



## VISION DOCUMENT: SHAPING OUR FUTURE

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**Welcome** to the October e-bulletin.

### Parish Partnership Plans

This month I would like to ask everyone to please re-read our **Vision Document: Shaping Our Future**.

My reason for asking is because it should form your thinking as you draw up your draft Parish Partnership Plans and as you begin to implement them in the future.

As you are aware these draft Parish Partnership Plans are to be sent in to my office during advent. The start of Advent is just over 4 weeks away. As you re-read our **Vision Document: Shaping Our Future** please reflect on three key points:

Firstly, it speaks of change, opportunity to look at things anew and finding new responses. It speaks of being bold and unafraid of change.

Secondly, it speaks far more about Renewal than it does about Restructuring. Restructuring is important but only if we use it as a platform for Renewal.

Thirdly, it speaks of each Parish Partnership being a temporary entity that will evolve over the coming years.

Thank you for all the good work and prayer.

### Formation:

**Are you currently working as or thinking about being involved in your parish as a First Holy Communion or Confirmation Catechists, or look after the children's liturgy?**

We would like to invite you to join us for a training day on **Saturday 9th November**, at Sacred Heart School, Upminster, where you will have the chance to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your programmes.

Confirmed workshops include

- Sycamore with Fr Stephen Wang
- Year of the Word with the Bible Society
- Godly Play and the Children's Liturgy
- New offers for Catechists from Million Minutes

We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

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There will be a special session for them.

Fr Dominic and Brenden Thompson (CEO of Catholic Voices) will give keynote speeches, reflecting on Pope Francis latest document about Youth Ministry, *Christus Vivit* ("Christ is alive!") and the day will be packed with resources and ideas to inspire you in your work.

For more information on times, location and how to reserve your place, please click below!

<https://bcys.net/events/catechist-training-day-2019/>

### Young People

For information to share with young people in your parish partnership about monthly Youth Masses or Youth Gather (26/27th October) or National Youth Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> November) visit

<https://bcys.net/events/>

### Christian Life and Worship/Formation/ Prayer and Spirituality

#### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS:

Fr Adrian Graffy (parish priest at Gidea Park, Scripture scholar and a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission) is organising a range of events for this special year. It was opened on 12<sup>th</sup> October with Bishop Alan at the first of our study days. These are open to everyone and they are free. You are asked to book through [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or 01708 449914

Please take a look at the full programme of events [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Programme-Year-of-the-God-who-Speaks-1.pdf](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Programme-Year-of-the-God-who-Speaks-1.pdf)

### Charity, Justice and Social Action

The World Day of The Poor is on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. You may recall that we launched <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/> on last year's World Day of The Poor. This special day has been initiated by the Holy Father. Information is being sent separately to all parishes regarding WDotP.

I am grateful to Canon Peter Conor for the thought provoking articles he has written reflecting on our Renewal and Restructuring. They can be found at

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/12-strands-renewal/christian-life-worship/>

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