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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ The King**

### **This is National Youth Sunday**

Today we pray for our young people and hear about the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House. Leaflets are available in the porch and there is much more on the website, [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). The recent Synod (meeting of Bishops and Cardinals, with Pope Francis) focussed on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment concluded with these words: "The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor, and those wounded by life your travelling companions. You are the present; be a brighter future." Today's second collection supports the work of the BCYS including training young leaders, buying resources, and helping to assist young people in financial hardship to attend events and pilgrimages – please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

### **Official Blessing of the Statue of the Sacred Heart**

This will take place straight after the 11.00am Mass today (25<sup>th</sup> November).

### **Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters**

We will be running the Winter Night Shelter for 20 "guests" in Sacred Heart Hall on all Wednesday nights from 5<sup>th</sup> December through to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**We still need "overnight" volunteers for Wednesdays 26<sup>th</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> January.** If you can help, and have not already done so, please complete a Volunteer Information Form (available from the porch) and get it back to the Sacred Heart Presbytery as soon as possible. If you have already completed a Volunteer Information Form then please contact Liam Rand [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com) or 07952 954833.

In the meantime, we are collecting items that will be needed to run the Shelter and offer as much help to the guests as possible. The items we need are: new adult sized underwear including socks, toothbrushes, sanitary products for women, "hotel freebie" or travel size soap, deodorant, shower gel and toothpaste etc. Warm **adult sized** jumpers, t-shirts, trousers etc and winter coats would be very welcome. Please put donations in a bag and place in the box at the back of the Church - please **label the bag "Winter Night Shelter"**.

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

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

We need help to have a one dish meal (eg lasagne or shepherd's pie) for around 28 people on one more evening ie. 13<sup>th</sup> December. The meals need to be ready to serve at 7.30pm and we have found the best way to do this is to cook at home and reheat at the hall. Please contact Theresa Donaghy 07956 628213 if you are able to support us. Many Thanks.

### **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.

### **Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st December – Just a few more things...please!**

Thank you so very much of all your kind donations for the Christmas Fayre, which is approaching fast. It is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 12 noon to 4.00pm in St John Fisher Hall. We are very touched by your generosity. We are still looking for donations of new toys and gifts for the gift stall. Also, our Tombola would be grateful for any wine, spirits, beer, tins or jars you can offer. At St John Fisher, please place donations in the box provided. At Sacred Heart please hand donations in at the Sacristy. Thank you once again.

### **Children's Nativity**

The children's nativity play will form part of the Children's Mass at **6.00pm** on Christmas Eve at St John Fisher. Application forms for children wanting to act in the nativity are available in the church porches. The closing date is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The rehearsal is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, straight after the 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher Church.

## Gift Aid and Finance Officer Vacancy – for this Parish

Four hours per week based at the Sacred Heart Presbytery. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please request details from [parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) The closing date is Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and interviews will take place during week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> December.

<b>Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Long life fruit juice and squash
Winter Night Shelter	Every week	Small "hotel freebie" or "travel size" soap, deodorant, shower gel & toothpaste. New <b>adult sized</b> under wear. Warm <b>adult sized</b> jumpers, t-shirts, trousers etc and winter coats

## Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue – Next Saturday - 1<sup>st</sup> December

We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm and, if you can help at the store at this time, please e-mail the parish office. If you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm on that day, please email the Foodbank ([warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk)). Thank you.

## Appeal for Help – Handy Person

There are a few jobs that need doing at Sacred Heart as follows:

- The roofing felt on the shed in the Presbytery garden is in need of repair/renewal.
- The guttering above the hall kitchen door is leaking
- Some moss needs scraping off of some footpaths

If you think you can help with any of these jobs, please contact the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

## Looking Ahead Towards and Planning for 2019

We would like to co-ordinate our Diary of Events for 2019.

If you would like to plan any events or fundraising activity during 2019, please send details (cause, date, time and location) to Sue in the Parish Office before Christmas.

We will then be holding a Planning meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Hall to which everyone involved in running events is welcome.

## 2018 Christmas Sing-a-Long Party with the St John Fisher Folk Choir

The 2018 Christmas Sing-a-Long will be held in the St John Fisher Church Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm. IT IS AMOST HERE!!

For more than 30 years the Sing-a-Long party has been for many people the start of the St John Fisher Parish Christmas Celebrations. Children are always welcome as the evening finishes at 10.30pm.

There will be a variety of music by Cliff Richard, Elton John, Elvis Presley, Johnny Mathis, Neil Diamond, Eva Cassidy, Harry Belafonte, Dire Straits, Boney M, Brenda Lee, Slade, Perry Como, James Taylor and Bing Crosby, among many others.

There will be Christmas Carols sung during the first half of the evening.

During the second half we will introduce a New Special Ukulele Band feature. This is not to be missed!!

Bring your own food and drink and be ready to have a party.

Full words of all the songs and carols will be supplied so you have no excuses not to sing!

There will be a Grand Raffle and also a retiring collection where we hope you will be very generous.

All profits from the evening will be donated by the Choir specifically to the redecoration and refurbishment of the St John Fisher Church Hall.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution towards the evening, please let Richard Campbell-Carr have the details.

