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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B)**

*My Dear Friends*

In today's Gospel a rich man who was a good law abiding Jew, rushes to Jesus, kneels before him and asks 'Good master. What must I do to inherit eternal life?' He would have seen his wealth as a blessing from God, a reward for his virtue. He was generous hearted, and wanted to do more than meet the basic requirements of God's Law. So Jesus tells him to sell everything he owns, give it to the poor and then to follow him. He walks away sad, he knows he can't do it. We are all called to follow Christ with total commitment. Wealth can make that very difficult. The acquisition of possessions can so easily dominate our lives. We can come to think that they can provide us with a happiness and security, which only God can give. The desire for material prosperity can easily distort our judgment as to what is most important in life -seeking first the Kingdom of God. Being preoccupied with wealth will blind us to what God is offering us. Only he can give us lasting security, happiness and peace. He wants us to seek nothing but the very best, and be content with nothing less. Those who think their wealth makes them self-sufficient are especially likely to think they can manage very well without God. Only with God's help can we look beyond what we can see, hold and touch and place our hope in the invisible God.

*Fr Graham*

### **Faith Study Group**

Alan from the Faith Study Group will be saying a few words at the end of our Masses this weekend.

### **Meal at East Asian Restaurant – This Coming Tuesday - 16<sup>th</sup> October**

The Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group invite you to join us for our final fundraising bash for Milly Wake, our dear friend who passed away in February of last year. Any monies raised will go towards sending members of our parish to Lourdes. It's on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at East Asian Restaurant, in Alexandra Street in town at 7.30pm. £15 per person for an "Eat as much as you Like" buffet. Drinks available at the bar, paid for separately. There will be a raffle and we really hope you can make it. Please contact Marianna 07813 207497 or Madeleine 07837 215757 to book your place, or see a member of the Prayer Group after Mass. Copies of Milly's Book still available for £5 if you're looking for a Christmas gift.

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

The Course continues this Thursday at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami – CAFOD Appeal**

The latest official figures report that the death toll from the disaster is at least 1,581, an estimated 70,000 people have been made homeless, and 200,000 people are in need of urgent life-saving aid. The Indonesian authorities are warning that thousands more people could have perished after waves of up to 20 feet hit the city of Palu- which is home to more than 300,000 people. The priority now is to reach the worst affected communities, many of which have been cut off by landslides and road blockages. We shall have a second collection for this Appeal over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October. Gift aiders are asked to use a spare envelope from their box and if donating by cheque to make it out to "Sacred Heart Church" (this enables us to claim the Gift Aid for CAFOD).

### **First Holy Communion 2019**

For children in school year 3 and above. Application forms are available in the porch. The closing date for applications is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November (non catholic families will need to already be attending Alpha-ABC course). The first parent's meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Confirmation 2019**

For young people in school year 10 or above. Application forms are now available in the porches. The initial meeting for parents and young people will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Gift Aid Scheme**

Thank you to everyone who gift aids their donations to the Parish. Please let Sue in the Parish Office ([parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) or 01702 465720) know if you:

- .. need confirmation of the amount you donated in the 2017-18 year (perhaps for a tax return)
- .. are a member of the scheme but are no longer a tax payer.
- .. would like to join the gift aid scheme (and make your donations to the parish worth 25% more at no cost to you).

## **Sacred Heart School Reception Class Open Day**

We are having an open day for prospective Reception Class parents to have a look around the school, see the classrooms and meet Mrs Nutman (Headteacher). Parents are welcome to join us on 7<sup>th</sup> November at either 9.00am or 2.00pm. Please call the School Office on 01702 534546 to book your place. Thank you.

## **Applications to Catholic Schools – September 2019 intake**

If you want to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Graham, please see him after Mass. (Appointment lists will not be at the back of the Church this year.) In the meantime, please 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.

## **Repository – Christmas Goods Now Available**

Please see the repository for a selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, gifts etc. If you have a "special order" please see John at the Sacred Heart repository.

## **Rock and Roll Evening - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – St John Fisher Hall**

Come and join us for an evening of Rock and Roll music and dance from 7:15 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in St John Fisher Hall. Prizes awarded for best dancers and for best dressed. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £5, contact Lynda Davis tel: 01702 300382. All proceeds for Parish Maintenance Fund.

## **FOSH - Quiz Night**

Feeling clever then come along to our Quiz night, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm in the school hall. The price includes a jacket potato with either cheese, beans or tuna mayonnaise, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. £5 an adult & child £3 (with a maximum of 8 in a team). You don't have to have children in the school to join in the fun, everyone is welcome. Please see Michelle Truter- Banks 07982 42969.

## **November Prayers for the Faithful Departed**

Envelopes and forms are now available in the church porches if you wish to include your departed friends and loved ones in our November prayers. The first three names on your list will be read out at Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November. A donation is not required or requested: any donations will be treated as a Mass stipend for the Mass offered on All Souls Day (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

## **Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters – How can we become involved?**

An introductory meeting with the co-ordinator of Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters is taking place at Sacred Heart Presbytery at 2.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you think you would like to become involved please come along to find out more. Please let Sue in the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend.

## **Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Appeal for Donations**

We are looking for donations of toys or gifts for the "Christmas stalls". Our Tombola stall needs donations of wines and spirits and also a selection of beers. At St John Fisher please give your donations to Charmaine, Karen, Helen or Malcolm. At Sacred Heart please give your donations in to the Sacristy.

