



**Sacred Heart**  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – The Epiphany of the Lord

#### Next Sunday is Peace Sunday

There will be a second collection next weekend for Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

#### Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Baptism and Confirmation.

#### 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 16<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.

#### Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will reconvene on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall.

#### Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> January 14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> January 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> January 28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> January	Long life or tinned puddings.

#### Sacred Heart Brass Cleaners

We need some more brass cleaners for Sacred Heart. Only 1 hour per month. Please call Kim Nicholson on 01702 615929.

## **Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players**

Don't forget ..... Variety Show on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at St John Fisher Hall. Tickets will be on sale soon.

## **SSS Coffee Morning**

Sunday 15th January, immediately following 11am Mass in Sacred Heart Church Hall, Sandy Rand, Sue Gunn and Sue Sullivan celebrate their birthdays, which fall in the month of January. As with other years they will celebrate by raising funds for SVP selling cakes, tea and coffee, as well as a magnificent raffle and table sale. We couldn't possibly mention their individual ages, but combined they reach 204 years, wouldn't it be wonderful if they could get near that figure to support our local SVP. See you there...

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

The draw took place on Sunday 1st January at Sacred Heart Church before 11am Mass. 1st Prize – No. 58 – Sheila Campbell-Carr - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 151 - Pat Freel - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 96 – Lesley Googe – £10. Thank you for your continued support. Sandy & Liam Rand.

## **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.

## **Appeal for Help to Clear Litter at Sacred Heart**

Lots of litter has appeared in the garden area at Sacred Heart. If you can spare some time to help clear it up, we would be very grateful. Litter picker, bin bag and plastic gloves provided! If you are able to help, please collect the equipment from the Sacred Heart Sacristy. Thank you.

## **St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)**

If you are aware of someone who is lonely and/or housebound (either at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher), and in need of a visit please give the names and contact details on a piece of paper to either Fr Graham or phone 01702 300870.

## **Parish Sick List**

The Parish Sick list has grown very long over the last few years. If you know of someone who has recovered and can now come off of the list, please let Fr Graham know. Thank you.

## **What if the Snow comes?**

Thank you to the people who volunteered in previous years to help clear snow from the Church entrances. We still have your details and will call you if we need you this year. If you would be willing to be added to the list of people we can call on, please contact the Presbytery on 01702 465720 or [parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk). Thank you.

## **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.

## **Study Day on the Gospel of John**

At Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am until 3.00pm. The theme is 'The Journey of Faith in the Gospel of John'. The day will be led by Fr Victor Darlington, Professor of Scripture at St John's Seminary, Womersley. The day will include exploration of the Lenten Sunday Gospels from the Gospel of John. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park Station. It is essential to book your place and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

## **Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)**

The weekend is from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January and is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in New Cross, London. The theme is Discerning God's Call. There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! 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)

## **Mass for the Sick**

Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3.00pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell.

## **Essex Recusant Society**

The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will be on Saturday 21 January at 2.30pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EY. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Ken Carleton, Church Historian and Permanent Deacon at St Alban, Elm Park, who will be speaking on the Bishops of London during the Tudor Reformation.

## **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017**

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 4 night package from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> (morning flight) - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (evening flight) which includes flight times, inclusions and exclusions. This four night package with flights, luggage (23kg hold & 23kg hand luggage), transfers and accommodation in the Grand Moderne Hotel is priced at £565 per pilgrim. Fr Graham will be joining this pilgrimage.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Good Counsel Network**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January is the 20th anniversary of the founding of The Good Counsel Network in the UK - thousands of lives have been saved from abortion since then. Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, the eve of this anniversary. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

## **Meeting the "Living God" Seminars**

Three seminars will take place at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood and run from 10.30am to 12 noon as follows:

Saturday 21st January, "The unspoken genocide: Christian persecution in the twenty first century", speaker Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral.

Saturday 4th March, "The three marks of Easter Faith", speaker Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon

Saturday 18th March, "With Christ during Lent", speaker Bishop Alan Williams sm.

For further information please contact: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)  
Tel.01277 265285.

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## **Dorothy Isaacs RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Isaacs who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am at Sacred Heart.

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## **Francis McLynn RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Francis McLynn who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm at St John Fisher.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Canon John Bloomfield, Eleanor (Mary) Ford, William Robertson, Olive Curtis, Mary Sherlock, Dolores Barrett, John Crump, Kathleen Portsmouth, Rosanna Wheaton, Arthur McKenna, Mary Crighton, Rosa Szentes, Mrs V Partington, Stanley Knowler, Emily Marler, Mary Braddon, Patrick Maloney, Kate Clarke, Alfred Cook, Zoe Smith, Ernest Cootes, Catherine Mallon, Albert Blackwell, Walter Dennis, Canon Francis Dobson, Marjorie Scott, Winifred Hawkins, Sydney Dubern and Michael Cashen.

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## **Sick Parishioners**

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, David Bunce, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Paul Clark, Chris Coath, Ann Cummings, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, John Dermody, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, Roy Fitchew, Laura Fulu, Katie Fitzpatrick, Binella French, Dorothy George, Margaret Gibbons, Clare Giffen, Lesley Googe, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Alex Jackson, Alex Lawson, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Barbara McHugo, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Maria Pereira, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Milly Wake and Patricia Walford.

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## **Money**

1st January 2017 offertory

£851.36

There will be a second collection next weekend for Pax Christi

<b>Masses and Services</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>John Popplewell RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> (to include the Presentation to the Parish of the First Holy Communion children) <i>Elvis Presley RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January Feria		9.30am <i>Intentions of Brian Dillon</i>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)  12 noon <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January Feria	7.00pm (Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction) <i>In thanksgiving</i>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January Feria	<b>11.30am Requiem Mass</b> <i>Dorothy Isaacs RIP</i>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January Our Lady on Saturday	<b>1.00pm Wedding</b> <i>Simona Oraczko and Lukasz Jaskowiak</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Nicola and John Cook</i>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>John and Lilian Sullivan RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>John Nicholson RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>

**Morning Prayer** begins 15 minutes before weekday Masses.

**Rosary** - The Holy Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is also said at Sacred Heart after 9.00am weekday masses and 6.30pm when there is evening Mass.

**The Angelus** is recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.

**Confessions** on Saturday: Sacred Heart 10.00-10.45am; St John Fisher immediately after the Saturday 9.00am Mass. Confessions are available at other times by appointment.