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PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th February 2017 – Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

Diocesan Centenary

Yesterday (11th February) the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes – Principle Patroness of the Diocese, marked the start of the Diocesan Centenary Year.

Diocesan Centenary Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father,
bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood
as we celebrate our Centenary Year.
We give thanks for the witness of past generations
and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit
that we may be ever more faithful to
proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.
Bless Alan our Bishop, the Clergy, Religious
and Faithful of our Diocese,
and graciously grant plentiful vocations to the Priesthood,
the Consecrated Life and the Sacrament of Marriage.
Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity,
united in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope
and the Universal Church.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Saints Erconwald, Cedd and Edmund of Canterbury, pray for us.

Frazzle Café – continues this Wednesday!

Straight after the 12 noon Mass until 1.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after half term and will reconvene on Wednesday 22nd February at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 23rd February at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Natural Law and the Ten Commandments.

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. 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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th March	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	11 th -12 th February 18 th -19 th February 25 th -26 th February	Long life sponge puddings, meat meals (tinned pies, curry, corned beef etc), mash, tea bags and long life fruit juice.

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.

FOSH - Bingo Night

Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart School Hall. Come down for a fun evening with family and friends, whilst helping us raise vital funds for our school. £5 per person with a free game card, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Please see Michelle Truter-Banks or ring 07982 429691.

National Marriage Week

Please keep in your prayers all couples who are preparing for marriage, those celebrating significant anniversaries and those struggling with loss or facing difficulties in their married life. Please also consider prayerfully whether you might be able volunteer for one of the organisations promoting marriage in our diocese. Marriage Care is looking for people who can help deliver marriage preparation programmes or train as relationship counsellors. Explore, which runs workshops in schools, is looking for couples who can talk to young people about marriage and answer their questions. The time commitment depends on what you can give - you could make a big difference even by giving up just one day of your annual holiday allowance. To be put in touch with one of these organisations contact marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

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 615187.

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 4 night package from Monday 24th (morning flight) - Friday 28th 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.

Feed My Lambs - Lenten Talks

All are welcome to join us on a retreat led by Magdalen Houlihan (formerly of Clare Priory). The sessions will include - Silent Prayer; Centring Prayer; Practical Bible Reading & New Appreciation of the Eucharist. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided. There is no charge but a small donation towards Magdalen's petrol would be appreciated.

Sacred Heart Church Hall – 6.45pm to 9.30pm

Friday 3rd March - Knowing Christ Jesus

Friday 17th March - Following Christ Jesus

Friday 31st March - Being in the Presence of Christ Jesus in our World Today

Friday 7th April - The Witness of the Messenger "May they see you live what you preach" Pope Francis

Saint John Fisher Church Hall - 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Saturday 4th March - Knowing Christ Jesus

Saturday 18th March - Following Christ Jesus

Saturday 1st April - Being in the Presence of Christ Jesus in our World Today

Saturday 8th April - The Witness of the Messenger "May they see you live what you preach" Pope Francis

No need to book – just turn up! Organised by the Stewards of the Gospel we very much look forward to you joining us.

Thank you from Mary and Pat Callaghan

Thank you for all of the gifts, cards and good wishes on our recent Wedding Anniversary. They were all very much appreciated. Thank you also to Fr Graham for making the Mass so special.

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.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer

To be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd February. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Come and Celebrate Saint Patrick's Night...

Saturday 18th 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 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Christian women of the Philippines have written the service this year, which will be used throughout the whole world on Friday 3rd March. Our local service will be held at St Helen's Church, Milton Road, Westcliff at 10.30am. The Day of Prayer is not just for women – everyone is welcome to attend.

Full Time Diocesan Property Consultant Vacancy

Based at Cathedral House, Brentwood. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested in applying please request further information from property-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date 19.00 on Tuesday 28th February 2017. Interviews take place week commencing 6th March 2017.

The Vitality London 10K run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has charity places for this run on 29th May. Details from Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Money

Offertory Sunday 29th January 2017

£950.77

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

Milly Wake RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Milly Wake who died on 8th February. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Gloria Smith RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Smith (Fr Graham's mum) who died on 6th February. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Josephine Trinder (nee Parisio) RIP

Please pray for the soul of, Josephine Trinder (formerly a parishioner at Sacred Heart and latterly of St Theresa's Rochford) who died on 16th January. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 28th February at St Teresa's, Rochford at 11.15am followed by Committal at Southend Crematorium (West Chapel) at 12.40pm. Contact is welcome Stephen Trinder - 07802 819442.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; F E M Brown, Maurice Klous, Robert Tanner, Daniel Morris, Esther Slowman, Paul Cahill, Mat Cahill, Paddy Rock, Lillian Tanner, Bridget Pack, Fr Charles Snell, David Skerritt, Edward King, Leonard Hermitage, Shelagh Scott, Catherine Prior, Antonio Cipriano, George Major, Sydney Turner, Dominic Keaney, Nellie Turnidge, Myrtle Hayter, Susannah Mulhern, Mary Holmes, Irene Nickels, Michael McHugh, Fr John Joyce and Louisa Elizabeth Collins.

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, Kiesha, 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 and Patricia Walford.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Finn Moyies who was baptised last weekend.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 11th February First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Anthony Long RIP</i>	
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Bridget Fowler RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptisms <i>Anaya and Giovel Amoh</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 13 th February Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Kim and Paul</i> <i>Nicholson</i>	
Tuesday 14 th January SS Cyril and Medhodus		9.30am <i>Fr Dennis Higgins RIP</i>
Wednesday 15 th February Feria	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child</i> <i>Friendly Prayer Group this</i> <i>week)</i> 12 noon <i>John Goring RIP</i>	
Thursday 16 th February Feria	7.00pm <i>(Followed by</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed</i> <i>Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Flight Lieutenant Trevor</i> <i>Smith RIP</i>	
Friday 17 th February Feria	9.00am <i>Donald D'Souza RIP</i>	
Saturday 18 th February Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Irene Fields</i>
Saturday 18th February First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Michael O'Riordon RIP</i>	
Sunday 19th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Pal Pieroni RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Marnie Jade Reeve</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 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.