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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

### **CAFOD Coffee Morning – Today at Sacred Heart**

Immediately following 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April) join us for a raffle, coffee and cake to help CAFOD in their battle to support refugees in Syria and surrounding countries.

### **Faith Study Group Meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

From 1.30pm to 3.00pm. For details please call Sandy Stidston 01702 467188. Everyone is welcome. For details of the evening session, please contact, Barbara Solomons on 07500 175994.

### **Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

There is a second collection next weekend (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> May), on Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The collection is for Vocations Promotion within the Diocese, especially vocations to priesthood and the religious life, and is the only source of income for this work.

### **Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher**

As we have now finished our CAFOD project, we thought we would use the money raised at our coffee and cake mornings to fund parish projects and any urgent appeal which CAFOD is involved in around the world. Our next coffee and cake Sunday will be on 7<sup>th</sup> May so please join us for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee, after Mass, in the parish hall. The money raised will go towards the famine crisis in Africa.

CAFOD informed us that severe drought and several compounding problems - lack of food and civil war - mean that now over 16 million people across South Sudan, Somalia, Northern Kenya and Ethiopia are facing starvation. The UN warns that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. We welcome your support and look forward to seeing you.

## Stewards of The Gospel Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting last Sunday. If you missed it please come along to the second one which is at St John Fisher Hall on Sunday 14th May at 2.00pm.

There will be 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.

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tinned potatoes, packet mashed potato and meat meals (meatballs, curry, chilli etc)

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass, please fill in a form from the church porch and give it to Fr Graham. It is usual to make a donation when booking a Mass. There is currently a waiting list for Masses at Sacred Heart but there is no waiting list for Masses at St John Fisher.

## FOSH Charity Meal

Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm at the Ashianna (Indian) restaurant in Southchurch Road. All welcome. £12 per person with a buffet style meal. Please see Michelle Truter Banks 07982 429691.

## Some Future Dates.....

Pastoral visit of Bishop Alan Williams to the Parish and Confirmations	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
First Holy Communion Masses	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
St John Fisher Feast Day	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Sacred Heart Feast Day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Holyday of Obligation – SS Peter and Paul	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June

## Pilgrimage to World War I Cemeteries and Battlefields

Tuesday 30th May. 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.

## **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)

## **Coach Excursion to Cambridge**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, leaving Sacred Heart Church at 8.30am and St John Fisher ten minutes later. See one of the world's oldest universities, the 1871 Gothic revival, All Saints Church, and the gardens favoured by 17th century poet John Milton. Climb the tower of the University's Great St Mary's Church for sweeping views of the city or even take a punt on the River Cam. There's so much to do. Adults £15, OAP's £14, Children Free (10 places on a first come first served basis thereafter children's places will be charged at £14).

## **Film Club Presents – Sully (Cert. 12)**

Wednesday 3rd May in Sacred Heart Hall – Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. On January 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 the world witnessed the “miracle on the Hudson” when Captain “Sully” Sullenberger (Tom Hanks) and his co-pilot glided their disabled plane onto the ice of the Hudson river, thus saving the lives of all on board. Free entry, usual refreshments at a nominal cost.

To book for either trip or request a lift to the film, please speak to Sandy or Liam, phone 07952 954833 or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## **200 Club – Payment Due Now!**

The cost is still only £1 per number per month – Sandy and Liam will be approaching you over coming weeks to arrange payment. If you would like to join, please let us know. We are available at most Masses, phone 07952 954833 or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## **Lost Property at St John Fisher**

We have several items of lost property (gloves, umbrellas, glasses, a pair of toddler shoes, etc). If you have lost anything please check the box at the back of the church. All items will be donated to charity if not claimed after a month. Thank you.

## **CAFOD Lenten Pyramid Boxes – Sacred Heart**

Could you please return the boxes you collected at the beginning of Lent, hopefully full of coins – Thank you.

## **Charity Meal in aid of “Rubbish Tip Kids”**

At Zen City Chinese Restaurant, Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. £18.00 per person. Please call Carmen on 01702 305172 (evenings) or 07816 085190.

## **Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s)**

26th – 28th May in Broadstairs, Kent. Organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) sisters. An opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! Details from Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## **Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Vacancy, Cathedral House, Brentwood.**

The role is working four days a week (28 hours). If you (or any of your family/friends) are interested, please request details from [finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Please only apply if you can provide evidence of bookkeeping experience. The closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May; interviews and tests to take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## **CAFOD talk – “Migrants and Refugees”**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. To include an update on CAFOD's response to the Refugee Crisis' followed by discussion and reflection on how we can help in our parishes.

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## **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.

## **Migrants Mass Saturday 20 May**

At St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. In honour of St Joseph the Worker, the Diocese of Westminster, Southwark & Brentwood come together to celebrate the international nature of our churches, the work migrants contribute to our society, our concern for their welfare, welcome and human dignity. Banners assemble at 10.30am on the Priory Lawn and Mass will begin at 11.00am. All welcome.

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Tobias Stanley who was baptised last weekend.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Winifred Porter, Walter Pearce, Hugh Quirk, William Tate, Maria Cook, Marguerite Marshall, Terence Dear, Maud Coe, Amalia Greenfield, Alfred Delamere, Marco Sandi, Charles Ogden, Anne Sutton, Thomas Denny, Martha Collins, Pasquale Pacitto, Evelyn Dale, Ethel Chesham, Michael Wilson, Victor Miller, Zack Eaton-Griffin, Sabina Lake, Teresa Robinson, Oliva Smith, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Fergus Saurin and James Collins.

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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, 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.

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## **Money**

Offertory – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

£996.55

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Promotions of Vocations in our Diocese.

<b>Masses and Services</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Cath Lawrie RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of the Boyce family</i>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May St Athanasius		9.30am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May SS Philip and James	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i> 12.00noon (followed by tea and coffee in the hall) <i>James &amp; Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May The English Martyrs	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Mary Naumann RIP</i>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	9.00am <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May St John Payne	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>James Gracie RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Marge Marks RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>

**The Regina Caeli** 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

*In the depths of their heart, all missionary disciples hear this divine voice bidding them to “go about”, as Jesus did, “doing good and healing all”. By virtue of baptism, every Christian is a “Christopher”, a bearer of Christ, to his brothers and sisters. This is particularly the case with those called to a life of special consecration and with priests, who have generously responded, “Here I am, Lord, send me!” With renewed missionary enthusiasm, priests are called to go forth from the sacred precincts of the temple and to let God’s tender love overflow for the sake of humanity. The Church needs such priests: serenely confident because they have discovered the true treasure, anxious to go out and joyfully to make it known to all.”*  
Pope Francis