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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd February 2019 – Fourth Sunday of the Year (c)

Dear Friends

In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter and so they reject his authority to teach them. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the Gospel. After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The anger of the people of Nazareth prepares the reader for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

Fr Graham

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Today (3rd February)

Please join us in the hall after Mass today for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee. Everyone is welcome.

ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course

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

Faith Study Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th February at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

Tea, Cake and Reflection – This coming Friday – 8th February – New Start Time!

This will now start at 2.00pm (instead of the previous start time) in St John Fisher Hall. All are welcome!

Diocesan Vision – Shaping Our Future

Copies of the latest bulletin are available in the porch or on the Parish Website.

Baptism Preparation

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 13th May 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.**

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

Saturday 9th 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).

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters

Thank you for all of the generous donations received so far. We now have enough of everything for the foreseeable future and so we ask that you hold off from bringing any more donations – we will let you know if and when we need more.

Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 nd – 3 rd February	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	9 th – 10 th February	Tinned carrots and tinned fish
Winter Night Shelter	Nothing currently needed (thank you for all of the donations so far!)	

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

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.

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

***** 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. The closing date is 11th February 2019

FOSH (Friends of Sacred Heart School) Charity Meal

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

St Thomas More High School Alumni Annual Dinner - Saturday 16th 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 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 and £27.50 for non-members. Dress code is jacket and tie. For further details contact pdstmoldboys@blueyonder.co.uk or visit the website www.stmalumni.co.uk

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

21st 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.

6th 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

***** Around the Deanery, Diocese and Beyond *****

Spring Spirituality Talk - New Date

Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on "The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion"- Saturday 16th February 2019 - 10.30am-12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019

This will take place from Sunday 21st to Friday 26th 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. Alternatively you may wish to travel with the Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL) Parish Pilgrimage which runs from Monday 22nd July to Saturday 27th 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 LOL Parish office or ring 01702 478078.

Some funding assistance may be available from the Millie Wake Lourdes Fund and/or from the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund (details will be announced next weekend).

Calais Light

Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral. The next trip is Mar 1-3 and we'll be supporting Care4Calais, who go out to distribute aid, clothes & food to refugees. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Sign up to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, email calaislight@yahoo.com or visit www.calaislight.com. If you can't, please donate with compassion at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight.

National Prayer and Fasting Day – 9th February

Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

To all Couples who Married in St Helen's Church, Westcliff on Sea

St. Helen's will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and we are asking any couples who married in the church to please contact the Parish Office 01702 342324 with date of marriage, full names and a wedding photo. These will be displayed and the couples invited to attend a mass for a special blessing. (Please advise if you do not wish the photos to be added to the Parish Facebook page).

St Patricks Night Social on Saturday 16th March from 7.00pm to 10.30pm

The KSC are holding a St Patricks Social at St Peter's Eastwood (59 Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4BX). Tickets are £10 per adult, children 5 to 16 years £7, Under 5 free. Ticket includes a meal of Irish Stew or Jacket Potato, dancing and a singsong. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets from Bruno (01702 528766), Damian (01702 551258), Liam (07952 954833) or Ian (07503 465249).

Healing Mass of Resurrection at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs

There will be a healing Mass of the resurrection, otherwise known as a family tree healing, on Tuesday 12th February, starting at 7.00pm with rosary. All are welcome

Mark Tall RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Tall who died on 25th January. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 11th February at 1.30pm at St John Fisher.

Evelyn Ryan RIP

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

Jaroslav Oracko RIP

Please pray for repose of the soul of Jaroslav Oracko who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 5th February at 11.15am at Sacred Heart. Fr Wojciech will be presiding at this Mass.

Money

Sunday 27th January 2019 Offertory Collection

£1218.29

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund.

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, Jenny Warren and Sally Wray.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Patrick O'Sullivan, John Froget, Fr Eric Blindloss-Smith, Marguerita Conroy, Jim Woods, Nellie Green, Trevisan Pierino, Martha Glean, Angela Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Peter Saward, Mary Whitwell, Catherine Nash, William Thompson, Fr Frank Richardson, Gloria Smith, Caroline Ceues, Philip O'Neill, James Fullerton, Mary McArdle, Elizabeth Millard George Nicholls, Fr Alan Wilcox, George Burns, August Moresi, Olive Dwyer, Milly Wake, Fr William Smith, Canon Bernard Manning, Patricia Cossey and Teresa Joslin.

**Mass Text for 3rd February 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
(Divine Office Week 3)**

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm: 70:1-6, 15, 17 response v15. My lips will tell of your help.

- 1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge: let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me:
- 2 Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me:
for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked.
- 3 It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help.
- 4 My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim you wonders still.

Second Reading Corinthians 12:31-13:13

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: Luke 4:21-30

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8 response v1, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 1:1-11

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 2 nd February	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Fr Graham</i>	
Sunday 3 rd February	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Jim Clark RIP</i> <i>(11.30am Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite)</i>
Monday 4 th February	Feria	9.00am <i>Andrew Deans RIP</i>	
Tuesday 5 th February	St Agatha	11.15 am Requiem Mass <i>Jaroslav Oracko RIP</i>	
Wednesday 6 th February	St Paul Miki and Comps	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i>	10.00am <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>
Thursday 7 th February	Feria	6.30pm <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Friday 8 th February	Feria	12 noon <i>Wendy Lambard RIP</i>	2.00pm Tea, Cake and Reflection <i>(in the hall)</i>
Saturday 9 th February	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Mary and Thomas Cotter RIP</i>
Saturday 9 th February	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 10 th February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am <i>Millie Wake RIP and Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
		3.00pm Annual Diocesan Lourdes Mass Celebrated by Bishop Alan sm, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea.	