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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - The Baptism of the Lord

*Dear Friends*

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the that of Jesus. John the Baptist says that he has baptised with water, but that Jesus will come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In the Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son.

*Fr Graham*

### White Flower Appeal This Weekend

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. In addition to supporting the second collection, please take one of the post cards from the porch and return to SPUC – it will be used in their campaign to lobby the Prime Minister to avoid giving parliamentary time to decriminalising abortion.

### Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Our next Coffee and Cake morning will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, in the hall, after 9.00am Mass. Details of projects for this year will be in next Sunday's Newsletter.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 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.**

### First Holy Communion Programme

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children who will be presented to the Parish during the 11.00am Mass this weekend.

### ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course

The course continues on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

### St John Fisher Church Heating

We have arranged for a replacement pump to be fitted to the boiler on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and hopefully the heating will be fully operational from that date. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for bearing with us and apologies for any discomfort caused. Thank you to Richard who has arranged and operated the temporary heating during this period.

### Tea, Cake and Reflection

Our next Tea, Cake and Reflection afternoon is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm in St John Fisher Hall. All are welcome!

### Youth

If you have any ideas how we can provide a Ministry to our Parish young people or are willing to help in this Ministry, please speak to Fr Graham.

### Marriage and Family Life

If you would be interested in providing Ministry within our Parish to support Marriage and Family Life, please speak to Fr Graham.

## **Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - The Greatest Showman (Cert PG)**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast in this bold and original musical inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum and celebrating the birth of show business, the film follows the visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerising spectacle. Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

## **Easter Painting and Prayer Competition**

The Knights of St. Columba are arranging an Easter Painting and Prayer Competition for school years 3-4 and 5-6. Fr. Graham and a senior member of the 'Knights' will be judging. For more details contact Brian Dillon 01702 213140 or [brian.dillon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:brian.dillon@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Parish Craft Club**

The Craft Club runs every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Hall from 11.00am to 2.00pm. A £2.00 attendance fee includes light refreshments. So whether you are a craft expert, a beginner or just fancy a cup of tea and a chat, please come along. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Maddy on 07837 215757.

## **Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2019**

Now available in the Church Porches - £2.75 or £4.00 for spiral bound.

## **Parish Newsletter**

For those who wish to receive it electronically, the newsletter can be sent via e-mail. If you would like to receive it in this format, please send an e-mail to [parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

## **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.

## **Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters**

Thank you for all of the donations received so far. We are now running out of men's (large) underwear, women's underwear and ladies sanitary products (not towels). Please place donations in the box in the porch. We don't currently need any other items. Thank you.

<b>Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> January 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> January 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> January	Tinned carrots and tinned fish
Winter Night Shelter	Every week	Ladies sanitary products (not towels please) and new men's (large) and women's underwear.

## **Some Future Dates.....**

Ash Wednesday - 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher

Palm Sunday - 14<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> April

Confirmations - 9<sup>th</sup> June

First Holy Communion Weekend - 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June

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## **Vocations Weekend for young women - 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February in Liverpool**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org). "There is nothing quite like religious life - it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God."

## **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019**

This will take place from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Travel is by air from Stansted and prices range from £794 to £884 (depending on the hotel) plus insurance and any relevant single room supplement. Information leaflets are available in the porch.

Some funding assistance may be available from the Millie Wake Lourdes Fund and/or from the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund (more information about possible funding will be announced over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February).

If you want to book your own flights and hotel and are interested in joining a "parish group" with a view to getting a cheaper deal than the Diocesan package, please speak to Fr Graham.

## **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. 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. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31st January 2019. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please be aware, this event is always heavily oversubscribed. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) or for any queries, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## **Bank Supply Teacher Vacancies at St Bernard's High School**

Details available from Mrs Sue Clancy on 01702-608005 or [jc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:jc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk)

## **Spring Spirituality Talk "The Spirituality of Pope Francis"**

Mgr David Manson will be giving this talk on - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January - 10.30am - 12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel. 01277 265285.

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Logan Doherty who was baptised last weekend.

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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, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, 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: Sydney Dubern, Michael Cashen, Katherine Benson, Elsie Rowe, Lilian Sullivan, Georgina Walker, Ivy Jenkins, Sheila Scott, Michael Murray, Violet Seaman, Elizabeth Ravinet, Fr Basil Pearson, Lilian McIvor, Violet Stokely, Christine Sammon, Jeanne Davenas, Fr Kenneth Green, Teresa Millard, Richard Ismail, Canon Charles Kuypers, Charles Portsmouth, Robert Birks, Emma Sanders, Noreen Brelsford, Michael Kelleher, Patrick Browne and Robert Kavanagh.

## Mass Text for 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord

### (Divine Office Week 4)

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Psalm:** 28:1-4, 9-10 response v 11

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

- 1 O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
- 2 The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
- 3 The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king forever.

**Second Reading** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10 response v3, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>John Trigg RIP</i>	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> (To include the Presentation of the First Holy Communion Children to the Parish) <i>Michael Smith RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	9.00am <i>John and Lilian Sullivan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am <i>Intentions of Dawn and Alec Banyard</i>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	6.30pm <i>Pierre and Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	12 noon <i>Intentions of the De la Vega family</i>	
Saturday 19 <sup>h</sup> January	Feria or St Wulstan	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Eve and Alan Bell</i>
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Annie Husk RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptisms</b> <i>Freddie and Olivia Maloney</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Audrey Rice RIP</i>  (11.30am <i>Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite</i> )