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PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st May 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

First Communion Programme

We welcome our First Communion Children to the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart this weekend. Two of the children will be baptised during this Mass.

Bishop Alan Williams - Pastoral Visit to the Parish

On Wednesday 7th June, we will welcome Bishop Alan on a Pastoral Visit to the Parish and Primary School. Included in the day will be a cold buffet lunch in St John Fisher Hall at 12 noon and the Confirmation of our young people during the 7.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart. Refreshments will be served in Sacred Heart Hall after the Confirmation Mass. (There will not be a 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart on that day.)

So we know the number to cater for at the lunch, please could you write your name and the number of people attending on the sheet at the back of the Church **by Sunday 4th June**. If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please see Karen, Helen or Charmaine or ring 07939 268318 / 01702 522300. Thank you.

Feast Days of St John Fisher and The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Feast Days fall on consecutive days in June and special events in the Parish will be as follows:

Thursday 22 nd June	St John Fisher Feast Day	Day trip to Rochester. (John Fisher was Bishop of Rochester for 31 years from 1504.) Details to follow. 7.00pm Mass at St John Fisher (<i>no evening Mass at Sacred Heart</i>)
Friday 23 rd June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day	9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart along with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments in the hall

We Need You!

Following the public meetings held at Sacred Heart and Saint John Fisher, to help the parish move forward and secure our long term future there are many jobs that need to be done in both churches. The jobs range from requiring attention every now and again, some require five or ten minutes every month or week to jobs that need more time. Equally we are also looking for people with skills, professionals, who may be willing to share their talents in God's Service, for example: plumbers, electricians, carpenters, accountants etc. At the back of both churches there are lists of jobs with a brief description and time required. Please consider volunteering, WE NEED YOU! Thank you. *Liam Rand & Phyllis Short.*

If you can help with some small plumbing tasks, please add your name to the list and also contact Sue in the Parish Office....we have a small plumbing job that needs to be done as soon as possible. Thank you.

Confessions next Weekend

Unfortunately, there will be no confessions available here on Saturday 27th May – confession will be available in neighbouring Parishes as follows:

5.00pm to 5.30pm – St Theresa of the Child Jesus, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, SS4 1RF.

5.00pm to 5.45pm – St George and the English Martyrs, Ness Road, Shoeburyness, SS3 9DH.

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 17th July 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. **Please note that in order for a child to be baptised, at least one of the parents must be a baptised catholic and a copy of the parent's baptism certificate must be attached to the application for the child's baptism. Parents are expected to attend a Preparation Course prior to the baptism of each of their children.**

Faith Study Group

The Faith Group are excited to be starting a new study resource called The Mystery of God by the author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron. In this DVD, he explores 'Who God Is and Why He Matters'. Using insights from people such as St Augustine, he uncovers a clear understanding of what we mean by 'God.'

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th June at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

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.

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 for further information.

On Monday 29th 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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	3 rd 4 th June	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	20 th -21 st May	Long life or tinned puddings, tinned items (tomatoes, potatoes, fruit and custard) and long life fruit juice or squash.

The Sacred Heart donation bin is now at the very back of the Church (behind the glass doors). The Memorial Book cabinet is where the bin used to be. Please place food donations in the bin and not on or around the Memorial Book cabinet. Thank you.

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.

Missio Red Boxes – St John Fisher

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

Missio Red Boxes – Sacred Heart

Please bring your box to Mass as soon as possible – replacement red boxes are in the porch for collection.

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. 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 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

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.

Repository at St John Fisher

The repository now has a selection of rosaries, First Holy Communion cards, Confirmation cards and other new products. They will be available after Sunday Mass.

Sacred Heart Repository – Confirmation and First Holy Communion Gifts

The Sacred Heart repository has cards and gifts for children and young people who are being confirmed or making their First Holy Communion. Why not take a look and see what is available!

Thank You to Reece "Ricky" Harvey

St John Fisher would like to thank Reece Harvey, 'Ricky', a young man who is not a parishioner for kindly volunteering to help Malcolm weed the car park. Your hard work is much appreciated!

Gift Aid

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.

Fire Exits

Will all users of our buildings please ensure that all fire exits are kept clear so that safe escape routes are maintained. They should be kept clear both inside and outside the building.

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.

Sainburys Active Kids Vouchers – Sacred Heart School

The school is currently collecting Sainburys Active Kids Vouchers. If you get any, please get them to the school as soon as possible.

Some Future Dates.....

First Holy Communion Masses	Saturday 17 th and Sunday 18 th June
Holyday of Obligation – SS Peter and Paul	Thursday 29 th June
Holyday of Obligation – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Tuesday 15 th August

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.

SVP St John Bosco Camp

SVP St John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside which is run with a Catholic ethos. 29th July to 5th August for boys and 5th to 12th August for girls. For details contact Peter Wake of the SVP.

Summer Concert

The Deanery Orchestra presents Music for a Summer Evening on Saturday 24th June from 7.30pm at The New Mazenod Hall, St.Peter's Church, Eastwood. Please bring your own food and drink. Tickets £5 (16 and under free) Please contact Penny on 07810707910 or visit our website. <http://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com>

The orchestra was originally set up by John Askew, a former teacher and deputy head at St Thomas More High School. Our aim is to provide young players from the churches and schools of the Southend Deanery, the opportunity to play in an orchestra while at school and carry on when they leave. However, players of all ages are always welcome. During the orchestra's history, we have been pleased to welcome many old girls and old boys together with their friends (and sometimes with their own children!) It's a great way to share and enjoy music together. Please visit our website for more information.

