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PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd September 2018 – Twenty Second of the Year (B)

My dear friends

Jesus reminds us in our Gospel today what matters.

He clearly says now it is not eating with ritually clean hands. What matters now is our heart. Jesus asks that we wash and purify our hearts instead of ritually purifying our hands before eating. If the Pharisees were tempted to think that holiness could be achieved merely by observing ritual purity laws before God, Jesus teaches that holiness cannot be achieved without love of neighbour. What matters now is not eating with ritually clean hands. What matters now is our heart. Jesus asks that we wash and purify our hearts. Eat whatever you wish but love your neighbour!

Fr Graham

Next Sunday (9th September) is Education Sunday

We will welcome the children and staff from Sacred Heart School to the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Prayer Walk to Pray for Peace in Southend – Next Sunday - 9th September

The walk will start straight after the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. We will go clockwise "round the block" from the Church taking in Southchurch Road, Chase Road, Windermere Road and Southchurch Avenue before returning to Southchurch Road.

Message from Fr Ralph

From the depths of my heart, and on behalf of the many young men and women, who desire and those who are responding to the Priestly and Religious life; thank you very much and God replenish what you have donated and richly bless you. My prayer for you all is Psalm 20.

Fr Raphael Frempong

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd September	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	8 th – 9 th September	Tinned potatoes or packet mash

Sparkling Spectacular Fashion Show – This coming Tuesday!

At St John Fisher Hall on Tuesday 4th September, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Local boutique Evie Bleu (Southchurch Road) will supply a fine range of the latest fashions and accessories. The evening will include tea & coffee, a raffle and a lucky ticket prize. Tickets available from Sandy Rand costing £2.50 – profit to support the parish maintenance fund. See Sandy after Mass or phone 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Hear Father Graham on BBC Essex radio – next Sunday (9th September)

A pre recorded interview with Fr Graham will be broadcast on BBC Essex (medium wave, 1530 kHz and FM, 95.3 MHz) next Sunday at 6.40am and 7.40am.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Next Sunday (9th September)

Please join us for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee on Sunday 9th September. This month we are raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support to acknowledge the amazing work they do for seriously ill patients. Each year they ask for volunteers to raise funds for their work, so we encourage you to support this event and you may be lucky to win a whole cake in our raffle! The raffle will include several whole cakes and red and white wine. We look forward to seeing you all.

St. John Fisher - Bring and Buy – Next Sunday (9th September)

We are back on 9th September after Sunday Mass. Come and buy some bargains in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund. Donations of good quality goods always welcome - please place them in the box under the repository table in the Church.

Tea, Cake and Reflection Afternoon at St John Fisher Hall

The next meeting is on Friday 14th September at 3.00pm. Please read the Gospel for the 24th Sunday of the year - Mark 8: 27-35. See you there.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about your Faith?

If so, please join us for the

ALPHA Course followed by the ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course

The Alpha Course will run from Thursday 4th October until Christmas and, for those wishing to become Catholic, **CONTINUE as the ABC Course** in the New Year until Easter 2019. New Catholics will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2019.

In our Alpha course we explore some of the really important questions of life and look at the basic questions of the Christian faith surrounding the person of Jesus Christ.

For those who are interested in becoming Catholic – they must attend the Alpha Course and the ABC course.

All sessions will be on Thursday evenings in Sacred Heart Hall at 7.30pm (ie. straight after the 6.30pm Mass.)

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 24th September 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.

Applications to Catholic Schools – September 2019 intake

If you will be applying to a Catholic School for a place in the September 2019 intake you may want to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. This will only be issued to families known to your Parish Priest, who are practising Catholics and the child has been baptised. (The child's baptism certificate will need to be shown to the Priest when asking for the Certificate of Catholic Practice.) For the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is deemed to be a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2041 - 2042). Please watch future editions of this newsletter for details of how requests will be handled within this Parish.

In the meantime, please:

- Introduce yourself and your family to Fr Graham after Mass and mention that you will be asking for a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
- Ensure that you already have the child's baptism certificate. If you do not have it, please **URGENTLY** request a duplicate from the Parish of baptism. (You will need to have the Baptism Certificate with you when requesting a Certificate of Catholic Practice.)

