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PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th March 2017 – Fourth 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. The theme for this week will be "Care for the Elderly".

Becoming a Catholic - RCIA

We welcome our RCIA candidates to the 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher this weekend for the "Second Scrutiny".

The RCIA candidates will be at the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart next Sunday (2nd April) for the "Third Scrutiny".

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

Deanery Lent Reconciliation Services

Thursday 30th March at 8.00pm at St John Fisher.

Wednesday 5th April at 8.00pm at Our Lady of Canvey, 224 Long Road, Canvey, SS8 0JS.

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross next Sunday

Next Sunday (2nd April) at 4.30pm we welcome the community from St Luke's for Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart. Light refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

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 Easter Triduum

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 13th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am – Sacred Heart

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm - St John Fisher

(no 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart)

Good Friday – 14th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am – Sacred Heart

Children's Stations of the Cross 10.00am - Sacred Heart

Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm – Sacred Heart

Passion Service 7.30pm - St John Fisher

Holy Saturday – 15th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am – Sacred Heart

(no 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher)

Confessions 10.00am to 10.45am – Sacred Heart

Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm - Sacred Heart (no 5.30pm Mass)

Easter Sunday – 16th April

9.00 am Mass - St John Fisher

11.00 am Mass - Sacred Heart

Pilgrimage to Walsingham, 22nd July – Save the Date

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. We will dedicate the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. Details to follow. Liam Rand 07952 954833.

Thank you from the Wake Family

We would like to thank everyone for the good wishes they have sent us and also for attending Milly's funeral. In the words of my daughter it was awesome. So thank you all again.

Peter Wake

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	25 th -26 th March 8 th – 9 th April	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.

Cards for Sale at St John Fisher

We have now a new selection of Easter cards, Mass cards etc. for sale at the back of the church. We also have some blanks cards all at very reasonable prices. Take a look!

Children's Film - The Secret Life of Pets (Cert U)

When their owners leave for the day, pets from the building gossip with their friends, satisfy their sweet tooth, and throw outrageous parties. But when a pampered terrier and his unruly new "room-mate" from the pound get lost in the urban jungle of New York City, they must put aside their differences to survive the epic journey back home. Come and enjoy the fun as you break up for Easter on Friday 31st March in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3:30pm for a 4pm screening. Free Entry – Usual refreshments available. Tickets not required.

Parish Magazine on Sale Next Weekend

Apologies, but due to financial pressures, we have no alternative but to increase the price to £1.00 per copy.

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.

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.

March 4 Life – Saturday 20th May

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the passing of the abortion act. 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). Contact Damian Dillon on 07887 678741 or 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. Priests will be available for Confession. The day consists of Mass, sermons, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Procession. All are welcome.

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. Sign up at www.harpsouthend.org/spring-walk.

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

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.

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.

Money

Offertory Sunday 19th March 2017

£890.51

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Ula and Leja Martin 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; Toluwalaju Adebayo, Fr John Sherlock, Winifred Fairweather, Michael Curran, Catherine Curwood, Mgr Alfred Gilbey, Andrew Lovell, William Smart, Alfred Jackson, Albert Budden, Paul Bygrave, James Joseph McFall, Jack Meadows, Joseph Dhesham, Mary Tomkin, Rachel McCarthy, Mary Forde, Mary Coffey, Carlo Abicella, Mary Doughan, Fr Joseph Touhey, Ellen O'Sullivan, Wasył Kowal, Rose Bliss, June Brown and Alice Gwynn.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, Barbara Briggs, 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*

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.

Morning Prayer begins 15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 27 th March Feria	9.00am <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Tuesday 28 th March Feria		9.30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 29 th March Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>Najla Anayssi and Dr Simon Diab RIP</i>	
Thursday 30 th March Feria	7.00pm <i>(No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)</i> <i>Mother Angela RIP</i>	
	8.00pm Deanery Reconciliation Service at St John Fisher	
Friday 31 st March Feria	9.00am <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i> <i>Bridget Cummings RIP</i>	
Saturday 1 st April Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>(followed by Stations of the Cross)</i> <i>Ellen "Mischa" O'Sullivan RIP</i>
Saturday 1st March First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Lucas Joseph RIP</i>	
Sunday 2nd April Fifth Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Sue and John Gunn on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary</i> 1.00pm Memorial Service <i>Jim Gracie RIP</i> 4.30pm Stations of the Cross <i>(with the Community from St Luke's)</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

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