



Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th January 2017 – Second Sunday of the Year (A)

This 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.

Changes to Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and services this week. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details. This weekend we welcome Fr Basil Pearson to say the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week we welcome Fr Eric Powell to say our Masses. Sorry but confession will not be available at Sacred Heart on Saturday 21st January.

SSS Coffee Morning – Today!

Sunday 15th January, straight after 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.

Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players - A Variety Show

On Saturday 28th January at 7.30pm at St John Fisher Hall - £5 a ticket. Come along for a night of Music and Merriment. Bring your own drinks & nibbles. Tickets from Tina Carroll 07771 628808 or Sandy Rand 07875 124159.

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 19th January at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on The Eucharist.

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 16th 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.

New Parish Council

It has been decided to replace both the current Pastoral Group and Consultative Council with a single "Parish Council". The Parish Council will be made up of the current members of the Pastoral Group (Brian Dillon, Phyllis Short, Anne Ackery, Theresa Donaghy and Liam Rand) plus three new people (to reflect the size of the congregations, two from Sacred Heart and one from St John Fisher). If you would like to be one of the new members, and another parishioner is willing to second you, please give your name and contact details to Sue in the Parish Office (01702 465720 or parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) by Wednesday 25th January. A vote will be held if necessary.

Marriage Course

We will be running a seven week Marriage Course on Monday evenings from 20th February to 3rd April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The Course is designed for any married couple wishing to build a strong and lasting relationship. Further details and an application forms will be available soon.

Frazzle Café

Our Frazzle Cafe will take place on Wednesdays, straight after the 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart and will start on Wednesday 1st February.

Frazzle Cafe meetings provide a 'talk-in' place where people who are feeling frazzled can meet on a regular basis to talk and share their personal stories in a safe, anonymous and non-judgmental environment - a place where it's ok, to not be ok.

A key factor in helping to overcome those feelings is knowing that we are not alone - there is no substitute for meeting face-to-face and connecting with others. This isn't just for the one-in-four Britons who will suffer a mental illness at some point in their lives, but for the four-in-four feeling overwhelmed by the stresses of modern life.

So, from 1st February, feel free to attend the 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart then relax with a cuppa and chat in our Frazzle Café.

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 Fr Graham or phone 01702 300870.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	The Foodbank currently have a large stock of food in the Warehouse. Consequently, after this weekend (14 th -15 th January), collections for the Foodbank will be suspended until further notice. Any donations received up to and including 4 th -5 th February will be given to HARP.	

St John Fisher Coffee Mornings

On behalf of the whole parish we would like to say a huge thank you to Phyllis Mangora, Geraldine and Candy for their many years of unstinting service of serving teas, coffees, biscuits and a chat after Sunday Mass. They have decided the time has come for them to hang up their tea towels and are handing over to Florrie, Maribel and Maggie, so thank you also to them. We do need a group of two or three people to make a team to serve drinks and biscuits for the 5th Sunday of the month which happens about four times a year. Please speak to Karen or Helen if you are interested in helping.

Fire Exits

Will all users of our buildings please ensure that all fire exits are kept clear so that safe escape routes are maintained.

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.

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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Quiz Night

On Saturday 25th February from 7.00pm at the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. Teams of 8 people, £7.50 per person, with all funds raised going to BCCS. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please contact Julie Abbot – jabbott@bccs.org.uk 01268 784544/07912 277413 to book your places (all teams must be pre-booked) or to request a Fundraising Quiz Pack for running your own quiz night in your parish for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer

To be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th January. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome.

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

The weekend is from 27th to 29th January and is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) in New Cross, London. 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 details contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org.

Essex Recusant Society

The next meeting 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 24th (morning flight) - Friday 28th July 2017 (evening flight) which includes flight times, inclusions and exclusions. This four night package with flights, luggage (23kg hold & 7kg hand luggage), transfers and accommodation in the Grand Moderne Hotel is priced at £565 per pilgrim. Fr Graham will be joining this pilgrimage.

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
Tel.01277 265285.

Director Vacancy – BCCS

If you would like to be considered as the next Director of bccs please request an Application Pack from Steven at email swebb@bccs.org.uk. If you know someone else who might be interested please give them this information. The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd February 2017.

Francis Brendan McLynn RIP

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

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: 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, Fr Kenneth Green, Teresa Millard, Richard Ismail, Canon Charles Kuypers, Charles Portsmouth, Robert Birks, Emma Sanders, Noreen Brelsford, Michael Kelleher, Patrick Browne, Robert Kavanagh, Syzmon Bogdanowicz and Wilfred McCarthy.

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, Francoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Milly Wake and Patricia Walford.

Money

8th January 2017 offertory

£930.56

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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.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 14th January First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>John and Lillian Sullivan RIP</i>	
Sunday 15th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>John Nicholson RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 16 ^h January The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Tuesday 17 th January St Anthony		9.30am <i>Intentions of Richard and Pat Dixon</i>
Wednesday 18 th January Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>In thanksgiving</i>	
Thursday 19 th January Feria	7.00pm <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Friday 20 th January Feria	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Saturday 21 st January St Agnes		9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Saturday 21st January First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Betty Shipman RIP (SVP)</i>	
Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Irene Brassett RIP</i>	9.00am <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. Sorry, confession will not be available on Saturday 21st January.