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PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st October 2018 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)

My Dear Friends

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership? *Fr Graham*

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters

Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Monday. We are hoping to run a Winter Night Shelter for 20 "guests" in Sacred Heart Hall on all Wednesday nights between 5th December through to Wednesday 20th March 2019. This is a total of 16 nights. The guests will be referred to us by HARP who will screen the guests to ensure that a Night Shelter is suitable for them. We will need a large number of volunteers to help with this including people to set up the hall, clear up the following morning, cook and serve a two course evening meal, interact with the guests throughout the evening, launder sleeping bag liners, pillow cases and towels, prepare and serve a simple (toast and hot drink) breakfast. Most importantly, we will need at least four people (at least one female and at least one male) each week to stay in the hall overnight - two staying awake and two having a sleep in turn. If you are prepared to be in the hall overnight for one or more of the nights, please complete the form at the end of this newsletter (or collect a form from the porch) to indicate your availability and return it to the Sacred Heart Presbytery by lunchtime on Monday 22nd October. There is also space on the form to indicate if you would be able to help with other things. **If we do not get enough overnight volunteers we will not be able to run the shelter!** Assuming we do get enough overnight volunteers and are able to commit to running the shelter, we will be asking for volunteers to commit to the other activities listed above.

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

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

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan will be read at all Masses this weekend. If you would like to have a printed copy please contact Sue in the Parish Office.

Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami – CAFOD Appeal – Next Weekend

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 27th-28th 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).

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting during the half term break and will reconvene on Wednesday 29th October at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holiday, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

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 11th November (non catholic families will need to already be attending Alpha-ABC course). The first parent's meeting is on Monday 19th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The parents' meeting is the start of the course and we will not accept any "late applications" after that date".

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 9th January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Tea, Cake and Reflection Afternoon at St John Fisher Hall

Reflection on the following Sundays Gospel and prayers. The next meeting is on Friday October 26th at 3.00pm. Please read the Gospel for the 28th Sunday of the year - Mark 10: 46-52. See you there.

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 3rd and 4th 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 2nd November).

Blessing of the Graves

This will take place on Sunday 18th November at Sutton Road Cemetery. It will start at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross and be followed by the blessing of individual graves.

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 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 7th November at either 9.00am or 2.00pm. Please call the School Office on 01702 534546 to book your place. Thank you.

Rock and Roll Evening - Saturday 3rd 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 3rd 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 and available after Mass or from Lynda Davis on 01702 300382. All proceeds for Parish Maintenance Fund.

FOSH - Quiz Night

Feeling clever then come along to our Quiz night, Friday 9th 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 429691.

Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st 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 24th November

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

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	3 rd – 4 th November	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	20 th -21 st October	Long life fruit juice and squash

Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present: An Armistice Centenary

Please join us on Sunday 11th November as we tell the stories of some of those that gave their time and some their lives for our future. We will use songs, letters, sketches and atmosphere to remember and celebrate this very special anniversary. You will be able get actively involved in commemorating the lives of local men who gave their life during WW1. We will be serving an afternoon tea during the interval as well. Places will be limited as we are only doing one show. £5 per place with a raffle on the day. Profits will be split between Help for Heroes and the Parish Maintenance Fund. Tickets available after Mass or from Tina Carroll 07771 628808 or Theresa 07956 628213.

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

From 10.30am to 12 noon on the following dates:

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

Saturday 1st December - "Advent Spirituality" - Bishop Alan Williams, sm.
For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel. 01277 265285

"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 8th 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.

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.

St Thomas More High School – Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 22nd November from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2019. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students.

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

Wednesday 7th November 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.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you are in school year 10 or above, come and join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We travel alongside the diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage, particularly those in wheelchairs. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Applications will be open from the evening of Sunday 21st October and will remain open until 31st January 2019. These can be made at www.bcys.net/events where you will also find more information about the trip. Likely travel dates will be 20th – 27th July 2019.

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 or phone Fr Dominic on 01277 373959.

Money

14th October 2018 Offertory

£1214.12

Prisoners' Sunday

£324.02

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

There will be a second collection for the CAFOD Indonesia Appeal next weekend

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the families of Aubree and Isabella Mumford and Sebastian Balloch who were baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: George Jarrett, John Doherty, Alfred Frank Bygrave, Patrick Roche, Patrick Callaghan, Lillian Daly-Hunter, Fr Bernard Clay, Margaret Smith, Fred Ablitt, Rosa Cascarino, Ivy Kerry, Eileen Murfitt, Joan Coltron, Dorothy Collins, Cyril Mogensen, Vanessa Budkley, Felix Leggett, Robert Parzelski Douglas Lack, William O'Leary, Patricia Robinson, Joan Gallagher, John Daly, Mgr Daniel Shanahan, Tadek Storek and Felisa Torres.

