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PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th March 2017 – First Sunday in Lent (A)

First Holy Communion Programme – Reminder!

Would parents please ensure that the “date” forms are returned to the Sacred Heart Presbytery by today (5th March). The next Parent’s Meeting is on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church (not the hall!). It is important that all children on the Programme are represented at the meeting.

Applications to the Sacred Heart School Nursery

If you are applying to a Sacred Heart Nursery for a Nursery place during the 2017-18 academic year, you may wish to ask Fr Graham for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Appointments will be held during week commencing 6th March – please sign up on the sheets at the back of Sacred Heart. If you attend St John Fisher, please ring 01702 465720. **You will need to bring the child’s baptism certificate to the appointment, if you don’t have it, please contact the parish of baptism and request a duplicate.**

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – This Friday – 10th March

Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD’s partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future by sending them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to help more people like Florence. There will be a second collection next weekend.

Frazzle Café – continues this Wednesday!

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

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 9th March at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Virtues and Vices.

Marriage Course

The Marriage Course continues on Monday evening at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th March	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	11 th -12 th March	Long life puddings and meat meals.

Parish Magazine

The next magazine will be published on 1st-2nd April. The deadline for articles is Sunday 19th March. Please hand them to Paul Nicholson or Liam Rand (07952 954833 or liam.rand@btopenworld.com). If you wish to place an advert please speak to Sandy 07875 124159 for details.

Feed My Lambs - Lenten Talks

Led by Magdalen Houlihan (formerly of Clare Priory). To include – Silent Prayer; Centring Prayer; Practical Bible Reading & New Appreciation of the Eucharist. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided. There is no charge but a small donation towards Magdalen's petrol would be appreciated. No need to book – just turn up!

Sacred Heart Church Hall – 6.45pm to 9.30pm

Friday 17th March - Following Christ Jesus

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

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 18th March - Following Christ Jesus

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

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 – Places still available!

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 4 night package from Monday 24th (morning flight) - Friday 28th July 2017 (evening flight). Please pick up a flyer from the porch. If you want to go, please let Fr Graham or Sue in the Parish Office know as soon as possible.

Wanted - Ground Floor Flat to Rent

In the Southchurch/Southend area and where a cat would be welcome. Please ring 01702 31177 if you can help.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 22nd July – Save the Date

Travel by coach to join the Brentwood Diocesan Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Details to follow. Liam Rand 07952 954833.

Coffee and Cake St John Fisher

Please join us to share homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee in the hall after Mass next Sunday to help raise funds for our CAFOD project. The total now raised by you stands at £3,769. Our target is £4,050 and your support will help to raise the last £281, hopefully over the next two months. Your generosity has changed the lives of so many. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

On Friday (straight after 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart), Saturday (straight after 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher) and Sunday (4.00pm at Sacred Heart) except on Sunday 19th March when we will go to St Luke's for Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 4.30pm. The community from St Luke's will join us on Sunday 2nd April.

Sacred Heart Film Club – I, Daniel Blake (cert. 15)

Wednesday 8th March in Sacred Heart Church Hall – 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. Free entry – usual refreshments available.

Charity Breakfast

Saturday 25th March (9.30am for a 10.00am start) at Sacred Heart Hall. Cooked breakfast followed by a talk by Mick Davey, from Essex Savers net Credit Union about a more ethical way of banking. Essex Savers is not a charity so the proceeds will go towards the replacement of Altar Server's Albs. Adults £5 – Children £2.50. If you cannot make this event please consider giving a donation – thank you.

To book for the Breakfast or request a lift to the Film please speak to Sandy or Liam (07952 954833 or liam.rand@btopenworld.com).

