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PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th July 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

My dear friends

In our Gospel today we are told how Jesus sent his twelve apostles out in pairs to preach repentance, cast out demons and heal the sick. It is a training exercise in which the apostles are sent out by Jesus in a controlled environment as part of the formation which will prepare them for when he is no longer with them. The apostles are being allowed to drive, but Jesus is in the passenger seat ready to press the break if things go wrong. The lesson Jesus teaches the twelve apostles in sending them out is how to learn. In our first reading we hear that the prophet Amos has had no training in how to prophesize, he is not like the professional prophets in the royal sanctuary. But Amos has that which the professional prophets lack: the humility to learn from God. In sending out the twelve Jesus is teaching them how to learn. They will fail, as we so often fail, but their failure will be an opportunity to learn. For each failure is an invitation to learn how to be a child of God, to allow him in his eternal love to teach us our true worth as his adopted children.

Fr Graham

Preparing for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

As part of the spiritual preparation for the rededication, the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is visiting every Catholic English Cathedral.

The title 'Dowry of Mary' originated in the Medieval period, when devotion to the Virgin Mary in England was particularly strong. It was believed that England belonged in some special way to Mary, who was seen as the country's "protectress" and who through her powers of intercession acted as the country's guardian.

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day Triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020.

A moment of great promise... for the Church in this country and for our mission.

Bringing England's Nazareth to Brentwood Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Helen from Thursday 19th July to Saturday 21st July.

The programme includes:

Thursday 19 th July	6.00pm	Exhibition opens
	7.00pm	Rosary
	7.30pm	Opening Mass
	8.30pm	Talk on the Dowry of Mary
Friday 20 th July	7.30am	Rosary
	9.15am	Mass of Our Lady
	6.00pm	Angelus and Vespers
	8.00pm	Talk on the Dowry of Mary
	10.00pm	All Night Adoration
Saturday 21 st July	7.30am	Rosary
	8.00am	Exhibition Opens
	9.15am	Mass of Our Lady
	12 Noon	Concluding Mass



We are planning to take a fleet of cars on Thursday 19th July to arrive in good time for the opening of the exhibition and spend the evening covering all the events. If you would like to attend and reserve a seat in one of the cars please speak to Sandy or Liam or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Of course you are welcome to attend on any of the days under your own steam – this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to spiritually prepare for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary.

Changes to Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Mass and Service times this week. Please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Garden Coffee Morning in aid of Parish Funds (Weather permitting!)

Held by the Craft Group on Saturday 21st July from 10.30am to 12.30pm at 127 Gainsborough Drive. Bus number 7, 8, 20, 21 or 25. Home made cakes, raffle and craft gifts.

Baptism Preparation Course – This Coming Monday

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.**

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

From Anne Ackery. A HUGE thank you to Angela Guy and Marisa Murphy who have led the Children's Liturgy throughout this year. They are our only Leaders! Despite our earlier pleas for volunteers, no one has committed to help out. With some support from Sophie, Amelia and Mamie, Angela and Marisa have shouldered the responsibility of preparing and leading the sessions – it is not an easy task. Without others to share the responsibility I am concerned that we may have to reduce the number of sessions that we offer in order to ease the pressure on Angela and Marisa. If you can help, please speak to Anne Ackery who will gladly give you more details. Meanwhile, THANK YOU ANGELA AND MARISA!

CHANGE OF DATE! 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 22nd July** from 4.00pm and find out what is required to make a perfect panto.

Parish AGM – Change of Date - Now Wednesday 25th July

At 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The date has been changed to avoid a possible clash with England playing in the semi-final of the World Cup.

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.

Statue of the Sacred Heart

Thank you to the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Dagenham) for giving us the statue and paying for it to be delivered. The statue will stand at the front of the church as a witness to our local community. The statue depicts Jesus with his arms open wide as an invitation to all to experience his love and mercy. Let us pray that the presence of the statue will be encouragement to people to share his love with others.

We are now looking at how best to permanently fix the statue in place. If you have any skills (eg bricklaying or concreting) that could help with this, please contact Sue in the Parish Office. This picture shows how the statue looked in its previous location.



Children's Matinee: Paddington 2 (Cert. PG)

Paddington is happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief.

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 20th July in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free Entry – Tickets from Robin Gibson or Paul Nicholson. Usual refreshments available.

Strawberry Themed Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart – Next Sunday (22nd July)

Sunday 22nd July, straight after the 11.00am Mass. Treat yourself to a strawberry scone and cream tea plus great raffle prizes.

St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sales

We are taking a break over the summer months and we will resume on Sunday 2nd September straight after the 9.00am Mass.

In the meantime we are collecting donations of good quality items for the Bring and Buy Sales. Please leave donations in the box under the St John Fisher Church repository. Please note that we are not allowed to accept electrical items. Please support the Bring and Buy Sales from which all money goes to the Maintenance Fund.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th – 5 th August	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	14 th – 15 th July	Long life milk (semi skimmed or full fat)

St John Fisher - 'An Evening of Difference'

Our warmest thanks to everyone who supported this event. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful talent that exists in the parish in all its richness and diversity... and the food. A total of £364.02 was raised for the parish Maintenance Fund.

Parish Newsletter

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

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.

Talking Before Mass

Pope Francis said this at a recent General Audience in Rome: 'When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.' Please bear the Holy Father's teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for our fellow parishioners who are praying. Please show a good example to those around you.

