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PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th March 2017 – Third Sunday in Lent (A)

Gift Aid Envelopes for 2017-18

The boxes of gift aid envelopes for 2017-18 are now available in the porches for members of the gift aid scheme to collect. If you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme (so that – at no cost to yourself - the parish can claim the tax paid on your donations) please complete a form available from the porch and return to the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Marriage Course

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

Frazzle Café

Meets again this coming Wednesday straight after the 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart.

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

The next session is on Thursday 23rd March at 8.00pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The session will be on The Life of Prayer.

We welcome our RCIA candidates to the 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart this weekend for the "First Scrutiny".

The RCIA candidates will be at the 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher next Sunday (26th March) for the "Second Scrutiny".

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	18 th -19 th March 25 th -26 th March	Tinned potatoes, packet mashed potato, tinned tomatoes, tinned or packet custard, long life juice, squash, tinned meat (pies, ham, curry, chilli etc), tea bags and long life or tinned sponge puddings.

Parish Magazine – Deadline for articles – Today!

The next magazine will be published on 1st-2nd April. The deadline for articles is today (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

These talks continue as follows. No need to book – just turn up!

Sacred Heart Church Hall – 6.45pm to 9.30pm

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 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

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.

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 today (Sunday 19th March). Thank you.

Congratulations to February's 200 Club Winners

Apologies for our tardiness but other things have got in the way. The draw took place at the Social Committee Meeting on Monday 6th March. 1st Prize – No. 31 – Ron & Jenny - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 48 – Robin Gibson - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 98 – Richard Campbell Carr - £10. To join the 200 Club speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

CAFOD Projects - St John Fisher

YOU'VE DONE IT!! We have reached our target of £4,050! Two years ago, we chose to raise funds in order that CAFOD could purchase 6 World Gifts that will change the lives of many in some of the poorest communities in the world. CAFOD can now purchase 2 Community Water Supplies, 3 Medical Outreach Teams, 2 Camels, 4 Cows, 2 Beekeeping Starter Kits and 4 Donkeys. Fantastic! Well done and thank you for all the support and generous donations made in this time.

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.

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 please speak to Sandy or Liam (07952 954833 or liam.rand@btopenworld.com).

Deanery Lenten Talks

The next talk will be on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm at Nazareth House. Speakers from The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) will speak on "Abortion, the new holocaust, 50 years since the Abortion Act".

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 BRCDT.

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 7th October at 11.30am followed by refreshments.

Pilgrimage to World War I Cemeteries and Battlefields

Tuesday 30th 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) or Damian Dillon 07887 678741.

March 4 Life – Saturday 20th May

2017 marks the 50th 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.

A Day with Mary

At Our Lady of Canvey Church (224 Long Road, Canvey, SS8 0JS) on Saturday 22nd of April from 10.00am. This is Divine Mercy weekend, so priests will be available for Confession. The day consists of Mass, sermons, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Procession. All are welcome.

Charity Whisky Tasting in aid of the Children's Society

Saturday 25th 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

Why not sign up for HARP's Prittle Brook Spring Walk?

Sunday 23rd April from 2.00pm. 3½ mile Sunday afternoon stroll along the Prittle Brook Greenway from Priory Park to Belfairs Park – raising vital funds for HARP. Every step you take will show you're supporting local homeless people. With each entry you will receive a FREE HARP Spring Walk T-shirt and a cup of tea and slice of cake afterwards at the Woodlands Centre at Belfairs Park. Entrance fee - Adults - £8, Children - £4, Family ticket - £20. Please sign up at <http://www.harpsouthend.org/spring-walk>.

Nursery Class Teacher Vacancy at Sacred Heart School

A Nursery Class Teacher is required from September for our Nursery Class, on a part-time basis as a job share (hours to be confirmed). Please contact the school office (office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk or 01702 534546) for details. Closing date: 21st April 2017.

Classical Music Evening at Ingatestone Hall

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians performing a selection of classical favourites. Tickets are £25 which includes prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Money

Offertory Sunday 12th March 2017

£1038.85

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

£2562.49

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the families of Olivia-Rose Scarott and Faith Rose Bryson who were baptised last weekend.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Laura Church, Brian Curtis, Frank Persighetti, Keith Ryder, Augustus Sharland, Fr Donal Donegan, Eileen Smith, Genowefa Browarska, Reginald Arthur Martin, Angela Goodall, John O'Leary, Fr Sidney Williams, William Denny, Stanley Byart, Tina Mangora, Michael McGuire, Geraldine Walsh, Elaine Walker, Frederick Lambard, Herbert Johnston, Kathleen Wildor, Elizabeth Linney, Richard Ardin, Anne Parker, George Frederick Richards, David Joseph Scinto, James Fitzpatrick, Canon Arthur Holmes and Hayley Cole-Wilkin.

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	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 18th March First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Deceased friends of the Cahill family</i>	
Sunday 19th March Third Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> 1.00pm Baptisms <i>Leisa and Ula Martin</i>	9.00am <i>Giuseppa Palombo RIP</i>
	4.30pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Luke's Church	
Monday 20 th March St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am <i>Ian Walker RIP</i>	
Tuesday 21 st March Feria		9.30am <i>Parish Sick List</i>
Wednesday 22 nd March Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Thursday 23 rd March Feria	7.00pm <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Friday 24 th March Feria	9.00am (followed by Stations of the Cross) <i>In thanksgiving</i>	
Saturday 25 th March The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am (followed by Stations of the Cross) <i>Berto Jesus Gonzalez and Albertina Rosa Garcia de Gonzalez RIP</i>
Saturday 25th March First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Mary Cullen and Rachel Snowdon RIP</i>	
Sunday 26th March Fourth Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of Marie Lang</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	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.