



Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea
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PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2017 – Third Sunday of the Year (A)

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.

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 26th January at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Confession and Anointing.

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 form will be available soon.

Frazzle Café

Our Frazzle Cafe will take place on Wednesdays, straight after the 12 noon Mass until 1.30pm at Sacred Heart. The first one will be 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.

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, collections for the Foodbank are 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.

SSS Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the SSS Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart last weekend. £149 was raised for our St Vincent De Paul Society.

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 [bccc](http://bccc.org). Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please contact Julie Abbot – jabbott@bccc.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.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

A fundraising Coffee Morning with a Bring and Buy Sale will be held at St Clement's Church, Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea on Saturday 4th February from 10.30am to 12 noon. The event will include a recital by Elizabeth Upsher at 11.00am. No need to book – just walk in – no entrance fee.

Lourdes Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes is both patroness of our Diocese and the sick. As a Diocese we are invited to join Bishop Alan on February 5th at 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wansted, to celebrate our annual Lourdes Mass as part of the Diocesan centenary celebrations. During Mass the Sacrament of Anointing will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is replacing the mass which is usually celebrated at the Cathedral.

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 & 23kg 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

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

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.

Come and Celebrate Saint Patrick's Night...

Saturday 18th March at Saint Peters Mazenod Hall, Eastwood. Come and enjoy one of the world's great cultures – Live music, Irish dancers, wonderful imagery of Ireland, Irish stew and soda bread (vegetarian option available), raffle and a licensed bar. All profits will go to the Knights of Saint Columba and associated charities including Nazareth House, MISSIO, BEEF (Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund for the training of new priests) and the Parish of Saint Peters. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Adults £10 – Children under 16 £5 – Children under 4 Free. To purchase tickets - please phone Liam Rand 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com – We look forward to enjoying a spectacular evening together.

Beginning Experience

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 17th to 19th March at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Jeanne Davenas RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanne Davenas (mother of Monique Valade) who died in France on 16th January.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Ethel Keller, Bishop Bernard Ward, Joan Herbert, Ethel Allen, Beatrice Marshall, Helen Parker, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Catherine Jack, Vera Wildor, John Dillon, William (Ken) Rand, Kenneth Roy Clark, Muriel Kathleen Cornish, Agnes Stendon, Fr John O'Sullivan, Ghislaine Orpwood, Fr John Hibbert, Albert Benson, Lilian Barber, Joyce Bettis, Mario Anselmi, Albert Holroyd, Mary Cotter, Carol Wain, Bishop Patrick Casey, Alphonsus McCarthy, Helen Turner, James Gaile and Fr Arthur Perrot Field.

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, Jenny Chappell, 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, Teresa Igoe, 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.

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 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>
Monday 23 rd January Feria	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 24 th January St Francis de Sales		9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 25 th January The Conversion of St Paul	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Thursday 26 th January Ss Timothy and Titus	7.00pm (<i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>) <i>Ken Rand RIP</i>	
Friday 27 th January Feria	9.00am <i>In thanksgiving</i>	1.00pm Requiem Mass <i>Francis McLynn RIP</i>
Saturday 28 th January St Thomas Aquinas		9.00am <i>Anne Elizabeth Pearce RIP</i>
Saturday 28th January First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Hugette Ewing RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Marion Hayden</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.