The Two Elizabeths in A Summer Afternoon Concert

Elizabeth Dunlop & Elizabeth Upsher & Pupils on Saturday 1st July in aid of Havens Hospices. Tickets cost £10.00 (including tea and cake). Please note the time—5.00 p.m. In the Parish Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff, SS0 7JP. Please ring Elizabeth 01702 347369 to book your seats. (Please do book in advance for catering purposes.) All profits go to Havens Hospices We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

Rubbish Tip Kids – Thank You!

The recent "Rubbish Tip Kids" Charity Meal raised, with donations, £1802.00. Thank you for your support which is greatly appreciated.

Study Day about Permanent Deacons

This will be held at the Church of the English Martyrs, Alma Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ on Saturday 3rd June from 9.30am to 1.00pm (preceded by Mass at 9.00am). It will consider the history of the diaconate from the ordination of the first deacons (Acts 6) to the present day, with a special focus on the restoration of the permanent diaconate by the Second Vatican Council and the life and ministry of deacons in today's Church.

Aimed at all those with an interest in the breadth of ministries in the Church in changing times, and those who have seen a deacon in action but would like to find out more, there will also be an opportunity to hear about the formation of candidates for the permanent diaconate, and to meet with some of our diocesan deacons and their wives. All are welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Prudential Ride London – Surrey 100. Sunday 30th July. Due to a last minute injury and cancellation we have one charity place available. You will must be able to complete the 100 mile route in less than 9 hours and commit to raise a minimum sponsorship of £750. The deadline for registration is 26th May.

Charity Golf Day. Monday 19th June at The Rayleigh Golf & Country Club, Hullbridge. Tickets are £55 per person and include a Golfers' Breakfast, 18 hole Stableford competition and a two course lunch & prize giving served in a private dining room overlooking the course.

Ladies' Ascot Day Luncheon. Friday 23rd June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot week. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run.

For more information or to book a place for any event, please ring 01268 784544, 07912 277413, 07912 277413 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

Foundation Governor Vacancy for St Thomas More High School

See the porch poster or www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for details.

Diocesan Centenary Lectures

At Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT – Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Admission free – bookstall available.

7th June - Father Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist: 'The Foundation & Early Years of the Diocese (1917-1951)'

14th June - Canon Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of Grays: 'The Development of the Diocese (1951-1979)'

21st June - Father Martin Boland, Dean of the Cathedral: 'The Diocese Today – A Reflection'

28th June - Dr Paul Doherty, Headmaster, Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green: 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood'

Youth Poll on Life, Faith and Vocational Discernment

Would all our young people between 13-29 contribute their views to the poll at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll>. It closes on **5 June 2017** and can be completed in less than half an hour. These resources will be used by the Bishops of England and Wales in a report to be sent to the Vatican ahead of the 2018 Synod on: 'Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment'.

Knights of St Columba Pilgrimage to Aylesford priory

On Sunday 11th 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

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.

John Izod RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Izod who died on 9th May. His funeral will be on Wednesday 31st May at 11.00am at Southend Crematorium.

Joan Margaret Bartlett RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Bartlett who died on 18th May. Her funeral service will be on Friday 2nd June at 10.15am at Sutton Road Cemetery Church

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Canon Thomas Clarke, Margaret O'Shea, Audrey Menzies, Ivy Meadows, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Mary Cornish, Patrick Chambers, Mgr William O'Grady, May Stearn, Michael McKeown, Matthew Middleton-McIver, Leslie Holliday, William Lancaster, Thomas Carroll, Vincent Paul Bailey, Norah Horgan, Fr Henry Pearl, Bridget Fandall, Edward Fitt, Simon Peters, Harry Shipman, David Brooker, Bridget Mason, Fr Charles Carless, Fr Austin Thorburn, Catherine Cooper, Angela Paolillo, Winifred Mills, Greg Foot, Alexander McCouat, Nora Conway and Mary Kirby.

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, 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 14th May 2017

£1037.03

There will be a second collection next weekend for World Communications Day.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 20th May First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Linda and Ian Banks</i>	
Sunday 21st May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>(Children's Mass and to include two baptisms)</i> <i>Intentions of Pat & Mary Callaghan</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Luca De Oliveira</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 22 nd May Feria	9.00am <i>Deceased parents and sister of Helen Wyckmans</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd May Feria	2.00pm Wedding <i>Amy Bowler and Mark Oliver</i>	9.30am <i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday 24 th May Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i> 12 noon <i>(followed by tea and coffee in the hall) Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</i>	
Thursday 25 th May St Bede the Venerable	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Mark Brendan Sammon RIP</i>	
Friday 26 th May St Philip Neri	9.00am <i>Eileen Mchugo RIP</i>	
Saturday 27 th May St Augustine of Canterbury	<i>Sorry - no confession today. See earlier in this newsletter for details of where confession is available in neighbouring parishes.</i>	9.00am <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>
Saturday 27th May First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Philomena Monahan RIP</i>	
Sunday 28th May The Ascension of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

The Regina Caeli will be recited 5 minutes before the weekend Masses this weekend.

The Angelus will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses from next weekend.

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