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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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 7.00pm - 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

Passion Sunday Film – Risen (cert. 12)

Yes, today, (9th April), immediately following Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart Church, we will be showing this wonderful film in the hall. "Risen" portrays the Passion of Christ through the eyes of a Centurion. As we enter Holy Week join us for this powerful film.

Changes to Mass and Service Times this Week

There are many alterations (additions and cancellations!) to services this week. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

Holy Week Posters

Holy Week posters are now available in the porches – please take one.

Sacred Heart Church Big Easter Clean

This will take place on Thursday 13th April from straight after Morning Prayer. Please come along to help if you possibly can.

Maundy Thursday

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the events of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an act of service, and when he gave us the gift of his body and blood in the Eucharist. The Mass will be held **at St John Fisher at 7.30pm**. Following the Mass, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until 11.00pm, when we will conclude with Night Prayer.

Good Friday – Day of Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday is given a special penitential character by the Church's tradition of "fast and abstinence". This discipline reminds us of the special nature of Good Friday and unites our prayers and fasting with other Catholics throughout the world.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross for Children

This service will be aimed specifically at children and will explain the Easter message to them in a special way. It will be held at Sacred Heart at 10.00am on Good Friday.

Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy

On Good Friday we remember the events of Our Lord's suffering and death. The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, will be held at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart. There will be a simpler Passion Service at St John Fisher at 7.00pm.

Morning Prayer and Office of Readings

There will be Morning Prayer and Readings at 9.00am at Sacred Heart on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The Easter Vigil Mass

This begins shortly after sunset, when we light the Easter fire and bless the Paschal candle which will be used at baptisms and funerals throughout the coming year. After processing into the church, the Vigil continues with the singing of the Easter "Exsultet" and an extended series of some of the most uplifting passages of scripture. Linda Akomaning, John Gunn and Kevin Murphy will be Received and Confirmed during this moving occasion, which should be a true highlight of the parish's year. The Vigil begins at 8.00pm – gather in the school playground next to Sacred Heart Church. After the Vigil, you are welcome to join us in the hall for refreshments.

Good Friday and Easter collections

The retiring collection on Good Friday is for the support of the Holy Places and the Church in the Holy Land. The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

Frazzle Café

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

Gift Aid

If you have not already done so, please collect your box of envelopes from the church porch. If you contribute via standing order, you may still wish to have the box of envelopes so that any contribution you make to second collections can be gift aided.

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax (payable on income over £11,000.00 in 2016-17 and over £11,500.00 in 2017-18). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a tax payer please notify Sue in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donations, it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

Stewards of The Gospel Parish Meetings

You are invited to attend one of two parish meetings which are being held as follows:

- Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday 23rd April at 2.30pm
- St John Fisher Hall on Sunday 14th May at 2.00pm.

Join us for coffee and cake, two short presentations covering the process so far and the planned Parish Mission and then the floor will be opened for debate. This is an extremely important time for our parish and diocese requiring your attention and involvement. We look forward to meeting you and discussing the future. Thank you.

Liam Rand & Phyllis Short.

Cards for Sale at St John Fisher

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

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd April 6 th -7 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	8 th – 9 th April 15 th -16 th April	Tinned potatoes, packet mashed potato, tinned tomatoes, long life juice and squash.
<i>The Foodbank tries to offer guests additional items such as toiletries and baby products (ladies sanitary products, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet rolls, nappies etc) No razors or medication! Donations of these items would also be gratefully received.</i>		

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.

Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 22nd July - join Bishop Alan and parishes throughout the Diocese as we come together to celebrate our Diocesan Centenary. You will need to bring a packed lunch and something to sit on for Mass in the Abbey grounds (something you can comfortably carry with you during the one-mile procession). The Programme: 11am – Arrive to the RC Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. 12 (Noon) - Dedication of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in the grounds of the Basilica. 12.30pm – Lunch. 1.30pm – Procession to Little Walsingham Village. 3pm – Mass. 4:30pm – Conclusion and departure. We will be departing Sacred Heart Church at 7.00am and St John Fisher at 7.10am and expect to back in Southend by 8.00pm. Adults: £20 – Children Free (10 places only thereafter children will be charged at the adult rate) Please speak to Sandy or Liam, ring 07952 954833 or email liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

200 Club Winners March 2017

Congratulations to our winners. 1st Prize – No. 102 – Jerry Davis - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 60 – Paul Nicholson - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 19 – Linda Banks - £10.

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 or Damian Dillon 07887 678741.

Brightlights Festival

At Alton Castle in Solihull, Brightlights is an opportunity for young Catholics to come together - have fun, listen to awesome & engaging speakers, take part in interesting workshops and hear some great bands & musical talent. All this with time for prayer, and encounter with the Sacraments! For more information visit www.brightlights.org.uk or visit our website www.bcys.net. The cost for the weekend with BCYS will be £65. Please email info@bcys.net for more information.

CAFOD talk – “Migrants and Refugees”

Monday 8th May at 8.00pm at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. The talk will include an update on CAFOD's response to the Refugee Crisis' followed by discussion and reflection on how we can help in our parishes and communities. Last year CAFOD's World News Officer, Laura Ouseley, travelled to the village of Idomeni on the border of Greece and Macedonia. She visited the huge makeshift refugee camp to meet the men, women and children who live there, as well as volunteers and CAFOD partners. Laura will be talk about her visit and update us on the work that CAFOD's partners are doing in Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.

Money

Offertory Sunday 26th March 2017

£978.26

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Mona Cooper, Myrtle Sweeney, Daisy Roberts, Canon William Toft, Albury Martin, Albert Flury, Mary Curtis, Bridget Lacken, Elizabeth Tall, Alice Wood, Leslie Walker, Peter Wakefield, Aldona Nivinskiene, William Dunn, Edward Tierney, Frances Schollar, Edgar Butcher, Fr Ronald Roberts, Mary Ellen Collins, Peggy Prest, Daisy Dyer, Henry Kuligowski, Mary Kent, Ada Hardman, Terence McCluskey and Martha Mary McHugo.

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, June Deighton, John Dermody, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, Roy Fitchew, Laura Fulu, Katie Fitzpatrick, Binella French, Dorothy George, Margaret Gibbons, Clare Giffen, Lesley Googe, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Teresa Igoe, John Izod, 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 8th April First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Alison Smith RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am <i>Rosalia DeCaroli and</i> <i>Rino Dri RIP</i>
Monday 10 th April Monday in Holy Week	9.00am <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Tuesday 11 th April Tuesday in Holy Week		9.30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 12 th April Wednesday in Holy Week	<i>(no Stella Dawson Child Friendly</i> <i>Prayer Group this week)</i> 12 noon <i>John Denny RIP</i>	
Thursday 13 th April Maundy Thursday	9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer <i>(No 7.00pm Mass)</i>	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Parish Sick List</i>
Friday 14 th April Good Friday	9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer <i>(no 9.00am Mass)</i> 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy	7.00pm Passion Service
Saturday 15 th April Holy Saturday	9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00am to 10.45am Confessions <i>(no 5.30pm Mass)</i>	<i>(no 9.00am Mass)</i>
Saturday 15th April The Easter Vigil	8.000pm Easter Vigil Mass <i>Intentions of the RCIA</i> <i>Candidates</i>	
Sunday 16th April The Resurrection of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

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

Confession will also be available for half an hour before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass.