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PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th June 2018 – Eleventh Sunday of the Year

My dear friends

This week we celebrate the feast of two great English saints - one, St. Thomas More, was a statesman, an intellectual and Catholic layman. The other, St. John Fisher was a holy bishop who at a turbulent time in our history took his office seriously.

Both were martyred by King Henry VIII because they would not consent to his decision to make himself the head of the Church in England. In order to have his way, he shattered the unity of the Church in this country by separating it from Peter and Peter's successors - the Pope.

St. Thomas More's life is recounted in a famous play, later made into a film entitled, "A Man for All Seasons." The two saints, St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, are men for our season, for the times in which we live. Today, a regime wishes to impose itself on us and force us to conform ourselves, our values and our beliefs to the secularism of our time.

When "peer pressure" convinced almost everybody in Tudor England "to go along" with the King in order to "get along," Thomas More and John Fisher dissented. At first tempted with bribes - when this failed they were imprisoned however they still refused to break away from the Church founded by Jesus Christ on the rock of Peter. As Thomas More famously said, "I am the King's good servant but I am God's servant first."

If we honour the memories of Thomas More and John Fisher, if we invoke their intercession today, it is because they would not contradict, by behaviour or lifestyle, what they preached and what they believed. Saints Thomas More and John Fisher are "Men for this season." May their example inspire us and their prayers sustain us.

Fr Graham

Mass at Sacred Heart on Friday 22nd June

This Mass will be at 9.00am instead of the usual 12 noon.

Parish AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 11th July at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. If you have any items for the agenda, please get them to Sue in the Parish Office by Monday 2nd July.

St John Fisher - 'An Evening of Difference'

Please join us on Saturday 30th June, in the St John Fisher Hall, to enjoy an evening of dance and song that reflects the diversity of our community. Young dancers from the Syro Malabar community will perform a Bollywood dance and Irish dancers will bring a different kind of energy and rhythm to the stage. This date coincides with Armed Forces Day and a young singer will entertain us with songs old and new. To add to the feast of colour, we will be serving a sample of foods from around the world. Importantly, it is a time to get together, socialise and have fun!

Tickets cost £5 per person and will be on sale from 10th June. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. The doors will be open from 7pm for a 7.30pm start and we plan to wind down around 10pm. All proceeds will be put towards the parish Maintenance Fund.

St John Fisher Feast Day Celebration

Please join us in the Hall after the 9am Mass on 24th June to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint. There will be cakes and fruit juices as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits. Also the Grand Raffle will be drawn. We look forward to seeing you there.

St John Fisher Feast Day - Grand Raffle

To be drawn on the 24th June after Mass, in the hall during our Feast Day Celebrations. Food Hamper (donated by the Polish Community), Bottle of Brandy, wines, £20 voucher for El Padrino Restaurant in Westcliff, £5 Voucher for Meat from Local Butcher, Vouchers of promises for: 1 hour of cutting your lawn, a homemade sponge birthday cake, homemade supper dish for two and many more prizes donated by parishioners..... Tickets for sale after Mass at only £1 per strip. All proceeds to the Parish Maintenance Fund.

Ss Peter and Paul Feast Day – Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 29th June is the Feast Day of Ss Peter and Paul and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 9.30am (with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School) and at St John Fisher at 7.30pm.

New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Under the new GDPR regulations we are required to keep any information we hold about people confidential and secure as well as obtain permission from people to hold certain information about them. As part of this we now need to obtain permission from people who wish to appear on the list of Sick Parishioners published in the newsletter – consequently, the list is not shown in this edition of the newsletter. If you wish your name to be listed in future editions of the newsletter, please complete and return to the Sacred Heart Presbytery a (green) "Consent Form – Sick and Housebound" which is available from the porch. A copy of the "Privacy Notice for the Diocese of Brentwood" is available in the porch.

Urgent Appeal for Helpers at St John Fisher on Wednesday 20th June

Please help keep our grounds tidy by helping to clear the very overgrown weeds from the sides of the church and the hall garden from 10.30am onwards. If you have any tools you could bring along that would be very helpful.

The church and hall carpets are going to be cleaned on that day. Volunteers are needed to help move the pews from the Lady Chapel from 10.30am.