## **Craft Fayre at Sacred Heart – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Run by the Craft Group in Sacred Heart Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 11.30am to 3.30pm. To include handmade crafts and Christmas gifts, a raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes. All welcome!

## **Appeal for Baby Hangers**

The Craft Group are busy making items to sell for the Maintenance Fund and need some baby hangers on which to display hand knitted items. If you have any you no longer need, please give them to Theresa Igoe or June O'Driscoll at Sacred Heart or Karen at St John Fisher.

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> October 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> October	Tinned potatoes or packet mash

## **"Let it be done unto me according to your word" – Sessions at Nazareth House**

"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the World, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God". Join the Deanery Stewards of the Gospel Group for an exploration of Mary, past and present. Six sessions starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm start in the main hall. Each film is around 25 minutes long to be followed by a Q&A discussion. Entrance is free but donations towards of Nazareth House running costs would be welcome.

## **Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present 100 years since WW1**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm in St John Fisher Hall. To honour those that gave their time and/or lives for our future. We will sing, remember and celebrate this very special anniversary. Details to follow.

## **Spirituality Talks at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT**

From 10.30am to 12 noon on the following dates:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October - "Sacraments of Mercy: the gracious presence of Christ" - Fr Martin Boland.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November - "Life and healing: Spirituality of the Sacraments" - Mgr David Manson.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - "Advent Spirituality" - Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

For further details contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Tel. 01277 265285

## **School Governor Vacancies – Catholic Schools in the Brentwood Diocese**

Expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. Anyone interested should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. We are planning 'Initial Governor Induction Training' for November so if you are interested please could you send your CV to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

## **Temporary Librarian Vacancy at St Bernard's High School**

Relevant library qualifications or experience in a similar position are not essential. Details are available at [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk).

## **St Thomas More High School - Open Days**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils. Details at [www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk).

## **St Bernard's High School Open Evening for Prospective Year 12**

Wednesday 7 November 2018 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. For prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School mixed Sixth Form in September 2019. Details from 01702 343583 or [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk).

## **Company Sponsorship for our Youth Service?**

In 2019 the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will take 35 young people to Costa Rica and Panama for World Youth Day with Pope Francis, and 250 young people to Lourdes to serve the ill and elderly. Each young person will have polo shirts and hoodies, and will be in lots of photos and videos – would you consider your company name and logo on the front, back and/or sleeves of each shirt and hoodie, as well as on posters and our website throughout the year? Corporate sponsorship will help young people in financial need to come to such events, and support Youth Ministry across the Diocese. If you own a company, and can help, please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or phone Fr Dominic on 01277 373959.

## **Pilgrimage to Lourdes – December 2018**

By air for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 4 Nights, 4<sup>th</sup> – evening of 8<sup>th</sup> December. £545 p.p. (twin/double), £645 p.p. (single room). With Fr Andrew Headon. Details and a booking form are available from Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932 634589; [siobhan@parker-travel.com](mailto:siobhan@parker-travel.com)

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## **Money**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Offertory

£1012.71

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

£461.55

There will be a second collection this weekend for Prisoners' Sunday

There will be a second collection next weekend for World Mission Day

There will be a second collection for the CAFOD Indonesia Appeal over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October.

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Sophie Campbell who was baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

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## **Arthur (Arty) Bruen RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Arty Bruen who died on 11<sup>th</sup> September. His funeral has taken place.

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## **Sick Parishioners**

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Valerie Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfosina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Pamela Dobson, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Peter May, Sheila Norris, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens and Jenny Warren.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Fr John Dempsey, Maria Foot, Catherine Kellehar, Albert Pilgrim, Helen Taylor, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Emily Silverton, Vera Bowers, Canon Roderick Grant, Peter Pitt, Mary Miller, Denis Connolly, Betty Connelly, Joan Holmwood, Francis Moynihan, John Hardman, Arthur Meadows, Agnes Humphris, Sandra Izod, Maud Parke, Mary Muscato, David Hedges and Juliet Skeels.

**Mass Text for 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018 –Twenty Eighth Sunday – B  
(Divine Office Week 3)**

**Entrance Antiphon** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11**

**Psalm 89:12-17 response v 14**

**Fill us with your love that we may rejoice**

- 1 Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.
- 2 In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.
- 3 Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.

**Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 10: 17-30**

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Next Sunday – Isaiah 53:10-11, Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 response v 22, Hebrews 14-16, Mark 10: 35-45**

<b>Masses and Services</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) <b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) <b>11.00am</b> (To include the baptism of Sebastian Balloch) <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptisms</b> <i>Aubree and Isabella Mumford</i>	(8.25am Holy Rosary) <b>9.00am</b> <i>Mr and Mrs W L Pearce and their deceased relatives and friends</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Theresa of Jesus (Avila)	9.00am <i>Elvis Presley RIP</i>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St Ignatius of Antioch	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group ( <i>in the hall</i> )	10.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Alan Bush RIP</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke	6.30pm <i>Stephanie Wyckmans RIP</i> <b>7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	12 noon <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i>	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Mary Rand RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) <b>5.30pm</b> <i>Baby Neeve (Chip) Bailey RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Intentions of Bill Spencer on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Jack McGregor</i>	(8.25am Holy Rosary) 9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>