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PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th May 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

There is a second collection this weekend, Good Shepherd Sunday, for Vocations Promotion within the Diocese, especially vocations to priesthood and the religious life, and is the only source of income for this work. On the new website www.brentwoodvocations.org you will find Pope Francis' Message for today, and a video of the life of a seminarian along with much more information for anyone considering a vocation to priesthood or the religious life. You are also very welcome to contact the Vocations Director, Fr Graham Smith on 01702 465720 or fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com

Please pray for our current Diocesan Seminarians (trainee priests) David Pearce, Gary Dench, Rick Fernandez, Paschal Uche, Michael Barwick and Adrian Lowe along with Alexander Johnson, Tony Grant, Damien Wade and Jonathan Burden who will start at seminary in September.

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. So please join us today for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee, after Mass, in the parish hall. The money raised will fund the famine crisis in Africa. Severe drought and several compounding problems - lack of food and civil war - mean that 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.

First Communion Programme Parents Meeting

The next Parents Meeting takes place tomorrow evening, Monday 8th May at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. It is important that all children on the Programme are represented. If you find that you are unable to attend, please ring Geraldine on 07763 935674.

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.

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.

Stewards of The Gospel Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting at Sacred Heart. 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.

Congratulations to April's 200 Club Winners

The draw took place at the SVP meeting on Tuesday 2nd May. 1st Prize – No. 21 – Barbara Briggs - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 111 – Mary Callaghan - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 92 – Louise Evans - £10. Thank you for your continued support – the 200 Club helps to pay for the printing of the Parish Magazine. Please now pay your subscriptions for the coming year. If you would like to join, please see Sandy or Liam, phone 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	6 th -7 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	13 th -14 th May 20 th -21 st May	Tinned items (vegetables, fruit, fish, meat meals, custard), long life milk and packet savoury rice or plain rice.

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.

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.

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). 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 27th 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).

Fashion Show Spectacular

The Social Committee in association with Occasions Boutique Shoeburyness, the catwalk will come alive with the most up-to-date fashions, you will believe you have been transported to Paris, Milan or Rome. Tuesday 6th June, in St John Fisher Hall, doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm show. Tickets £2.50. You will have the opportunity to purchase clothing and accessories at show prices. There will be refreshments and a raffle. A donation will be made to the SVP and CHIP (our "Church and Hall Improvement Pot").

To book tickets speak to Sandy or Liam, phone 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Lost Property at St John Fisher

We have several items of lost property - 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.

Vacancies at Sacred Heart School

There are currently some spaces at Sacred Heart School, in Reception Class and Year 1. So please let your friends know to contact the Office (01702 534546) if they would like to move their child to join our school.

Charity Meal in aid of “Rubbish Tip Kids”

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

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Vacancy

At Cathedral House, Brentwood for four days a week (28 hours). If you (or any of your family/friends) are interested, please request details from finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Please only apply if you can provide evidence of bookkeeping experience. The closing date is Friday 19th May; interviews and tests on Thursday 25th May.

CAFOD talk – “Migrants and Refugees”

Monday 8th 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.

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer

At 2.30pm on Wednesday 10th May. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Songs from the Shows

Starring Elizabeth Upsher & Victor Patterson on Saturday 13th May at 7.30pm at St Saviours Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LL. Tickets £10 Available by phone—Pat Williams 01702 479166. Bring your own drinks. Buffet, Quiz and Sing-a-Long included. Profits to Christian Aid

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 20th May

At St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. The Dioceses 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 and Mass will begin at 11.00am. All welcome.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Marie Lang and Andrew Jackson who were married last weekend.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Marie Gaymer, Thomas Henry Martin, Angela Sutton, Aleksander Slusarkzyk, William Sweeney, Alexander McGill, Catherine Parkin, Joan Abel, Evelyn Davies, Emily Harris, William Powell, Canon Brian Grady, Vernon Pinto, Mr Roach, Frank Hickman, Margaret Lyons, Albert David Tanner, Tommy Ryan, Michael Saunders, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes, Christina McNally, Madge McMahon, Mary Naumann, Mary Harty and Michael Kelleher.

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.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 30th April 2017

£1034.53

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

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 6th May First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>James Gracie RIP</i>	
Sunday 7th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Marge Marks RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 8 th May Feria	9.00am <i>Deceased members of the Fell Family</i>	
Tuesday 9 th May Feria		9.30am <i>Very Rev Mgr George Stokes RIP</i>
Wednesday 10 th May Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i> 12.00noon <i>(followed by tea and coffee in the hall)</i> <i>Eileen MuHugo RIP</i>	
Thursday 11 th May Feria	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	
Friday 12 th May St John Houghton	9.00am <i>Intentions of Eileen Fagan</i>	
Saturday 13 th May St Erconwald/Our Lady of Fatima	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Ann and Denis Connolly RIP</i>
Saturday 13th May First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>David (Dave) Lear RIP</i>	
Sunday 14th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Thomas and Angie Carroll RIP</i>	9.00am <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