Mass Text for 21st October 2018 –Twenty Ninth Sunday – B

(Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings me.

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 response v 22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

- 1 The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
- 2 The Lord looks n those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
- 3 Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield,
May you love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel Mark 10: 35- 45

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from dearth, to keep them alive in famine.

Next Sunday –Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 125 response v 3, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10: 46-52

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 20th October	First Mass of Sunday	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) 5.30pm <i>Baby Neeve (Chip) Bailey RIP</i>	
Sunday 21st October	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) 11.00am <i>Intentions of Bill Spencer on his 80th birthday</i> 12.30pm Baptism Jack McGregor	(8.25am Holy Rosary) 9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 22 nd October	St John Paul II	9.00am <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd October	Feria		
Wednesday 24 th October	St Anthony Mary Claret	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week</i>	10.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Martin Husk RIP</i>
Thursday 25 th October	Feria	6.30pm <i>Monty Wood RIP</i> 7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall	
Friday 26 th October	Ss Chad and Cedd	12 noon <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	3.00pm Tea, Cake and Reflection in the Hall
Saturday 27 th October	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Mary Webb RIP</i>
Saturday 27th October	First Mass of Sunday	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) 5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 28th October	Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) 11.00am <i>Angie and Thomas Carroll RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Henry Dowley</i>	(8.25am Holy Rosary) 9.00am <i>Jim Clark RIP</i>

Proposed Winter Night Shelter at Sacred Heart Church Hall

Background

Southend Churches Night Winter Night Shelters have been running for eight years from December to March. 20 beds are made available in church halls in rotation every week (ie each church does the same night each week).

The Night Shelter welcomes both men and women although historically only 2 or 3 women have been hosted every night. Temporary screening is used to divide the male and female areas.

The Parish has been asked to provide a Night Shelter in Sacred Heart Hall on Wednesday evenings from Wednesday 5th December 2018 through to Wednesday 20th March 2019. This is for every Wednesday during this period including Wednesday 26th December (Boxing Day) and Wednesday 6th March (Ash Wednesday). We would supply beds for 20 people and a hot meal for another up to 10 "dinner only" guests.

The timings for each night would be:

6.30pm to 7.30pm	volunteers setting up the hall, making beds etc.
7.30pm	doors open
8.00pm or 8.30pm	hot meal (main course and desert)
8.30pm	no more guests accepted after this time
Throughout the evening	board games, reading, talking to guests and (depending on volunteer availability) haircuts/chirology
10.00pm	bed time
10.15pm	last cigarette (15 minutes before lights out)
10.30pm	lights out (subdued night lighting is needed)
10.30pm to 7.00am	four volunteers "on duty"
7.00am	wake up and tea and toast served (guests expected to go to HARP for full cooked breakfast and a shower)
8.00am	guests depart
8.00am onwards	volunteers tidying up and cleaning hall

Many volunteers are needed to make this happen!

Jobs that need doing include:

At least four people (at least one male and at least one female) to stay in the hall overnight

At least 16 people to be at the Night Shelter from 6.00pm to 10.30pm to:

- Set up the hall and make beds
- Greet guests and make them feel welcome,
- Serve the meal and dessert,
- Wash up,
- Talk to guests throughout the evening, play games with them and generally socialise with them

People to prepare up to 30 meals (main course and dessert)

At least six people to arrive at 7.00am to prepare and serve a simple (tea and toast) breakfast

A team of people in the morning to tidy and clean the hall (put the bedding away, clean the toilets etc)

People to launder the sleeping bag liners, pillow cases and hand towels.

Any other tasks that are yet to be identified!

Please complete the form over leaf and return it to the Sacred Heart Presbytery by lunchtime on Monday 22nd October 2018

Volunteers for the proposed Winter Night Shelter in Sacred Heart Church Hall

Name _____ Email _____

Contact Number _____

Please indicate below which nights you will be able to be at the Night Shelter and return this form to the Sacred Heart Presbytery by **lunchtime on Monday 22nd October 2018.**

	Staying in the hall overnight		Other tasks as listed overleaf Please state what task you are willing to help with
	Female Volunteer	Male Volunteer	
Wednesdays			
5 th December 2018			
12 th December 2018			
19 th December 2018			
26 th December 2018			
2 nd January 2019			
9 th January 2019			
16 th January 2019			
23 rd January 2019			
30 th January 2019			
6 th February 2019			
13 th February 2019			
20 th February 2019			
27 th February 2019			
6 th March 2019			
13 th March 2019			
20 th March 2019			