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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th February 2019 – Fifth Sunday of the Year (c)

Dear Friends

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognises Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear. Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. Today's Gospel marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus. We also participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

Fr Graham

ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course

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

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 Hall Toilets

We have had some serious problems recently on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings where toilet rolls are being unravelled and left spread out over the floor of the toilet cubicles. Not only does this cause a serious trip hazard but is also a needless waste of parish money.

Appeal for Help – Bricklayer/Builder

The wall at the front of the car park has been damaged and some bricks (from the top of the "pier" at the school end) have come away. If you think you are able to repair this please contact the Parish Office.

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 March	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	9 th – 10 th February 16 th -17 th February	Tinned carrots and tinned fish
Winter Night Shelter	Nothing currently needed (thank you for all of the donations so far!)	

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.

Thank you from Mary Callaghan

Mary would like to thank everyone for the cards, presents and good wishes she received for her birthday last weekend.

World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to support the World Day of Prayer coffee morning. We raised £191.26 - a fantastic amount! Thank you for your generosity.

The World Day of Prayer service is to be held at 10.30am on Friday 1st March at Kings Road URC, Kings Road, Westcliff. Please come and join us.

***** 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

Learning Support Assistant vacancy – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Details available from office@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk or 01702 475689.

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 (OLOL) 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 OLOL 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 this weekend).

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.

Calling all young Catholics – Internship Opportunities

The deadline for applications to be an intern with Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme, is approaching – but it is not too late to apply. The intern scheme provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. For more info go to www.faithinpolitics.org.uk
Deadline for applications: Thursday 28 February 2019

40 Days for Life London Launch Event

By offering love and support to women and babies, 750,000 volunteers for 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion in 56 countries. Come and see how you can help save lives in London, hear Alina's remarkable story and join us for a buffet and beverages at, 7.30pm-9pm Wednesday 20th February St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, London, W1D 4NR, UK (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road) Sarah 07776 256838 or email London40daysforlife@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/London

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

27th May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BC) Anniversary Concert- "The Priests"

Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will perform an Anniversary Concert for BCCS on Saturday 15th June at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under **Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events**. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

A small number of copies of its 35th anniversary newsletter are available in the porch.

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.

Money

Sunday 3rd February 2019 Offertory Collection

£1174.55

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.

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: Frank Bealer, F E M Brown, Maurice Klous, Robert Tanner, Eileen Lovas, Daniel Morris, Esther Slowman, Paul Cahill, Mat Cahill, Paddy Rock, Lillian Tanner, Bridget Pack, Fr Charles Snell, David Skerritt, Edward King, Leonard Hermitage, Shelagh Scott, Catherine Prior, Antonio Cipriano, Christina Coath, George Major, Sydney Turner, Dominic Keaney, Nellie Turnidge, Myrtle Hayter, Susannah Mulhern, Beatrice Valade and Jane Barker.

**Mass Text for 10th February 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
(Divine Office Week 4)**

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 137:1-5, 7-8 response v1 **Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

- 1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
- 2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.
- 3 All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'
- 4 You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm, 1:1-4, 6 response Psalm 39:5, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.00am <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	1.30pm Requiem Mass <i>Mark Tall RIP</i>
Tuesday 12 th February	Feria		
Wednesday 13 th February	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i>	10.00am <i>Edith McCoat RIP</i>
Thursday 14 th February	SS Cyril and Methodius	4.15pm Reception of Body - Evelyn Ryan 6.30pm <i>Andrew Deans RIP</i>	
Friday 15 th February	Feria	12 noon Requiem Mass <i>Evelyn Ryan RIP</i>	
Saturday 16 th February	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Doreen Scrimshaw RIP</i>
Saturday 16 th February	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	
Sunday 17 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Jalou Calik McSpadden</i>	9.00am <i>John Luke King and John Short RIP</i> <i>(11.30am Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite)</i>