Deanery Lenten Talks

The Lenten talks begin this coming Wednesday, the 8th March, at 7.30pm at Nazareth House. Fr Gerry Drummond will talk on the 100 years anniversary of the Fatima revelations in 1917. As Conversion and penance are a key element, the Sacrament of Confession will be available

40 Days For Life Ealing

1st March to 9th April everyday 8am until 8pm. Please come and join us praying peacefully outside the abortion centre at 87 Mattock Lane, Ealing, W5 5BJ. Trained advisors will offer real help to the Mums going in. So far 12,668 babies been saved from abortion, 83 abortion centres have closed down, including one in London and 143 abortion workers have quit their jobs. For details see; <https://40daysforlife.com/london/>

Pilgrimage to World War I Cemeteries and Battlefields

Tuesday 30th May. The Knights of Saint Columba grew out of this human tragedy. As our centenary approaches we will follow in our ancestors footsteps on this incredibly emotional pilgrimage to Passchendaele's battlefield, New British Cemetery and many of the famous landmarks including the Memorial Museum, before travelling on to Ypres where you are free to visit the Menin Gate, where 54,000 names of men are displayed who were lost in battle, the World War I museum, enjoy a meal in one of the many restaurants, before gathering at the Menin Gate for the last post and departure. Pick up points 6:45am Sacred Heart Church - 6:55am Nazareth House and 7:05am Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Due back in Southend shortly after midnight. Passports are required. Adults £49 – Children Free (8 places only on a first come first served basis thereafter children will need to pay £49). Tickets from Liam Rand 07952 954833 (liam.rand@btopenworld.com) or Damian Dillon 07887 678741.

March 4 Life – Saturday 20th May

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the abortion act. To date 8.7 million babies have been aborted in the UK. Unite with all the pro-life groups across the UK in making a stand. March for Life UK is the biggest pro-life festival in mainland UK which culminates in a march through the streets of Birmingham City Centre. The day begins with 10am Mass at St Chads Cathedral, then 'Lifest' a massive pro-life festival in the heart of the city begins. Fun, family friendly, yet filled with meaning, Lifest has something for everyone. With world class speakers, the best live music, education from every major pro-life group in the UK and spiritual reflection. You are guaranteed to be inspired, educated, challenged and most of all motivated to help build a culture of life in the UK. A coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 6.00am, Nazareth House, Westcliff at 6.15am, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea at 6.30am. Adults £22 – Children Free (13 free places available on a first come first served basis). Please contact Damian Dillon 07887 678741 or email: damian.dillon@btinternet.com.

Vacancies for Diocesan School Advisers

Details available via e-mail to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org or at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/education-vacancies-4.

Money

Offertory Sunday 27th February 2017

£1036.42

Milly Wake RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Milly Wake who died on 8th February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 15th March at 12 noon at Sacred Heart. The family have requested that there be no flowers and, to fulfil a request from Milly, that donations be made towards a Parish Fund to help people to go to Lourdes. To donate on-line, go to <http://www.guiver.co.uk>, click on "donate" and type "Milly Wake" next to name.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Donovan Smith, John Turner, Mary Jackson, Violet Potter, Rudolph Hinds, Ted O'Connor, Mgr Canon Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Terrence Butt, Bret Stones, Grace Looker, Thomas Ryan, Shiela Christie, May Joy, Tony King, Amelina Bacon, Matilda Furst, George helmer, Nancy Kellehar, Fr Malachy Kelly, Sarah Isaacs, James Rowland-Hill, Edward Hamilton, John Fitzgerald, Edith Wakefield, Dorothy Oliver, Julia Champney, Elsie Husbands, May Parker, William Duffield, Grace Denton, Edna Chapman, Eileen Norris, William Horvers, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Michael Power, Philomena (Phyllis) Monahan, Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon, Alice Clark and Marguerite Fogarty.

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, Joy Curtis, 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, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer and Patricia Walford.

Masses and Services *In addition to the details on the next page, please note:*

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.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 4th March First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Linda and Ian Banks on their 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 5th March First Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>In thanksgiving – Fernando family</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Olivia Liwena</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6 th March Feria	9.00am <i>(with some of the children and staff from Sacred Heart School)</i> <i>In thanksgiving</i>	
Tuesday 7 th March Feria		9.30am <i>Keith McBrearty RIP</i>
Wednesday 8 th March Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	
Thursday 9 th March Feria	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	
Friday 10 th March Feria	9.00am (followed by Stations of the Cross) <i>Intentions of George Sfeir</i>	
Saturday 11 th March Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am (followed by Stations of the Cross) <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>
Saturday 11th March First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Lynda and Jerome Joseph on their 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 12th March Second Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>John Denny RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Olivi-Rose Scarott</i> 2.00pm Baptism <i>Faith Rose Bryson</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>