy causes then both deserving of your support.

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. There are a couple of new photos from Fr Mandla on the parish website.

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. 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 sspilford.org.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'BCCS'. For more information, please visit our website www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413

ST AUGUSTINE'S WEDNESDAY CLUB: Would you be interested in helping to run this Club which is a social place for adults with learning difficulties? There is no requirement to come each week only when you are available. (We are normally open 50 weeks a year). The Club has been running for over 30 years and meets in the Youth Hall next to St. Augustine's Church, Barkingside every Wednesday between 7.30 pm and 9.30 pm. The Club has various activities including a Pool table and a Disco each week. There is a quiet area for Dominos etc. Refreshments include soft drinks, crisps and a tea bar. We have various activities throughout the year including Theatre outings, and themed evenings for Valentine's night, Halloween and Christmas. We also have an annual Fun day with a BBQ. If you are interested in helping and would like further information, then please contact Maurice on 0208 500 8293 or Jonathan on 07837668041.

QUIZ NIGHT: The Palmer Catholic Academy will be holding a quiz night **on this coming Friday, (17 May) from 7-8.30 pm.** £1 entry- tickets can be bought in advance from the Academy or on the door. Bring your own nibbles!

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 **next 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

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: The next Recollection evening will take place **from 6.45 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday, 21 May** at St Augustine's Church, Barkingside and all are welcome.

150TH ANNIVERSARY: St Helen's Parish, Westcliff-on-Sea is celebrating its 150th anniversary in May with the following events:- **On Friday, 24 May** there will be a Mass at 5.30 pm followed by a special dinner with Bishop Alan Williams at 7 pm in celebration of all the couples who were married at St. Helen's Church over the years. Please contact the office on 01702 342324 for tickets. **On Saturday, 25 May from 6 pm to 8.15 pm** there will be a concert featuring beautiful songs, instrumentals and dance by talented young people from Brentwood Diocesan schools and churches. No tickets required but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Coffee and cake will be available in the hall during the interval. **On Sunday, 26 May** there will be an International Food Festival starting with a cultural show at 12 noon. Adult £8/ Children £3 (please contact the office on 01702 342324).

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: The weekend, **from 24-26 May in Liverpool**, is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL, 31 MAY & 1 JUNE: This is a Catholic Faith Festival with the theme 'Life to the Full', celebrating and witnessing faith in London's Leicester Square. Starts Friday evening from 7 pm in Notre

Dame de France Church. Saturday all day in the Square gardens. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, all day Adoration, Confessions, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. Come be refreshed and renewed in your faith. For more information, contact Allegra, info@spiritinthecity.org or call 0791 5537125. Or why not join the Mission Team and help others encounter Christ through one of these areas? To register as a helper, visit spiritinthecity.org

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE run by Marian Fathers is organising the 10th National Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham **on Saturday, 01 June** from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm For more information please contact Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. Call 020 8998 0925 or email info@divinemercy.org.uk

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

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ALDBOROUGH ROAD NORTH: On Saturday, 01 June there is a Jazz Evening - "The Silver Screen Music from Hollywood Films" in the Church Hall with Keith Nichols. Tickets, from Linda Wright on 020 8590 7248, cost £10 to include light snack.

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.

FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR: On Wednesday, 12 June at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

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 - look for The Priests under Event, or, click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

BUILDING A PARISH OF FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP: Sherry Weddell from the Catherine of Siena Institute will be in London for a special one-day event **on Tuesday, 18 June from 1 pm - 9 pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, SW1P 1QW** where she will explore how Catholics can fulfil their mission to bring all to Christ. Sherry is a best-selling author, lecturer and evangelist. This day event consists of three sessions and tickets can be purchased for all three, two sessions or just one. Each session costs £10. To purchase tickets please use this link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/centreforcatholicformation/251195> Details about the times of each sessions is on the link when you apply for tickets.

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 or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

COME AND SING COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT: A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St Luke based on the liturgy used for centuries by monastic communities. A serene and contemplative end to the bustle of the day in psalmody and hymnody at Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row, RM5 2AP **on Friday, 18 October**. Come and sing with us (Rehearsal time 7.30 pm) or join us for the service (9 pm.) Musical director James Davy Retiring Collection. For further information or to book if singing please contact Shirley Timmins by email to shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, **from Sunday, 21 – Friday, 26 July**. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

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 this coming Wednesday, (15 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 or call 01268 799082/01268 792082.

CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE FOR THE OVER 50'S: The sessions are held at Ss Peter & Paul's Parish Centre Small Hall **on Wednesday afternoons, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm**. The exercises aim to improve *Postural Stability and Falls Prevention*. Our Instructor is excellent, very experienced and caring. The cost is £30 for 10 sessions. (Compare that to the cost of one session with a private physiotherapist). You may like to tell friends about this opportunity. Just come along.

SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES take place **on Monday evenings** in the lower hall at St Cedd's from 8 pm. Dance Instructors Josepha Nevin and Jim Campbell, learn to Jive, Waltz, Quickstep, Line dance & much more. Adults £7, OAP's £5. For further information contact Josie on 07815989345.

ST CEDD'S YOUTH CLUB is a Youth Club based in the middle hall of St Cedd's Church in Blythswood 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. 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 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

THE URSULINE ACADEMY, ILFORD is currently recruiting for a Teacher of English and Subject Leader – Music and a Teacher of Religious Education. For further information please visit uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

THE URSULINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL, IFORD: The Governors are seeking to recruit from September a Deputy Headteacher and a KS2 Class teacher. Application packs for both positions are available from Helen O'Loughlin holoughlin@urspsi.org.uk or call 020 8518 4050. Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. **Closing dates for applications are 14 and 16 May respectively.**