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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Second Sunday in Lent (A)**

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

Please join us to share homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee in the hall after Mass today 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.

### **First Holy Communion Programme – Reminder!**

The next Parent's Meeting is tomorrow (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

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 this weekend.

### **Frazzle Café – No meeting this week!**

Apologies, but there will be no Frazzle Café this Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup> March).

### **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA**

The next session is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on Christina Life in the World.

Next Saturday (18<sup>th</sup> March) we will specifically welcome our RCIA candidates to the 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart for the "First Scrutiny".

## Marriage Course

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

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> March 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> March	Long life puddings and meat meals.

## Parish Magazine

The next magazine will be published on 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> April. The deadline for articles is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please hand them to Paul Nicholson or Liam Rand (07952 954833 or [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> (morning flight) - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. For those who have already booked a place, payment of the balance is due by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## Wanted - Ground Floor Flat to Rent

In the Southchurch/Southend area and where pets would be welcome. Please ring 01702 311677 if you can help.

## **Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Save the Date**

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

## **Stations of the Cross During Lent**

Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> March) we will join the community at St Luke's (St Luke's Road, SS2 4AB) for ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 4.30pm.

## **St John Fisher Rotas**

Helen and Karen are preparing the next rotas. If you would like to be added to the lists for Reading and Offertory or be taken off the lists for Reading, Offertory or Eucharistic Ministers please let them know by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## **Thank you from FOSH**

FOSH - A huge thank you to everyone who came to our bingo evening. We raised £400 which will go towards updating our school library.

## **Charity Breakfast**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 please speak to Sandy or Liam (07952 954833 or [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)).

## **Deanery Lenten Talks**

The next Lenten talk will be this coming Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm at Nazareth House. Mark Lambert will speak about "Confirmation Catechesis for our young people".

## **Thank you from Linda and Ian Banks**

Linda and Ian would like to express their thanks to all those who helped them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Your kindness, cards, good wishes and generous gifts were overwhelming. Also a special 'thank you' to Fr Graham for making the Mass so special for us. Bless you all. A mass "for parishioners" will be offered for you all. Thank you again.

## **The Diocese of Brentwood – 100 Years in Pictures**

A Souvenir Booklet to mark our Diocesan Centenary, 110 pages with more than 300 colour and black & white photographs. Copies may be ordered from: Centenary Booklet, Brentwood Diocesan Archives, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT. The suggested donation is £7 per copy (plus £2 postage & packing). Cheques should be made in favour of BRC DT.

## **Memorial Mass for Sister Mary Stephen RIP**

There is to be a Mass to celebrate the life and contribution to St Bernard's school of Sister Mary Stephen who passed away in January 2017. It will be held at St Bernard's, Westcliff on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am followed by refreshments.

## **Pilgrimage to World War I Cemeteries and Battlefields**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. To Passchendaele's battlefield, New British Cemetery and many of the famous landmarks including the Memorial Museum then travel to Ypres where you are free to visit the Menin Gate, 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](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)) or Damian Dillon 07887 678741.

## **March 4 Life – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the abortion act. 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. The day begins with 10am Mass at St Chads Cathedral, then 'Lifest', a massive pro-life festival in the heart of the city. With world class speakers, live music, education from every major pro-life group in the UK and spiritual reflection. 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](mailto:damian.dillon@btinternet.com).

## **Vacancies for Diocesan Deputy Director of Education and School Advisers**

Details available via e-mail to [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/education-vacancies-4](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/education-vacancies-4).

## **Charity Whisky Tasting in aid of the Children's Society**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea. £10.00 a ticket with all money going to the Children's Society. An evening hosted by Rev Edd Stock with hot dinner, 6 single malt drams and raffles galore. Tickets and information from Tina on 01702 302636 or [tina.seckleman@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tina.seckleman@blueyonder.co.uk)

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## Money

Offertory Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

£1105.25

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## Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Olivia Liwena who was baptised last weekend.

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## 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.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Fr Edmund Meyer, Fr Maurice Roche, Mary Welsh, Charles Fell, Henry Husk, Ethel Ridley, Robert O'Sullivan, Jennifer Linton, Ryan Gordon, Ruth Garsed, Marjorie King, Charles Hurley, Harry Castle, Nellie Starkey, Fr William Luby, John Halls, Sian Vassie, John Bryan, Irene Boast, Eric Hayter, Robert Meadows, Canon Martin Horkan, Samuel Coleman, Frederick Bragg, (baby) Marcus Chi Kit Lei, Mary Bedford, Esther McCarthy and Ursula Rowlands.

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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, 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.

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**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.

<b>Masses and Services</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Lynda and Jerome Davis on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i>	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>John Denny RIP</i> <b>1.00pm Baptism</b> <i>Olivia-Rose Scarott</i> <b>2.00pm Baptism</b> <i>Faith Rose Bryson</i> <b>4.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March Feria	9.00am <i>Thomas and Angie Carroll RIP</i>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March Feria		9.30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> <b>12 noon Requiem Mass</b> <i>Milly Wake RIP</i>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March Feria	7.00pm ( <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i> ) <i>Intentions of Yvonne and Felix</i>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March St Patrick	9.00am ( <b><i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></b> ) <i>Intentions of Sabrina Boyle</i>	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am ( <b><i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i></b> ) <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Deceased friends of the Cahill family</i>	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>1.00pm Baptisms</b> <i>Leisa and Ula Martin</i> <b>4.30pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Luke's Church</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Giuseppa Palombo RIP</i>

**The Angelus** is recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.