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PARISH NEWSLETTER
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My dear friends

During this week before Pentecost I ask you to please pray like Mary, the women, the apostles and disciples for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all of us that we may respond to God better. Please believe that your prayer will be answered. Pray that our celebration of Pentecost will lead to the Church being renewed and strengthened by God's Spirit. Maybe say this prayer in preparation:

*Lord God, you promised not to leave us orphaned but to remain with us always.
Be with us in our confusion and disappointment when we do not know what to do.*

Grant that we may hear your call to silence and prayer and withdraw to our "upstairs room."

There we ask you to pour out on us afresh your Holy Spirit that we may be better witnesses to you in our families, parishes and places of work.

Fr Graham

Confirmations

Please pray for our young people who will be Confirmed next weekend during the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart.

Please help us Keep the Sacristy Reverent before Mass

In order to prepare spiritually for Mass, Clergy and altar servers need time for quiet reflection. Therefore people are respectfully asked to keep away from the Sacristy the five minutes before a Mass is due to start.

Sacred Heart Repository – Confirmation and First Holy Communion Gifts

The Sacred Heart repository has a good selection of cards and gifts for children and young people who are being confirmed or making their First Holy Communion. Why not take a look and see what is available!

Baptism Preparation Course this Monday – 14th May!!!!

This will take place on Monday night at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please pick up a form from the church porch to register for the course and request the Baptism. **Please note that in order for a child to be baptised, at least one of the parents must be a baptised catholic and a copy of the parent's baptism certificate must be attached to the application for the child's baptism. Parents are expected to attend a Preparation Course prior to the baptism of each of their children.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 26th May

The list has now closed. We will be in touch next week with the people who have put their name on the list.

Please Sponsor Catherine Sing in aid the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

On Monday 28th May, Catherine Sing will be running in the Vitality 10k London race on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children Society. She would like to ask for sponsorship for such a worthy charity. As some of you might already know, BCCS is entirely self-funded and every single pound that is raised for them would really make a difference in the lives of the children and families who BCCS assist. Donations can be made either in person, or via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/yeetaksing1#>. There is a target of £250 but we would like to raise as much for BCCS as possible. Thank you for your kind support and donations.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th – 6 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	12 th – 13 th May	Tinned vegetables

Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players Present- Two One Act Comedy Plays

Come along and have a laugh! At St John Fisher Hall and will be on Saturday 26th May at 7.30pm and on Sunday 27th May at 4.30pm. Bring along your own drinks and nibbles. Price for the tickets £5. There will be a raffle during the interval. All Proceeds to the Parish Maintenance Fund. Contact Theresa 07956 628213 or Tina 07771 628808 for tickets.

Catholic Marriage Convalidation

If you got married in a civil ceremony and would like to investigate having your marriage fully recognised by the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Graham.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax (payable on income over £11,850.00 in 2018-19). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a tax payer please notify Sue in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donations, it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

The Life of Christ – Open Air Epic Production at Wintershall

19 - 23 Jun 2018. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. You will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors. The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable. Adult £20 - Concession (Senior citizen 65+) £18. Family (Two Adults and two children) £50 Student (19-25) £12.

We are looking to organise a group to take part in this amazing experience - if you are interested in coming, please let me know ASAP- once we get ideas of numbers we can work out transportation, form and costs involved. Contact me on 07789 555401 or 01702 462054. Thank you Phyllis.

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, please let Fr Graham know and make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit (otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit). If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure their parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Fundraising Events

Ladies' Day Luncheon on Thursday 21st June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot Ladies' Day. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Charity Golf Day at The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11th June. Tickets are £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch.

Tandem Skydive at Headcorn Airfield in Kent on Saturday 7th July. Applications are invited from adventurous people who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for bccs.