## Carols By Candlelight

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. This will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

## Church Cleaners at St John Fisher

Thank you to Pat and Peter who have recently retired from the St John Fisher Church Cleaners Rota. They helped keep the Church clean for many years – thank you to you both!

We now need to recruit some new cleaners – this will hopefully involve only two hours per month. Please see Helen or Karen if you think you can help.

## **Parish Mass Books, Hymn Books, etc.**

If you have inadvertently taken home any of the books that belong in the church, please return them. A few seem to have gone missing.

## **Church Kneelers**

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

## **Parking at St John Fisher**

When parking at St John Fisher, please ensure that you do not park outside the Church fire escape ramp or in front of the Presbytery garage.

## **Gift Aid**

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax (payable on income over £11,850.00 in 2018-19). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a tax payer please notify Sue in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donations, it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

## **Are You Going into Hospital?**

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555. If the priest does not know what ward you are in, he will need your date of birth so hospital staff can tell him where you.

## **\*\*\* Catholic Schools \*\*\***

## **FOSH Christmas Fayre**

FOSH (friends of Sacred Heart) Christmas Fayre - Come and join us on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12 noon to 3.00pm. Entry 50p an adult children free, entrance via Southchurch road. BBQ, Cafe FOSH, Santa's grotto and lots of stalls selling crafts, jewellery and toiletries among other exciting gifts and presents.

## **\*\*\* Around the Deanery and Diocese \*\*\***

## **CAFOD World Gift Catalogues Available in the Porch**

Please take one of these catalogues for ideas for unusual, but very worthwhile, Christmas presents.

## **Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November**

Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 373959 with any questions or just turn up on the night.

## **Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas**

We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at [www.bcys.net/vacancy-media](http://www.bcys.net/vacancy-media) - deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.

## **The Deanery Orchestra Christmas Concert**

At 7.30pm on Saturday 8th December at St. Augustine's Church, St. Augustine's Avenue, Thorpe Bay, SS1 3JH. Tickets are £5 each (16 and under FREE) and include refreshments, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets may be reserved by calling/texting 07922 554343, or purchased at the door on the evening. The concert will be a wonderful selection of Christmas and popular music.

## **The Gospel of Luke**

On Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

## **Message from the Good Counsel Network**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## **Vocations discernment weekend for men aged over 30 at St Beuno's in north Wales Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

Are you a man over thirty, content, but wondering about the direction of your life? Do you sense that you may be approaching a major threshold or turning point? Have you sometimes found yourself wondering whether the priesthood or religious life may be an option? The discernment weekend will take place in a prayerful spirit and aims to provide some tools for discernment about future choices. It will be mainly in silence but there will also be input and the opportunity for one-to-one guidance. Please contact Fr. Graham Smith on 01702 465720 or on fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com More details and a booking form for the weekend can be found at <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men>.

### **Service of Light: Inauguration of Advent**

In Brentwood Cathedral at 4.00 pm on Sunday 2 December. This beautiful service includes the solemn lighting of the Advent wreath, profound readings and music led by the Cathedral choir. It is a special way to prepare for the real meaning of Christmas and all are welcome. Main celebrant: Bishop Alan Williams sm.

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### **Money**

18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Offertory

£1275.75

There will be a second collection this weekend for National Youth Sunday.

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### **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Noah Nash who was baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

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### **Geraldine Scraggs RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geraldine Scraggs who died on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am at Sacred Heart

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### **Edith McCouat RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edith McCouat (a former parishioner of St John Fisher) who died on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known but it is expected to take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea.

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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, 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: Thomas Cooper, Mgr Edward Watson, Canon Martin Hancock, Sarah Button, Thomas Maher, George Sexton, Catherine Apperly, Kathleen Jackson, Beryl Jones, Lily Mahoney, Fr Anthony Robson, Sydney Strivens, James Stewart, Fr John Aydon, Charles Taylor, Jean Shephard, Mary O'Brien, George Penna, Tony Di Mambro, Stewart MacDonald, Kathleen Gnosill, Fr Francis Branney, Kenneth Perry, Cyril Marsh, Joseph Finnerty and James Lynch.

# Mass Text for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

## (Divine Office Week 1)

**Entrance Antiphon** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive the power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading** Daniel 7:13-14

**Psalm** 92:1-2, 5 response v1

### The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

- 1 The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power
- 2 The world you made firm, not to be moved; Your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.
- 3 Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

**Second Reading** Apocalypse 1:5-8

**Gospel** John 18:33-37

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom or our father, David! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### Next weekend's readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 response v1, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> (followed by the Blessing of the Sacred Heart Statue) <i>Mike Smith RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Isabella Bass</i>	9.00am <i>Lola Collingwood RIP</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Yvonne and Richard Windsor</i>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Clare and Stuart McCullogh</i> 7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew	12 noon <i>Michael Kearns RIP</i>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Andrew Deans RIP</i>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	5.30pm <i>Pierre and Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>First Sunday of Advent (C)</b>	9.00am Polish Mass 11.00am <i>Peter Spencer RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