Please let Karen know if you can help with these important activities. **No one has volunteered so far!!!**

Parish Maintenance Fund Money Jars

If you took a jar before Easter now is the time to start returning them. There are empty jars in the porches of both churches should you wish to take one and fill with loose change over the next few months. Please see Sandy Rand after Mass or phone Sandy 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com for more information.

Volunteers Wanted for a Foodbank Holiday Club

Southend Foodbank are looking to trial a holiday club this summer for families which might struggle to feed their children during the school summer holiday. It will be held at Belle Vue Baptist Church and will meet on Thursdays 26th July, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August from 11.30am to 1.30pm. The first hour will include activities – craft and games and the second hour a meal. Volunteers would need to be available from 11am-2pm.

At least 6 people are needed each week. 2 people who can prepare the meal and at least 4 to help be leading or helping with activities and welcome families. If you would like to help, please e-mail Anita anitachaplin@btinternet.com.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	30 th June – 1 st July	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	16 th -17 th June 23 rd -24 th June	Pasta Sauce

Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue – Saturday 23rd June

We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm and, if you can help at the store at this time, please e-mail the parish office. If you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm on that day, please email the Foodbank (warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk). Thank you.

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- minibus trip to Wintershall - 20th June

Just some information for those who are going! We will meet at St John Fisher car park at 7.30am ready to go! Please bring a packed lunch, weather proof clothes and comfortable shoes. There will be a charge of £5 per person to cover fuel added to your entrance fee. This should be a wonderful experience for us, let's just pray for good weather. See you on the 20th. Any question please phone me on 07789 555401.

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 for the five minutes before a Mass is due to start.

Parish Newsletter

For those who wish to receive it electronically, the newsletter can be sent via e-mail. If you would like to receive it in this format, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

Thank you from Catherine Sing

I've completed the Vitality 10k on Monday 28th of May in 64 minutes. Thank you ever so much for everyone's prayers, help, monetary and words of support. To date we have raised £569.50 for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. It was a fabulous day made even more special by knowing the donation will go towards a very special cause. The power of prayers had even stopped a predicted thunderstorm and we had a glorious day of sunshine instead. Thank you!

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, 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 your 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.

Sion Community, Brentwood - Work and Pray

We invite you to come and join us for a few days between 18th – 29th June at our centre in Brentwood (Essex, CM15 9BX) and take the opportunity to spend some time with us in prayer and experience living in our Community, as well as helping us by doing a variety of manual jobs around the building and gardens. It would be great if you could come along, please contact: Mary on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011.

Part time School Chaplain Vacancy Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green

Details from <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/Vacancies.shtml>, 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net.

St Bernard's High School Open Morning – 21st June 2018, 10.30am until 12.30pm

Are you a qualified teacher with availability to teach at St Bernard's High School on an ad-hoc basis? Please come along to our Open Morning on Thursday 21st June for Tea and Cake, where you will be given the opportunity to see our school in action. Please contact Mrs H Bennett, Assistant Head Teacher either on T.01702 343583 or email hjb@stbernards.southend.sch.uk to advise that you will be attending or for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

St. Thomas More High School - Open Evening

Thursday, 12th July 6.00p.m. to 9.00p.m. - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils. The Head teacher's talk will begin at 7.00pm. Prospective sixth form students for September 2019 are also welcome, although there will be an open evening for students currently in year 10 on Thursday 22nd November 2018.

Parents of boys attending non-Catholic primary schools who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2019 should complete the local education authority single application form (SAF) and fill in the supplementary information form (SIF) that can be collected at the open evening.

If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site WWW.ST-THOMSMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK

St Bernard's High School - Open Evening for Year 5 Students

(Prospective Year 7 in 2019) on Wednesday 4 July from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2019. We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, on Tuesday 9 October, Wednesday 10 October and Thursday 11 October between 9.30am and 11.00am. No appointments are necessary: guided tours will be available from Reception between these times.

Further details from www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk.

National day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in the British Isles, on Saturday the 23rd June, the Vigil of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. In light of the increased number of abortions happening in England and Wales and the results of the Irish abortion referendum, it is even more important for us to call on God's Grace. For more details, see www.goodcounselnetwork.com.

