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PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st April 2018 – The Resurrection of the Lord

My dear friends

The Resurrection of Jesus is God's final word spoken in the face of death. The women go to the tomb early in the morning to anoint the remains of the Jesus they have loved. They know their way will be blocked by the stone, but they hope that a stronger arm will move the stone for them, and they find the tomb empty, with an angel clothed in white seated where the body of Jesus had been. He says to them "You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised". How does the resurrection of Jesus make a difference for us? Does it matter to us? It matters that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, it matters that he died on the Cross and was buried in that tomb two thousand years ago. And it matters that the same tomb which could not hold him was empty on the morning of the third day. The resurrection proves to us what we so desperately long to believe, that love is indeed stronger than death. he is not there, he is risen, alleluia!

Thank you!

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who have put so much time and energy into making the Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special once again this year. A huge amount of work goes into this week: cleaning, flower-arranging, serving, making music, organising behind the scenes, reading, ministering the Eucharist, welcoming, serving refreshments and so on. Thank you to all of you for your continued support for the life of the parish.

I wish everyone a most joyful and peaceful Easter season.

Father Graham

Easter collection

The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

Parish Magazine – on sale this weekend

My apologies but delayed one week due to work commitments – will now be on sale at the Vigil Mass, Easter Sunday and the following weekend at both churches. Liam Rand.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Members of the Gift Aid scheme are asked to collect their envelopes from the porch.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after Easter and will reconvene on Wednesday 18th April at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Congratulations to Liam Rand

Liam has just been accepted by the Diocese of Brentwood to train as a Deacon. His three year training period will start this coming September.

Devine Mercy Service at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea

This will take place on Devine Mercy Sunday – 8th April at 2.30pm and will include an opportunity for confession. All welcome.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Next Sunday – 8th April

Please join us in the hall next Sunday, after Mass, for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund. We look forward to seeing you all.

St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sale – Next Sunday – 8th April

During the Coffee Morning straight after the 9.00am Mass. Grab yourself a bargain in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund. New items every time! Last month we raised £85. Thank you for your support and please continue to donate and buy.

Faith Study Group

The next meeting of the Faith Study Group will be on Thursday 3rd May (there is no meeting in April).

Appeal from the SVP

A local family need two single beds and a wardrobe. If you can help please ring Pete on 01702 300870

Charity Dinner In Aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund

Join us at the Ashiana Indian Restaurant on Wednesday 11th April for an evening of great food, friendship and fun. £15 per head all profits to benefit the Sacred Heart and Saint John Fisher Maintenance Fund. Please speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Catholics Plan Mass-Rosary Prayer around the British Coast

On Sunday, April 29, at 3.00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act coming into effect. Organisers say the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the "present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace", and encourage a "re-flourishing of our Faith". The organisers said "We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God," If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations

At St George's, Shoeburyness on Saturday 21st April. Beginning with Mass at 10am and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am. We will then finish with Benediction at 4pm. All are most warmly welcome to come and join us as we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	31 st March – 1 st April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	7 th - 8 th April	Tinned vegetables

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – come and see!

The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the "official opening" is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – support our fundraising.

Over £320,000 has been raised, including £90,000 from parish collections and parishioners' donations. Thank you. There is £200,000 left to raise – if 500 people each donated £400, our refurbishment debt would be cleared. Could you do that? Every penny is being invested in our young people, and in Abbotswick as a house open to all. Contact Frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, call 01277 373959, post cheques to Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH, or look at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick/donations to make an online donation.

Women's World Day of Prayer 'All God's Creation is Very Good' – NEW DATE!

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer planned for 2nd March was cancelled due to the bad weather and has now been rearranged for Friday 27th April. It will be at 10.30am at The Salvation Army, Clarence Street, Southend. Praying for Suriname. A Service for Everyone. Please come along and be part of a great wave of prayer encircling our globe.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 7th April at Canvey

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. From 10.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday 7th April at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs, 224 Long Road, Canvey Island SS8 0JS. Please bring a packed lunch.

Admin Manager Vacancy – Holy Family Parish, Benfleet

Person required for paid position of Admin Manager in the offices of Holy Family Parish, Benfleet. 20 hours per week and timing of work can be negotiated. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Eduard Fartan on [01268 792082](tel:01268792082) or the office on [01268 799649](tel:01268799649) – or send an email to priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday 3rd April.

Minibus Driver Required – St Thomas More High School

To drive pupils before and after school to/from Chalkwell Station. Details available from 01702 606763 or recruitment@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 25th March 2018

£1095.44

The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

Monty Wood RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monty Wood who died last the weekend. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Maureen Hare RIP

Please pray for the repose of Maureen Hare who died on 21st March. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Patrick Moroney RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Moroney who died on 16th February. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 13th April at 1.00pm at St Helen's, Westcliff.

Guiseppe (Joseph) Bellini RIP

Please pray for the soul of Guiseppe Bellini who died on 26th February. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 12th April at 2.00pm at St John Fisher.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, Barbara Briggs, David Bunce, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Jenny Chappell, Lynn Chua, Paul Clark, Ann Cummings, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, (baby) Harleigh Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Katie Fitzpatrick, Dorothy George, Paul Gunn, Anthony Herman, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, Jacky Lovett, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Joy May, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Geraldine Scraggs, Kaisha Secre, Jane Smart, Michael Smith, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Geraldine Stephens, Patricia Walford and Jenny Warren.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Rose Bliss, June Brown, Alice Gwynn, Mona Cooper, Myrtle Sweeney, Daisy Roberts, Canon William Toft, Albury Martin, Albert Flury, Mary Curtis, Bridget Lacken, Elizabeth Tall, Alice Wood, Leslie Walker, Peter Wakefield, Aldona Nivinskiene, William Dunn, Edward Tierney, Frances Schollar, Edgar Butcher, Fr Ronald Roberts, Mary Ellen Collins, Peggy Prest, Daisy Dyer, Henry Kuligowski and Mary Kent.

Mass Text for 1st April – Easter Sunday

Entrance Antiphon I have risen, and I am with you alleluia. You have laid you hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v 24

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end'.
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praised.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; IO saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon Christ our Passover has been sacrificed alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24 response v1.

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 31st March	The Easter Vigil	8.00pm The Easter Vigil <i>Intentions of the RCIA candidates</i>	
Sunday 1st April	The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Deirdre Macquire Ingleson RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 2 nd April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 3 rd April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter		9.30am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Wednesday 4 th April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week)</i> 12 noon <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Thursday 5 th April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	6.30pm <i>Lilian Pinchin RIP</i>	
Friday 6 th April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am <i>Intentions of Barbara Briggs</i>	
Saturday 7th April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Fr Frank Thompson RIP</i>
Saturday 7th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Anne and John White RIP</i>	9.00am <i>John Lovett RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Jake Wilson</i>

The Angelus will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses from next weekend.

Rosary - The Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is also said at Sacred Heart after 9.00am weekday masses and 6.30pm when there is evening Mass.

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.