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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Thanks from Fr Graham

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who have put so much time and energy into making the Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special once again this year.

A huge amount of work goes into this week: cleaning, flower-arranging, serving, making music, organising behind the scenes, reading, ministering the Eucharist, welcoming, serving refreshments and so on. Thank you to all of you for your continued support for the life of the parish.

I wish everyone a most joyful and peaceful Easter season. *Fr Graham*

Easter collection

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.

Baptism Preparation

The next Course for parents and expectant parents who wish to have a child baptised at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher will be on Monday 15th May at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please pick up a form from the church porch to register for the course and request the Baptism.

Sausages! - Coffee Morning 23rd April

The Social Committee invite you to join us in Sacred Heart Hall after 11.00am Mass next Sunday (23rd April) for a sausage in a bread roll, or cheese ploughman's. All funds raised will go towards church funds, especially hall re-decoration.

First Holy Communion Children's Mass

Next Sunday (23rd April) we welcome our First Holy Communion Children to take a special part in the 11.00am 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 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	15 th -16 th April 22 nd -23 rd April	Long life/UHT milk, tinned potatoes, packet mashed potato, tinned tomatoes, long life juice and squash.

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.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes – July 2017 – Reminder!

Payment of the balance is due by 19th May - please get payment to the Parish Office at Sacred Heart Presbytery. If paying by cheque, please make it out to Sacred Heart Church.

Shoebox Appeal – Adult size Shoe Boxes Needed Please

Work is already starting on preparing the Shoeboxes for next Christmas. If you have any adult size shoe boxes you don't need, please give them to Helen or Karen at St John Fisher. Thank you.

Parish Sick List

The Parish Sick list has grown very long over the last few years. If you know of someone who has recovered and can now come off of the list, please let Fr Graham know. Thank you.

Church Kneelers

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

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.

Money

Offertory Sunday 9th April 2017

£941.13

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Margaret Adams, Thomas Fogarty, Gary Read, Mabel Sullivan, Margaret Tweedie, Margaret Burns, Pamela Mary Latter, Alan John Mason, Sidney Jameson, Elizabeth Bury, Denis Campbell-Carr, William Barrett, Fr Thomas Adkins, Christopher Webb, Minnie Pepper, William Mark, May Wallace, Eileen Bessingham, Nellie Burchell, Fr Patrick O'Donoghue, Kathleen Butler, Patrick Ryan, Ken Price, James Brannan, Eileen Morgan, Marie Gibbs, David Patterson, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney, Lina Lenpriere, Fr William Donelan, Michael John Kilkelly, Patrick McMenamin, Kathleen May, Michael Sullivan, Cyril Banks, Mary Hayes, Marlo Coda, Willie Dettmar, Michael Ryan, Ellen Wright, Teresa Skevitt, Olivia Green, Frances Bidwell, Thomas McCloskey, Kathleen Flashman, Henry Francis O'Ryan, Ronald Patchett, Dorothy Barwell, John Pack, Edith Childs, John Frampton, Emma Smith, John James Morris, Matthew Christopher Dear and Brian David Wallis.

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	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 15th April The Easter Vigil	8.000pm Easter Vigil Mass <i>Intentions of the RCIA 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>
Monday 17 th April Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 18 th April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter		9.30am <i>Mgr Canon Michael Corley RIP</i>
Wednesday 19 ^h April Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Thursday 20 th April Thursday within the Octave of Easter	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Lila May Vickers RIP</i>	
Friday 21 st April Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am <i>Intentions of Philip Cahill</i>	
Saturday 22 nd April Saturday within the Octave of Easter	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Brian Dillon</i>
Saturday 22nd April First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 23rd April Second Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Gerald Carroll RIP (SVP)</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Tobias Stanley</i>	9.00am <i>Antonio Di Mambro RIP</i>

The Regina Coeli will be recited 5 minutes before the weekend 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.

Morning Prayer begins 15 minutes before weekday Masses