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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)**

### **Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Today!**

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 today in the parish hall, so do join us and support the work of CAFOD at the same time. CAFOD, as you know, works to erase poverty and bring justice to the poorest in our world. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Frazzle Café – starts this Wednesday!**

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. Our first Frazzle Café session will take place this coming Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> February) in Sacred Heart Hall from straight after the 12 noon Mass until 1.30pm.

### **Diocese of Brentwood Centenary**

2017 marks the centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood and a number of events are planned to mark the occasion.

The first event will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in most Diocesan Churches on next Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> 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 (straight after Confession) to immediately prior to the 5.30pm Mass.



## Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Moral Action.

## Marriage Course

We will be running a seven week Marriage Course on Monday evenings from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The Course is designed for any married couple wishing to build a strong and lasting relationship. If you wish to attend please complete a form and give it to Fr Graham or put it through the Sacred Heart Presbytery letterbox as soon as possible.

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	<b>Collections of food for the Foodbank will recommence next weekend.</b>	
	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> February	Long life sponge puddings, meat meals (tinned pies, curry, corned beef etc) and mash.
	18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> February	
25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> February		

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Sandy Rand, Nathan Bhanji, Michael Warren and Theresa Honeyands who have volunteered and are now confirmed as new members of the Parish Council. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

## 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). This four night package with flights, transfers and accommodation in the Grand Moderne Hotel is priced at £565 per pilgrim. Please pick up a flyer from the porch. There are limited spaces left, so if you want to go, please let Fr Graham or Sue in the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Fr Graham will be joining this pilgrimage. **If you have already expressed an interest please ensure that you have collected your booking form by this weekend.**

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

If you are aware of someone who is lonely and/or housebound, and in need of a visit please give the names and contact details on a piece of paper to Fr Graham or phone 01702 615932.

## **Sacred Heart School Nursery**

Following Sacred Heart's expansion in September 2015 to 2 form entry, the Governing Body are pleased to announce that the nursery provision will be extended to 52 part time places from September 2017. If you would like further information, please take a flyer from the church porch or contact the school office on 01702 534546. If you are going to apply for a place and would like a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CPP) from Fr Graham, please see future editions of the newsletter for details of how to arrange a meeting with him. The appointments will be held in March. In any case, you will definitely need the child's baptism certificate – if you do not have it, please contact the parish of baptism and request a duplicate.

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

The winners are: 1st Prize – No. 120 – Tony Evans - £30. 2nd Prize – No. 33 – Helen Escott - £15. 3rd Prize – No.69 – Gladys Pope - £10. If you wish to join please speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com) or phone Liam 07952 954833.

## **Some Future Dates.....**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Ash Wednesday

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Bishop's Visit to the Parish and Confirmations

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy Communion Masses

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Diocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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

If you can spare some time to help clear the litter from the front garden area at Sacred Heart, 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.

## **Shoebox Appeal – Adult Size Shoe Boxes Needed**

Work is starting on preparing the Shoeboxes for next Christmas. If you have any adult size shoe boxes you don't need, please give them to Helen or Karen at St John Fisher. Thank you.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Tel.01277 265285.

## **Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer**

To be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) for more information. All are welcome!

## **Come and Celebrate Saint Patrick's Night...**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Saint Peters Mazonod 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email [johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Lourdes Mass**

Our Lady of Lourdes is both patroness of our Diocese and the sick. Please join Bishop Alan on February 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jim Woods, Nellie Green, Trevisan Pierino, Martha Glean, Angela Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Peter Saward, Mary Whitwell, Catherine Nash, William Thompson, Fr Frank Richardson, Caroline Ceues, Philip O'Neill, James Fullerton, Mary McArdle, Elizabeth Millard George Nicholls, Fr Alan Wilcox, George Burns, August Moresi, Olive Dwyer, Fr William Smith, Canon Bernard Manning, Patricia Cossey, Teresa Joslin and Frank Bealer.

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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, 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.

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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.

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## Money

Offertory Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

£950.77

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

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## Masses and Services

In addition to the details on the next page, please note:

**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.

<b>Masses and Services</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Thomas Foy RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Mary and Pat Callaghan on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i> <b>1.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Finn Moyies</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February St Paul Miki & Companions	9.00am <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January Feria		9.30am <i>Intentions of John and Jackie Lovett</i>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February Feria	7.00pm ( <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i> ) <i>Teresa Joslin RIP</i>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February St Scholastica	9.00am <i>Intentions of Vanda Horton</i>	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions 10.45am to 5.30pm <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Laura Pearson and family</i> 9.30am to 12 noon <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Anthony Long RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Bridget Fowler RIP</i> <b>1.00pm Baptisms</b> <i>Anaya and Giovel Amoh</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.