

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – SATURDAY 25th MAY 2024: Join Bishop Alan, Fr Jon and other parishes and priests from around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. The programme starts at 10am and ends at 4.30pm, with Family Prayer at 11.15am; Holy Mass at 12.00 noon; Procession at 2.15pm; Vespers and Benediction at 3.30pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Sunday of the month between 4 – 5^{pm}, beginning with Evening Prayer, we have a Holy Hour of hymns, prayer, and readings before the Blessed Sacrament, *'the source and summit of our faith'*. **Next date: Sunday 2nd June (with KSC Rosary Crusade).**

NEW LECTIONARY: As I announced last Sunday, the Church's lectionary is being revised to a more faithful translation, reflecting current biblical scholarship. This new lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in England and Wales, and in Scotland from this coming Advent. The cost of the Ambo Edition of the new lectionary, which comes in four volumes, plus the Processional Edition of Book of the Gospels, will be in the region of £1500. I am inviting/asking for donations to help meet this cost. If you are able to help, please place your donations in an envelope and clearly write 'New Lectionary' on it. If you have registered for Gift Aid please include your assigned number so we can reclaim that valuable, extra 25% from the Government. Knowing your past generosity in such matters, I would like to thank you in advance. God bless. Fr Jon.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP meets every Tuesday, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 – 10.45. Come and join this friendly group as we pray one of the readings for the following Sunday. Copies of the reading are supplied. There is usually a bit of social time afterwards. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 07530956440.

WOULD YOU VALUE SOME FRIENDLY SUPPORT DURING A TIME OF GRIEF? The Grief / Bereavement Support Group here in our Parish meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the Church Hall at 10.30-11.30 am. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 12th June**. Just drop in to see whether this would help you. Confidentiality is stressed. More details are on the poster in the porch, and on the outside notice board. You could ask Judy about it after Mass or phone her on 07530956440.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS –Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by midday on Thursday) to: greenstead@brcdt.org

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 12th May: Offertory £594.54; Food Bank £15.00; World Communications Day £55.00; Missio (Red Boxes) £16.79. Thank you!

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: The next regular collection for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be on **Sunday 9th June 2024**, or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188. Colchester Food Bank's latest list of their most needed items is on the table in the church entrance. Thank you! *James*

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER – CAFOD AND SVP: a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates and to find out what they are saying about issues such as inequality, homelessness, the environment and migration. The Church tells us that "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes" (*Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II, 1965, #75*). For more information: <https://cafod.org.uk>

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA ROSARY CRUSADE 2024: All are warmly invited to participate in this year's Rosary Crusade, on **Sunday 2nd June, at 4pm, with Holy Hour and Exposition, here at SJP.**

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

YOUTH MASS, THURSDAY 6th JUNE 2024, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL: This may be a busy and stressful time for many, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

View Parish Newsletters online at: <https://stjohnpayne.org.uk/newsletter>.