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PARISH NEWSLETTER
29th January 2017 – Fourth Sunday of the Year (A)

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 2nd February at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Marriage and Holy Orders.

Change of Mass Time this Week

For one week only, the Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart will be held at 9.00am instead of the usual 12 noon.

Feast of St Blaise – Blessing of Throats

Friday 3rd February is the feast of St Blaise when the blessing of throats traditionally takes place, therefore throats will be blessed during the Friday morning Mass at Sacred Heart. Some children and staff from Sacred Heart School will be at the Mass.

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 will be available soon.

Frazzle Café – start date deferred

Apologies but, due to unavoidable circumstances, the start of the Frazzle Cafe needs to be deferred by one week and will now start on Wednesday 8th 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.

SVP Party for Elderly and Housebound Parishioners

This will be on Sunday 5th February in Sacred Heart Hall at 3.00pm. If there is anyone who does not normally receive an invitation or someone you think would like to join us, please ring Sandy on 07875 124159.

Knights of Saint Columba Coffee Morning TODAY

Straight after 11am Mass at Sacred Heart Hall for coffee, cake and a raffle – in aid of the charities supported by the Knights of Saint Columba.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	**Priority Items**
HARP	4th-5th February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	The Foodbank currently have a large stock of food in the Warehouse so collections for the Foodbank are temporarily suspended. Donations received up to and including 4th-5th February will be given to HARP.	

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

We hope you have all recovered from the Christmas and New Year festive food and are ready to eat our simple home made cakes again!

We will be serving cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee after Mass next Sunday in the parish hall, so do join us and support the work of CAFOD at the same time. CAFOD works to erase poverty and bring justice to the poorest in our world. All welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

Faith Study Group Meeting - Thursday 2nd February

From 1.30pm to 3.00pm. For details please call Sandy Stidston 01702 467188. Everyone is welcome. For details of the evening session, please contact, Barbara Solomons on 07500 175994.

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – Florence Foster Jenkins (Cert. PG)

Wednesday 1st February at Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. Florence Foster Jenkins, an heiress from NYC always wanted to be a concert pianist and play Carnegie Hall. An injury in her youth deterred that dream. So she sets out to sing her way to Carnegie Hall knowing the only way to get there would be "Practice Practice Practice". Her husband supports her venture and the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins playing Carnegie Hall becomes a truly historic event. Usual refreshments available. If you require a lift to this event please speak to Sandy or Liam or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Diocese of Brentwood Centenary

2017 marks the centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood and a number of events are planned during the year to mark the occasion. The first event will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in most Diocesan Churches on Saturday 11th February – the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes – Principle Patroness of the Diocese. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St John Fisher from straight after the 9.00am Mass until 12 noon and at Sacred Heart from 10.45am to immediately prior to the 5.30pm Mass.

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 15th 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.

New Parish Council

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or seconded people to become members of the new Parish Council. Sandy Rand was the only volunteer from Sacred Heart and so, is duly appointed to the Parish Council. Michael Warren and Theresa Honeyands were nominated for the one St John Fisher place and so an election will be held. St John Fisher Parishioners are asked to take, complete and hand in a voting slip today.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)

Quiz Night

Saturday 25th February from 7.00pm at the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. Teams of 8 people, £7.50 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Charity Ball

At The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 4th March. Tickets cost £55 per person to include a drinks reception, three-course dinner, tea & coffee, dancing & entertainment.

To book for either event please contact Julie 01268 784544, 07912 277413 or jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Director Vacancy

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 is Friday 3rd February 2017.

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. Plase 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.

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, 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.
Details from jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel.01277 265285.

Come and Celebrate Saint Patrick's Night…

Saturday 18th March at Saint Peters Mazenod Hall, Eastwood. Come and enjoy 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 St Peters. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Adults £10 – Children under 16 £5 – Children under 4 Free. Tickets from Liam Rand 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

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 emaiI johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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. The funeral has taken place.

Sister Mary Stephen Bell RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Mary Bell (former Headteacher of St Bernards High School) who died recently. Her funeral has taken place.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Alice Cullum, Thomas Gordon Foy, Mary Byrne, Robert Ojah, Annie Worrow, Margaret Ann Culkin,Kathleen Coundon, Marjorie Cooper, Terrence Byrne, Robert King, Monica Fitzpatrick, Elsie Morgan, Bernard G Parsad, Fr Joseph Burns, Anne Cotgrove, Freda Marsh, Margaret Laycock, Deryck Oliver, Catherine Coombs, Paul Ravinet, Joyce Downes,Patrick O'Sullivan, John Froget, Fr Eric Blindloss-Smith and Marguerita Conroy.

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 28th January First Mass of Sunday	**5.30pm** *People of the Parish*	
Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am *Polish Mass* **11.00am** *Hugette Ewing RIP*	**9.00am** *Intentions of Marion Hayden*
Monday 30th January Feria	9.00am *John Nicholson RIP*	
Tuesday 31st January St John Bosco		9.30am *Mary and Thomas Cotter RIP*
Wednesday 1st February The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am *Joan and John Gallagher RIP* 10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	
Thursday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord	7.00pm *(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction) Georgina Walker RIP*	
Friday 3rd February St Anne Line and St Blaise	9.00am (*To include the Blessing of the Throats. With Year 5 from Sacred Heart School) Deceased members of the Hopkins family*	
Saturday 4th February Our Lady on Saturday		9.00am *Steven Dear RIP*
Saturday 4th February First Mass of Sunday	**5.30pm** *Thomas Foy RIP*	
Sunday 5th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am *Polish Mass* **11.00am** *Mary and Pat Callaghan on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary* **1.30pm Baptism** *Finn Moyies*	**9.00am** *People of the Parish*

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.