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – Paul, Apostle of Christ (Cert. 15)

Wednesday 5th September in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. The story covers Paul going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. Stars Jim Caviezel, James Faulkner and Olivier Martinez. Free entry – if you require a lift to this event please advise Sandy Rand or phone Sandy 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Parish Race Night - Saturday 29 September

A fun race night is being organised at St John Fisher. Come and watch Pigs, Camels, Dogs and Horses compete for that prized first place! You may be one of the lucky winners! Details to follow next week. All proceeds will be donated to the Parish Maintenance Fund.

Save the Date! Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st December

This will be held in St John Fisher Hall and we will soon be asking for volunteers for the day as well as donations of prizes and items to sell.

Congratulations to August's 200 Club Winners

1st Prize – No. 131 – Jessie Smith – £30; 2nd Prize – No. 79 – John Glynn – £15; 3rd Prize – No. 32 – Jean Dillon – £10

Charity Meal in aid of Nazareth House - Tuesday 25th September

The Knights of Saint Columba are organising a charity meal to support the exemplary work of the Sisters of Nazareth. The meal will take place at the East Asian Restaurant, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend SS1 1BW, 7pm for 7:30pm. Eat as much as you like buffet style Asian cuisine (some English dishes available) – £16 per person. Drinks extra available from the bar. Spectacular raffle, tickets sold on the night. Please book your place by contacting – Liam Rand 07952 954833 – Mark Moulding 01702 344965 – Sandy Rand 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Royal School of Church Music Area Festival - Saturday 29th September

At Chelmsford Cathedral, a One-day Come and Sing Event for Choirs and Individual Singers led by James Davy, Master of the Music, Chelmsford Cathedral and featuring the music of Martin Shaw who died 60 years. All choirs and individual singers are welcome. Registration at 10.00am - Festival Service at 4.00pm. Registrations and requests for the booklet containing the music (£5) to be used in the Festival to Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM14 5HF. Telephone (answerphone) 01277 233302 or e-mail shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or through the website www.rscm-eel.org.uk.

SVP Festival in Brentwood

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood is delighted to invite you to join them for their festival meeting on Sunday 16th September, starting at 2.00pm, with mass in the Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Father Fergus O'Kelly. We will then enjoy an afternoon of talks, discussions and a general Question and Answer session, providing more information on the work carried out by the Society in Brentwood and abroad. We would love to see you there. Elaine Heyworth - Brentwood CC President.

Mass in Honour of Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20th September at 9.15am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Autumn Spirituality Talk "One Bread One Body"

By Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood on Saturday 15th September from 10.30am to 12.00noon. At Conference Centre. Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Details from St Jude on 01277 265285 or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Money

19th August 2018 Offertory	£1237.86
26 th August 2018 Offertory	£1008.56
26 th August 2018 - Fr Ralph's parish in Ghana	£1039.61

There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of the Catholic Education Service.

Patrick James Murray RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Murray who died on 12th August. His funeral has taken place.

Beatrice Graffy RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beatrice Graffy (mother of Fr Adrian Graffy) who died on 23rd August. Her funeral has taken place.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Pamela Dobson, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, 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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Dorothy Bowler, Michael Ferrari, John Maruszewski, Denis Armstrong, Canon John Walsh, Robert Wildor, Gyula Fazekas, Kevin O'Ryan, Mary Blake, Canon Cyril Shepherd, Bridget Ford, Kathleen Harvey, William Flint, Michelle Black, Doris Acocks, Douglas Hackett, Mary Black, Maria Herinckx, Colleen Baker, Catrin Cahill, John McAllister, Audrey West, William Beechey and Betty Shipman.

Mass Text for 2nd September 2018 –Twenty Second Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 14:2-5 response v1

The just will leave in the presence of the Lord.

- 1 Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.
- 2 He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, Who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.
- 3 He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan And accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm forever.

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

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

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Next Sunday's readings Isiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145:7-10 response v1, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 1st September	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Chris Fitzgerald RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Navis May RIP</i>	
Sunday 2nd September	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Deceased members of the Fell and Briggs family</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Dexter Hadjicostas</i> 2.00pm Memorial Service <i>Tony Lee RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	9.00am <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Tuesday 4 th September	Feria		
Wednesday 5 th September	St Teresa of Calcutta	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.</i>	10.00am <i>Canon Digby Samuels RIP</i>
Thursday 6 th September	Feria	6.30pm <i>Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</i>	
Friday 7 th September	Feria	12 noon <i>Margaret Farcat RIP</i>	
Saturday 8 th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Joan Fisher</i>
Saturday 8th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Fr Kingsley</i>	
Sunday 9th September	Twenty Third Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Kevin O'Ryan RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>