To book for the Golf Day or get an application pack for the Skydive, please contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Dates: 25-27 May 2018. Location: Liverpool with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

London Community Gospel Choir at Brentwood Cathedral

The Choir will be performing at Brentwood Cathedral with The BIG Sing Essex Gospel Choir and featuring the children from St Peter's Catholic Primary School on Saturday 9th June at 7.00pm. The concert will include lively Gospel favourites to get you clapping and dancing as well as mellow soulful tracks to enjoy. Tickets cost £17 per person (£12 under 16's and over 65's) and are available from www.billetto.com or from the Cathedral Music Office on 01277 265 288 (cheques payable to The BIG Sing UK Ltd). www.big-sing.com.

Catholics and the Bible – Study Day at Gidea Park

On Saturday 26th May from 11.00am until 3.00pm at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The speaker will be Hungarian biblical scholar Fr Levente Balazs Martos, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. The study day will commemorate 75 years since the promulgation of the encyclical of Pius XII, Divino Afflante Spiritu, on the Church and the Bible. The afternoon will be dedicated to a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy and Fleur Dorrell from the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The event is free of charge. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Vacancy for Site Supervisor at St Bonaventure's School Forest Gate

Application Forms are available on the school website <http://www.stbons.org/site-supervisor>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666.

St Helens to St George's Sponsored Walk for the BCCS and CAFOD 'Share the Journey'

The annual parish to parish sponsored walk to raise funds for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) takes place on Saturday 2nd June. We will gather at St Helens for 10.00am Mass, and set off at around 10.45am with Father Joseph for a five and a half miles walk along the seafront to Shoeburyness. where we will finish the walk with refreshments in the parish hall at St George's after midday. All participants will receive a certificate at the end from Julie of the BCCS. To take part, to receive registration and sponsor forms, and for more information, please contact Damian of the Knights of St Columba (07887 678741 / damian.dillon@btinternet.com). Registration is free, and any sponsorship raised will go direct to the BCCS. This year we will be combining the walk with the CAFOD Share the Journey campaign to show solidarity with refugees to count the miles we walk collectively, and to sign a card to go to the Prime Minister calling for agreements to be made at the United Nations for refugees and migration. Visit cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey for more information. We hope you can join us to support these two causes this year.

Money

6th May 2018 Offertory

£1243.30

There is a second collection this weekend for World Communications Day

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Oscar Twine who was baptised last weekend.

Ephraim Ncube RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ephraim Ncube who died on 21st April. His funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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, 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, Emily Ponto, 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: Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes, Christina McNally, Madge McMahon, Mary Naumann, Mary Harty, Michael Kelleher, Nellie O'Leary, Angela (Angie) Carroll, Thomas Costello, Patrick Curtin, Francis Foy, James Fowler, Gladys Simpson, Margaret Wakefield, Duncan McLean, Pater Halley, Eileen Mary Skelley, Albert Morley, Philip Eade, Thomas Collins, Bridie Denny, Edward Robeson and William Stanley.

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.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 12th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 13th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Angie, Thomas and Tony Carroll RIP</i> 1.30pm Baptism <i>Reuben Watford</i>	9.00am <i>Guiseppa Palombo RIP</i>
Monday 14 th May	St Matthias	9.00am <i>Sadru Bhanji RIP</i>	
Tuesday 15 th May	Feria		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 16 th May	Feria	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am (<i>Preceded by Fr Graham and "Secretary Sue" being available in the meeting room</i>) <i>Keith McBrearty RIP</i>
Thursday 17 th May	Feria	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Eva Clinton-Ekuma</i>	
Friday 18 th May	Feria	12 noon <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Saturday 19th May	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Canon Louis Thomas RIP</i>
Saturday 19th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</i>	
Sunday 20th May	Pentecost	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am (To include the Confirmation of some of our young people) <i>Intentions of the Confirmation Candidates</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Rosanna Chenneour</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</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.

Mass Text for 13th May –Seventh Sunday of Easter – Divine Office Week 3

Entrance Antiphon O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Psalm 102:1-2, q 11-12, 19-20 response v 19

Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
- 2 For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
- 3 The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon Father I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 response cf v 30, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23