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PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st July 2018 – Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

My dear friends

There are two women alone in the middle of crowds in our Gospel today. One is isolated because of her flow of blood which would make her ritually impure. She sees in Jesus someone who can restore her, if she can but touch him and when she does, she is healed not just in her body but from her utter isolation. She has got back her life. She can go in peace. Then there is the young girl whose isolation is different. She too is in a crowd of people, who are wailing and weeping and making a commotion because she has died. Movingly, Jesus goes to her with just her own family and his closest disciples. The mob is left behind. She is restored to those who love her. The first reading tells us that 'God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being.' Jesus here is the Lord of Life. He has come so that we 'may have life and have it abundantly'. So loneliness need not crush us and we can face illness and death with joy because Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

Fr Graham

St John Fisher Feast Day

Thank you all for your support during the celebrations of the St John Fisher Feast Day. We had some very special cakes, wonderful music and great prizes contributed for the Grand Raffle. We still have three prizes waiting to be claimed! White 168- White 175- and number 291 for which we do not have a colour noted, sorry. Let us know if you have any of these so you can claim your prize. A total of £200 was raised, a very welcome contribution to the parish maintenance fund. A big thank you to everyone who took part. Carmel, Laura and Phyllis.

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.

Parish Maintenance Fund

Thank you for all of the donations and fund raising for the Parish Maintenance Fund. The fund currently stands at £6,384.31p.

Sacred Heart Coffee Morning Next Sunday - 8th July

There's no coffee morning in the Hall after Mass next Sunday, so why not enjoy a cuppa at the FOSH Summer Fayre, in the school playground from 12.15pm?

St John Fisher Grounds

Thank you to the people who recently helped clear some weeds. There is still a lot to be done so we are hoping to recruit teams of people to clear the weeds and then keep them under control in future. If you think you can help (perhaps on a rota basis) please either see Karen or email the Parish Office (parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) giving your contact details and availability. This information will be held securely and shared with the rota organisers.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

We will be serving homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee after Mass next Sunday, 8th July, so please do join us in the hall and help us to raise valuable funds for the parish Maintenance Fund.

St Anthony Statue for Sacred Heart

Good news! We have the statue of St Anthony. He is a good size and is an antique! Being an antique he has some wear and tear and therefore needs repainting and his thumb is missing. I will send him to a restoration company soon but we need the promised funds from those who said they would donate. Any funds left over will go into the maintenance fund. Please contact Sue in the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Magazine – Summer Edition – Deadline for Articles Today! (1st July)

Please see Liam after Mass or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com or phone 07952 954833 – Thank you.

Faith Study Group

The faith group will not be meeting over the summer months - we plan to resume in October. Wishing everyone a happy, peaceful summer.

FOSH Summer Fayre - Next Sunday – 8th July

12.15pm to 3.15pm. 50p Adults Children Free. Come and join us for some summer fun. Bouncy castle, Rodeo bull, BBQ, Face painting, Bottle tombola, Cafe FOSH and many more fantastic stalls. Entrance via Southchurch Road. There is a Baptism in Church on that day at 12.30pm and so the Church Car Park will not be available for people going to the Fayre.

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – Darkest Hour (Cert. PG)

Wednesday 4th July at Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm screening. This fantastic award winning film has even cropped up in a few of Father Graham's homily's. A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill (Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman) must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe and the threat of invasion is imminent, and with an unprepared public, a skeptical King, and his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, and attempt to change the course of world history. Free entry and usual refreshments available – if you require a lift to this event please speak to Sandy, Liam or Paul Nicholson after Mass or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@bopenworld.com

Baptism Preparation

The next Course for parents and expectant parents who wish to have a child baptised at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher will be on Monday 16th July 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.**

Do you want to take part in a Pantomime?

The Drama group would like to put on a Panto. Before this can happen, we need to get more people involved in a variety of ways. We need set builders, prop and costume makers among other things. Budding actors too of course. Interested to know more then come along to St John Fisher Hall on Sunday 15th July from 4.00pm and find out what is required to make a perfect panto.

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. 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.

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@bopenworld.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	7 th -8 th July	Pasta Sauce

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.

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.

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

St John Bosco Childrens' Summer Camp

At Aldham Essex. This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. The dates are 21st July to 28th July 2018 for boys, 28th July to 4th August 2018 for boys and 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls. For an application form or more information go to <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Please see Pete or a member of the parish SVP. Queries can be emailed to boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk for the boys camp or girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk for the girls camp.

Catering Assistants and a Mid-Day Supervisor Vacancies at St Bernard's High School

Details are available at www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk

Diocesan Clergy Moves

The Bishop has announced the following moves which will take effect from October.

Fr Joseph Whisstock from Westcliff to Halstead

Fr Alex Poblador from Colchester to Westcliff.

Fr David Pearce from Halstead to Dagenham, Holy Family

Fr John Victor from Upton Park to Colchester

Fr Hector Fernandez to Holy Trinity, Basildon

Money

24th June 2018 Offertory

£1191.43

There will be a second collection this weekend for Peters Pence

There will be a second collection next weekend for Apostleship of the Sea

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the families of Teyla Saada, Esme Kateley and Henry Collins who were baptised recently.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Maria Pereira and Jerin Joy who were married last weekend.

Regolo Giovanni DiMascio RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Regolo DiMascio who died on 14th June. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 13th July at 11.30am at St Helen's, Westcliff.

John Parkinson RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Parkinson who died on 23rd June. His funeral service will be on Monday 9th July at 10.30am at Sacred Heart.

Tony Lee RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony Lee who died on 27th June. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Christina Arnold, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, Richard Briggs, Eric Carpenter, Alfosina Carson, Paul Gunn, Eileen Hopkins, Peter Hopkins, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Joy May, Peter May, Sheila Norris, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens and 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: Reginald Foster, Bridget Keane, Sandra Burke, Raymond Gregory, Mary McGovern, Robert De Vito, Mary Chesham, Thomas Walsh, Mary Barton, Alfred Aldridge, Fr Edward Littleton, William Ling, Dorothy Freshwater, Hilda Power, Doris Green, Victor Persighetti, Esther Spearman, Richard O'Neill, Joyce Rita Fell, Marie Thompson, Fr Patrick Curran, Fr Patrick Carthy, William Howard, Edward More, Brigid Callanan, John Bishop, Paul Stanley, Margaret O'Connor and Elizabeth (Betty) Powell.

Mass Text for 1st July 2018 – Thirteenth Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon All peoples, clap your hands. Dry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Psalms 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 response v2

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me

1 I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

2 Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

3 The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8: 7,9,13-15

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 5:21-43.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Next Sunday's readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5, Psalm 122, response v2, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Mark 6:1-6

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 30th June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 1st July	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Pat Davidson RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Vanessa Ventura Almeida</i>	9.00am <i>Chris Coath RIP</i>
Monday 2 nd July	Feria	9.00am <i>James & Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Tuesday 3 rd July	St Thomas		
Wednesday 4 th July	St Elizabeth of Portugal	10.15am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i>	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 5 th July	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Ann Deans</i>	
Friday 6 th July	St Maria Goretti	12 noon <i>Leonila Pisarello RIP</i>	
Saturday 7th July	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Mary and Thomas Cotter TIP</i>
Saturday 7th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Sunday 8th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Gerald Carroll RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Samuel Kwarteng</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>