The Gospel of Mark

On Wednesdays 20th and 27th June at 7.00pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Summer Spirituality Talk

On Saturday 30th June from 10.30am to 12.00 noon at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Title: Eucharistic Spirituality. Speaker: Mgr David Manson. For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265285.

Deanery Orchestra Summer Concert

7.30pm Saturday 23rd June at The New Mazenod Hall, St. Peter's Church, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4BX. Tickets £5 each (16 and under FREE). Please bring and enjoy your own food and drink. Tickets may be reserved by calling 07810 707910, visiting our website <https://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com>, or purchased at the door on the evening. The concert will be a wonderful selection of popular Detective Themes and Classical music.

A Summer Afternoon Concert in aid of Havens Hospices

The Two Elizabeths - Elizabeth Dunlop and Elizabeth Upsher along with pupils and guests present A Summer Afternoon Concert. On Sunday 1st July In the Parish Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff SS0 7JP. Tickets cost £10.00 (including cake and tea) Please note the time...2.00pm. Please ring Elizabeth 01702 347369 to book your seats. (Please do book in advance for catering purposes). All profits go to Havens Hospices. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory

Sunday 15th July to celebrate feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Mass 11.30 am. Procession and Benediction at 3.30 pm. Coach from bus stop opposite Nazareth House at 9.00 am. Fare 15.00. Please bring packed lunch. To book seat on coach please telephone Bernadette on 01702 421891 or 07963 300518.

Passionate about challenging injustice? Working with the poor, vulnerable or marginalised?

The newly forming *Caritas Diocese of Brentwood* would like your wisdom, your views, and your experience, as we shape the vision for the future. Come to the Brentwood Ursuline School on Saturday 7th July, 10.30am-3.00pm, to be part of a conversation with other like-minded people from across the Diocese. This is a gathering for all ages - 16 to 106 - and we encourage you to come with someone of a different generation to yourself, to help build the future! More details from frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or stevenwebb@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Money

10th June 2018 Offertory

£1099.98

There will be a second collection this weekend for Day for Life

Andrew Deans RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Deans (ex Sacred Heart parishioner and husband of Ann Deans) who died on 10th June. His funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Barbara Briggs, Richard Briggs, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Paul Gunn, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Jenny Warren.

If you wish your name to be added to this list, please complete and return a (green) "Consent Form - Sick and Housebound" available from the porch.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Sydney Roche, John Wood, Barbara Wells, Murtagh Murphy, John Kelly, Dennis Clark, James Greer, Claudia Grace Wells, Bp Bernard Wall, Krystyna Oraczko, Eamonn Loughran, Agnes McCarthy, Michael Houlahan, Jane Donachie, John Gammell, Lucy Davey, Teresa Haigh, Fr Vincent Dutton, Edith Harmon, Florence O'Callaghan, Albertus Smits, Frederick Chapman and Patrick Smith.

Mass Text for 17 June 2018. Eleventh Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 4)
Entrance Antiphon O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; by my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, I God, my Saviour!

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16 response v2

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
- 2 The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
- 3 Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4: 26 - 34

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next Sunday's readings

Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalm 138:1-3, 13-15 response v14, Acts 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66, 80.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 16th June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Thomas Cullen and William Snowdon RIP</i>	
Sunday 17th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of Patricia Amadi</i> 2.00pm First Holy Communion Mass <i>Intentions of the First Holy Communion Children</i>	9.00am (to include the baptism of Evie Smith) <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 18 th June	Feria	9.00am <i>Aileen Powney RIP</i>	
Tuesday 19 th June	Feria		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 20 th June	St Alban	10.15am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i>	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 21 st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga	6.30pm <i>Bob Stephens RIP</i>	
Friday 22 nd June	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	9.00am <i>Intentions of Mike Smith</i>	
Saturday 23rd June	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions 11.00am Wedding Maria Pereira and Jerin Joy	9.00am <i>James Hagger RIP</i>
Saturday 23rd June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Gerald Sullivan RIP</i>	
Sunday 24th June	Nativity of St John the Baptist	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Maggie and John Payne of the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Henry Collins</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>