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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima**

This Saturday (13th May) is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady appearing to three children in Fatima. The Pope will go as a pilgrim to Fatima, in order to offer Mary the temporal and eternal fate of humanity and ask through her intermission for the heavenly blessing. The pope said when speaking to Portuguese pilgrims. "I ask all of you to join me, as pilgrims of hope and peace: May your hands in prayer continue to support mine. May the greatest and best of Mothers watch over each one of you, for all your days until eternity."

### **Thank you to an Anonymous Donor**

Thank you to the anonymous donor who "tithed" £300.00 to the parish in last weekend's collection. If you are a tax payer, please get in touch with Sue in the Parish Office (in confidence) so that the donation can be gift-aided, thus giving the Parish an additional £75.00 at no cost to yourself.

### **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.

### **Stewards of The Gospel Meeting – Today!**

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 today (Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## First Communion Programme

The 11.00am Mass next Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> May) will be a special Mass for our First Holy Communion Children during which two of the children will be baptised.

## Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

If you are thinking of becoming a catholic, you are very welcome in our Parish. Formal preparation is through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme. Our next RCIA course will begin in the Autumn and lead to baptism and/or confirmation at Easter 2018. Please keep an eye on future editions of the newsletter for details. In the meantime, please introduce yourself to Fr Graham.

## Old "Paper" Five Pound Notes

As you may be aware, following the introduction of the new "plastic" five pound notes, the old "paper" ones are no longer legal tender. If you have any old paper ones lying around, and are not able to get to a bank to cash them in, please consider giving them to the Church as part of, or in addition to, your offertory contribution.

## Right to Life Sponsored Walk

Right to Life affirms and defends human dignity and the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death. They do this by monitoring proposed parliamentary legislation and encouraging us to contact our MPs to persuade them to oppose any issues that attack the sanctity of human life. It also provides caring services. See [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk) for further information.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May, supporters are walking to raise funds to finance this work. There is a list in the church porch if you feel you could donate some financial help however small. Details from Eileen Lovas (01702 467899) or Phyllis Short.

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 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 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. Adults £15, OAP's £14, Children Free (10 places on a first come first served basis then 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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@bopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@bopenworld.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.

## **Missio Red Boxes – St John Fisher**

Could you please bring your box to Mass on either next Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> May) or the week after (28<sup>th</sup> May). I will exchange it for a new one. Please don't forget to put your name on the label. Thank you. Phyllis.

## **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.

## **Magdalen's Reminder to the People who attended the Recent Lent Retreat Sessions**

"Each of us has a mission in life. Jesus prays to his Father for his followers, saying: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world" (John 17:18).

We seldom realise fully that we are sent to fulfil God-given tasks. We act as if we have to choose how, where, and with whom to live. We act as if we were simply plopped down in creation and have to decide how to entertain ourselves until we die. But we were sent into the world by God, just as Jesus was. Once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do."

*Henri Nouwen*

## **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](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 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

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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.

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## **John Izod RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Izod who died on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The funeral arrangements were not known at the time of printing this newsletter.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Nellie O'Leary, Angela (Angie) Carroll, Thomas Costello, Patrick Curtin, Francis Foy, James Fowler, Gladys Simpson, Margaret Wakefield, Duncan McLean, Pater Halley, Eileen Mary Skelley, Albert Morley, Philip Eade, Thomas Collins, Bridie Denny, Edward Robeson, William Stanley, Frederick Fowler, Pauline Rushton and Kathleen Penna.

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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, 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

£1269.05

Promotions of Vocations

£525.40

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## **Knights of St Columba Pilgrimage to Aylesford priory**

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June join us at Aylesford Priory to celebrate the feast of Saint Columba with an open air Mass, picnic in the grounds or meal in the restaurant and process through the Rosary Walk. Adults £14 – Children Free (limited places available on a first come first served basis) Pick-Up points: Sacred Heart Church at 8.30am, Nazareth House at 8.40am and Our Lady of Lourdes 8.50am. To book your place please phone Mike Warren 07948 515288 or email: [warrenmike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:warrenmike@hotmail.co.uk)

<b>Masses and Services</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>David (Dave) Lear RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Thomas and Angie Carroll RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	9.00am <i>Deceased members of the Patchett and Almond families</i>	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May Feria		9.30am <i>Parish Sick List</i>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group ( <i>in the hall</i> ) <b>12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b> ( <i>followed by tea and coffee in the hall</i> )	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	7.00pm ( <i>Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i> ) <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	9.00am <i>Terry Thompson (Sr Michelle Marie) on the Golden Anniversary of her Profession as a Bernadine Nun.</i>	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Fr John Abbott RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Linda and Ian Banks</i>	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Intentions of Pat &amp; Mary Callaghan</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