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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Third Sunday of the Year (c)

*Dear Friends*

In today's Gospel reading we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Jesus is announcing God's salvation. In Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about. Jesus is God's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. *Fr Graham*

#### **First Holy Communion Programme - Parent's Meeting this Monday!**

The next parent's meeting is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. It is important that all First Holy Communion Children are represented at the meeting. If you find you cannot attend please ring Geraldine on 07763 935674.

#### **ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course**

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

#### **Sacred Heart Coffee Morning Today (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January)**

Coffee and Cakes will be served in the Hall after Mass by the "3 S's" (Sue Gunn, Sandy Rand, & Sue Sullivan) who celebrate their birthdays this month. All proceeds in aid of the SVP.

#### **Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy (including homemade cakes) – This Friday!**

A coffee morning to support World Day of Prayer will be held in Sacred Heart Hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February between 10.00am and 11.30am. Please come along and enjoy a drink, chat, homemade cakes and browse the bring and buy stall. Entry is free. Everyone is very welcome.

The World Day of Prayer service is to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at King's Road URC, King's Road Westcliff 10.30am.

#### **Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher**

We have, since 2007, been committed to supporting the work of CAFOD and in this time have raised around £18,000 to help vulnerable families to 'start again' and rebuild their lives. We have always involved the parish in the decision making process in choosing the project for the year.

This year, we would like you to participate again. However, for 2019 we thought we would look to the needs of local communities to make a difference. There are two projects we would like you to consider

St John Fisher. Last year we raised funds for the Parish Maintenance Fund. We think that one of the most urgent and pressing needs is to replace the toilets in the parish hall.

NSPCC. Just before Christmas, Shelter issued a statement that 131,000 children in our country are homeless and suffering neglect. Child poverty is a serious issue now with 800,000 children now below the poverty line. Poverty is just one cause of child neglect; there are so many complex social issues that create a world of pain and hopelessness for many children. We are fortunate to have an organisation such as the NSPCC who step in and make a difference to so many young lives.

We thought we might use the money raised from the monthly coffee and cake mornings to fund the new toilets and do one or two additional fund raising events over the year to support the work of the NSPCC. We welcome your thoughts or any other ideas you may have for projects this year and look forward to your support.

Our next Coffee and Cake morning will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, in the hall, after 9.00am Mass.

## **Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - Crazy Rich Asians (Cert 12)**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Rachel Chu, an American-born Chinese, travels to her boyfriend Nick's home-town of Singapore for his best friend's wedding. Before long, his secret is out: Nick is from a family that is impossibly wealthy, he's perhaps the most eligible bachelor in Asia, and every single woman in his ultra-rarefied social class is incredibly jealous of Rachel and wants to bring her down. Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

## **Safeguarding at Sacred Heart**

In line with other organisations, Brentwood Diocese will now be doing DBS (formerly CRB) checks on those requiring them every 3 years. This means that we will now have to start re-doing the checks. Not everyone who has previously had one will need a new one but, if you do need one, please be prepared for me to give you a new set of forms to fill in and get your ID documents ready. Many thanks. *Anne Ackery*

## **New Safeguarding requirement - St John Fisher**

Brentwood Diocese has reviewed its Safeguarding procedures and has decided to come in line with other organisations and request that everyone who is involved in working with children and vulnerable adults complete the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) forms every three years. In view of this, I will be issuing everyone who has already been through this procedure with new forms. If anyone hasn't completed a form in the past but has now just started working with children or vulnerable adults on behalf of the Parish, please see me for this information. You will be required to produce certain documents of proof of identity which will be outlined in the forms. Please do discuss any concerns you may have when you see me.

*Charmaine Arnold*

## **Parish Maintenance Fund**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to, or fundraised for, the Parish Maintenance Fund. At the end of December 2018 the Fund stood at £13,865. In recent weeks we have spent, or are committed to spending, a total of £5168.17 (details below) leaving a balance of £8678.83.

£1489.20 (inc VAT) on the repair to the SJF Church boiler

£473.97 on the temporary heating and new light bulbs for SJF Church

£3060.00 on essential electrical work at St John Fisher Hall

£145.00 on a repair the SH Presbytery boiler

## **Congratulations to December's 200 Club Winners**

First prize, £30.00, number 74, Maria Shipman. Second prized, £15.00, number 156, Heather Maybank. Third prize, £10.00, number 91, Shelagh Gallagher.

## **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.

## **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	26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> January 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Tinned carrots and tinned fish
Winter Night Shelter	Every week	Ladies sanitary products ( <b>not towels please</b> ) 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

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

#### **Learning Support Assistant vacancy – Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**

The school has been a consistently good school for many years and has a friendly, dedicated team where everyone belongs. Our children are well behaved and enjoy coming to school. We are looking for a learning support assistant and we hope to find someone who has experience of working, understanding and supporting children and who knows that teaching and learning is really important. Because of the demands of the 2014 curriculum, we need someone with excellent English and mathematics skills. We need someone who will be committed to our school and will be able to work with our team. We need someone who will thrive when working with children and be ready to do any reasonable task and be prepared to learn a range of new skills. The position will be from 08.30-15.30, with a half-hour lunch break Monday to Friday, term time only.