Cleaner Vacancies at St Thomas More High School

St Thomas More are seeking 2 Cleaners. Working Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 5.30pm and the other 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Rate of Pay is £8.50 per hour. Experience of Cleaning in a School is not essential. Details from Mrs Newman on 01702 606763 or email recruitment@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk.

St John Bosco Children's 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.

Rosary Procession Vigil

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by Father Jacob Hausman, CFR, will be held on Saturday 21st July at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557-559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. We begin with The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 9am. We then start our Rosary Procession at 9.45am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Rd, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 5QB where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx. 12noon to the church for refreshments. Details from 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Calais Light

Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop vegetables and sort refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this and volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight. Next Trip 28th - 30th September. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at calaislight@yahoo.com or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.



All Parishioners.

You are warmly invited to

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF
WALSINGHAM HOUSE
AT ABBOTSWICK

Saturday 1st September, 2018

12NOON MASS CELEBRATED BY
BISHOP ALAN

THE GROUNDS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11AM – 5PM

THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC, A BOUNCY CASTLE AND FAMILY GAMES THROUGHOUT
THE AFTERNOON. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH;
ALTERNATIVELY THERE WILL BE BARBECUE FOOD, CREAM TEAS AND DRINKS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM AFTER MASS
UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY.



**THE OCCASION IS ALSO A CELEBRATION OF
40 YEARS OF BCYS PILGRIMAGES TO LOURDES,
SERVING PILGRIMS FROM ACROSS
THE DIOCESE EACH SUMMER, AND
SERVING HCPT – THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST EACH EASTER.**

RSVP

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NAVESTOCK SIDE, NEAR BRENTWOOD, ESSEX CM14 5SH.

EMAIL: FRDOMINIC@DIOCESEOFBRENTWOOD.ORG

PRIESTS ARE VERY WELCOME TO CONCELEBRATE THE MASS;
PLEASE BRING WHITE DIOCESAN VESTMENTS.

Consultation on Plans to Upgrade the Bell Junction on the A127

Southend Council is seeking views on plans to upgrade the Bell Junction. Two consultation meetings have been planned as follows: Tuesday 17th July at Prince Avenue Academy, Hornby Avenue, SS0 0LG from 3.00pm to 8.00pm, and Wednesday 18th July at Earls Hall Primary School, Carlton Avenue, SS0 0QH from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. There is also the opportunity to contribute to an on-line consultation. Details are at http://www.southend.gov.uk/news/article/1433/council_seeking_residents_views_on_the_bell_junction_works

Vincentian Volunteers

Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian Volunteer - living in community, serving the needy and living out your faith practically. Details available at www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk

Summer Lourdes 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage”

From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to www.bcys.net or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes

Homemade Afternoon Tea at Nazareth House

Wednesday 18th July from 2.00-5.00pm at Nazareth House. There will be a raffle and gifts for sale during the afternoon.

St. Peters Parish Lunch Time Special – Rock-n-Roll Party

Saturday 22nd September - 12 noon to 4.30 pm at The New Mazenod Hall. Tickets- £8.50, which includes your meal of fish or chicken/chips. Children 6yrs & under free entry. Please bring your own drinks & nibbles. Music by DJ Michael with his fab sound system & Rock-n-Roll music. Dress up for the event if you wish. For Tickets please contact Bruno 01702 528766, Ian 07503 465249 or Ray 01702 525480

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) Barleylands Walk

BCCS is inviting supporters from all over the diocese to come and take part in the Barleylands, Billericay Fun Walk on Sunday 2nd September, This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12.00noon with walks due to start at 1.00pm & finish around 2.00pm, it is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for ‘bccs’. For a sponsorship form and more information, please go to www.bccs.org.uk or contact Alison on arg.cardoness@googlemail.com.

Money

8 th July 2018 Offertory	£1067.11
Apostleship of the Sea	£333.20

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Samuel Kwarteng who was baptised last weekend.

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, Eric Carpenter, Alfossina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Pamela Dobson, Helen Escott, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Joy May, Peter May, Sheila Norris, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, 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: Fr John Watson, John Brown, Patrick Bruen, Anna Trevisan, George Crickitt, Eileen Piddington, Edward Hazeldene, Arthur Jennings, Raymond Pinder, Canon Daniel Harnett, Antonio Trevisan, Mary Daly, John Sarson, Ray Coath, Shaun Charles Kelleher, Annie Banance, Eileen Read, Helena Kruttgen, Mary Thompson, Fr Edmund Dobson, Margaret Irene King and Dora Marcucci.

Mass Text for 15th July 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

Psalm 84:9-14 response v8

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

1 I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, Peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

2 Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

3 The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

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

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 22 response v1, Ephesians 2:13-18, Mark 6:30-34.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 14th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm (to include the baptisms of Macie, Maxwell and Maddox Royal) <i>Intentions of Kymberly Okolo</i>	
Sunday 15th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Bella Kirby</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.00am <i>Intentions of the Richardson and Byford families</i>	
Tuesday 17 th July	Feria		
Wednesday 18 th July	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i>	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 19 th July	Feria	9.00am <i>John Francis Wise RIP</i>	
		Visit to the Dowry of Mary Exhibition at Brentwood Cathedral	
Friday 20 th July	St Alpollinarius	12 noon <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	
Saturday 21st July	St Lawrence of Brindisi	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Aileen Rayner RIP</i>
Saturday 21st July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Vanda Horton and family</i>	
Sunday 22nd July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Pat Callaghan RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>James Adey</i>