Further information is available from 01702 534546 or email [office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk). The closing date is 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### **FOSH (Friends of Sacred Heart School) Charity Meal**

Ashianna Restaurant Southchurch Road, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm £15 per person. You don't need to have children in the school to attend. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Michelle Truter-Banks 07982 429691.

#### **St Thomas More High School Alumni Annual Dinner - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

The annual dinner for all past pupils, members of staff, governors and current staff of St Thomas More High School will take place in the school on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Renew acquaintances with past classmates and teachers over a five-course meal accompanied by plenty of beer and wine and enjoy an after-dinner speech by a guest speaker. Cost is £22.50 for members of the Alumni and £27.50 for non-members. Dress code is jacket and tie. For further details contact [pdstmoldboys@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pdstmoldboys@blueyonder.co.uk) or visit the website [www.stmalumni.co.uk](http://www.stmalumni.co.uk)

#### **Catholic Teaching: Two fantastic opportunities from the Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance**

21<sup>st</sup> March - "Get Into Teaching - Catholic Education" is a drop-in event in Billericay for anyone considering a career in teaching (primary or secondary) who wants to find out more about training and employment opportunities.

6<sup>th</sup> April - "Moving Into Catholic Education" is a Saturday networking event with a free lunch provided in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school.

For more details please contact: <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> or email [agnusdei@stbons.org](mailto:agnusdei@stbons.org)

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

#### **Sponsored "Sleep out" in aid of Homeless Charities and BCYS**

This winter Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Support them! Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April. No tents - just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

## **Annual Diocesan Lourdes Mass**

This will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at 3.00pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will be lovely to see all those of you who have a particular devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

## **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).

Alternatively you may wish to travel with the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage which runs from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Five nights (full board) travelling from Stansted to Lourdes with Ryanair and staying at the Grand Moderne Hotel will cost £665 per pilgrim (this includes one 20g suitcase per passenger, plus one hand-luggage bag). Outbound flight departs at 13.10/arrives 16.10 and return flight departs Lourdes at 11.10am/arrives 12.10pm. Please collect an information sheet/booking form from OLOL Parish office or ring 01702 478078 for more information.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

## **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) - Anniversary Charity Ball**

To celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of BCCS. The Charity Ball is at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets cost £55 per person, which includes a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it ideal to get together with friends, family or colleagues and raise vital funds for BCCS. For tickets, please contact Julie on 01268 784544 or 07912 277413 or via email to [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk).

## **Head of Digital and IT Vacancy – St Vincent De Paul Society, London**

For an application pack including Job Description, please e-mail Matthew Stockton – [matthews@svp.org.uk](mailto:matthews@svp.org.uk). Closing date to submit applications is the 28<sup>th</sup> January and interviews will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Assistant Manager Vacancy**

Start Mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

## **Research Assistant Vacancy - Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales**

For a job description and for further information please contact [HR@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:HR@cbcew.org.uk) or visit [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

## **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) - Head of School Services Vacancy**

BCCS are seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic team manager who has the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to lead our School Service provision. The Head of School Services will provide professional support, supervision, training and leadership to social workers and counsellors who work in the school setting. Please visit our website at [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) to download post details, or email [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for further information or to arrange an informal chat.

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Freddie and Olivia Maloney who were baptised last weekend.

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## **Evelyn Ryan RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Ryan who died on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Her body will be received into Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4.15pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon.

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## **Jaroslav Oracko RIP**

Please pray for repose of the soul of Jaroslav Oracko who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.15am at Sacred Heart.

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## Money

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Offertory  
Pax Christi

£1178.00  
£227.40

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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, Alfossina 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, Jenny Warren and Sally Wray.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Turner, James Gaile, Fr Arthur Perrot Field, Alice Cullum, Thomas Gordon Foy, Mary Byrne, Robert Ojah, Annie Worrow, Margaret Ann Culkin, John Stewart, Kathleen Coundon, Marjorie Cooper, Terrence Byrne, Robert King, Monica Fitzpatrick, Elsie Morgan, Bernard G Parsad, Fr Joseph Burns, Anne Cotgrove, Freda Marsh, Margaret Laycock, Deryck Oliver, Catherine Coombs, Paul Ravinet and Joyce Downes.

## Mass Text for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) (Divine Office Week 2)

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

**Psalm:** 18:8-10, response John 6:63

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

- 1 The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.
- 2 The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
- 3 The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
- 4 May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
Win favour in your sight, I Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Readings for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19, Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17 response v15, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30**

<b>Masses and Services</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Catherine Baden RIP</i>	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> ( <i>First Holy Communion Programme Children's Mass</i> ) <i>Hugette Ewing RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas	9.00am <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria		
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group ( <i>in the hall</i> )	10.00am <i>In thanksgiving</i>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Eileen O'Hay</i>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Feria	12 noon <i>Brendan Maguire RIP</i> ( <i>7.00pm Polish Mass</i> )	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	<i>Sorry – no confessions are available today</i>	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Fr Graham</i>	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Jim Clark RIP</i> ( <i>11.30am Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite</i> )