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PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th May 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

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 next weekend ie 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:

Monday 19 th June	Day trip to Rochester to celebrate the Feast Day of St John Fisher	11.00am Tour of Rochester Cathedral followed by Mass at 12.15pm. John Fisher was Bishop of Rochester for 31 years from 1504. (This date has been changed from 22nd June because unfortunately, Rochester Cathedral could not accommodate us on 22 nd June.)
Thursday 22 nd June	St John Fisher Feast Day	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

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after half term and will reconvene on Wednesday 7th June at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us the Parish Centre for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee after Mass next Sunday. The money raised will be used to buy a commemorative Chalice to mark the 50th anniversary of St John Fisher Church. We welcome your support and look forward to seeing you.

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. 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.

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.**

Film Club Presents – Jackie (Cert. 15)

Wednesday 14th June in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm screening. Following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy fights through grief and trauma to regain her faith, console her children, and define her husband's historic legacy, starring Natalie Portman. Free entry, usual refreshments at a nominal cost. If you require a lift to this event please speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btoopenworld.com

Parish Magazine

The next edition will be published the weekend 1st /2nd July. You are the lifeblood so please, thinking caps on and start writing. Deadline for articles is Sunday 18th June. Please hand your articles to Liam or Paul after Mass or preferably email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com or phone Liam 07952 954833. There is advertising space available at very modest rates please speak to Sandy. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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	27 th -28 th May	Long life or tinned sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat meals (meat pies, chilli, curry, corned beef etc), tinned or packet custard, long life milk, tinned or packet mash, savoury rice, tinned tomatoes.

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.

Missio Red Boxes – St John Fisher

If you have not already done so, please give your box to Phyllis to be exchanged for a new one. Please don't forget to put your name on the label. Thank you.

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)

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!

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.

Thank You to Lynda and Jerome Davis

Thank you very much to Lynda and Jerome who recently did some very heavy weeding in the rear pathways at Sacred Heart.

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.

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

Shoobox Appeal – Adult size Shoe Boxes Needed Please

Work is already starting on preparing the Shooboxes 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.

General Election

Please pick up from the porch a letter from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales about the forthcoming General Election.

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.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

At St Bernard's High School, Milton Road, Westcliff. Details available at www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk.

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!!!!

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

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.

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.

Quiz Night

St Helen's Catholic Women's League are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 9th June at 7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start, in St Helen's Church parish hall (entrance through car park in St Helen's Road)

Tickets are £5 per person - please bring your own drinks and nibbles. All welcome. To book a table for up to 6 people or a place on a team please contact Patricia on 01702 476672 /07063 455676. A fun filled evening guaranteed!

For Daily Use in the Kitchen

Ingredients:

- A bottle of sunshine
- Two capfuls of charity
- One teaspoon of good humour
- One bottle of the essence of kindness
- One jar of gentleness
- One cupful of good temper
- One basin of forbearance
- As many smiles as possible
- Mix well together and use daily.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Bowler and Mark Oliver who were married last week.

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.

Mary Bridget McAlenan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary McAlenan who died on Sunday 7th May. Her funeral service will be on Thursday 1st June at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Joan 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; Barbara Wood, James Daly, Gilberto Rodrigues, James Whittingham, Violet Wood, Adele Castle, William Richmond, William Livermore, Sajia Christine Diab, Don Fell, Florence Fell, Santolo Alaia, Jane Watson, Nora O'Keefe, Hilda Vassie, Estelle Bruen, Fr Donald Clover, Bertram Davis, Patricia Dalton and Bernadette Maguire.

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, Francoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer and Patricia Walford.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 21st May 2017

£975.92

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

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 29 th May Feria	9.00am <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Tuesday 30 th May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am <i>Keith McBrearty RIP</i>
Wednesday 31 st May Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen Brentwood	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week)</i> 12 noon <i>(followed by tea and coffee in the hall)</i> <i>Deceased members of the Cornish and Wood families</i>	
Thursday 1 st June St Justin	11.00am Funeral Service <i>Mary McAlenan RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)</i> <i>Milly Wake RIP</i>	
Friday 2 nd June Feria	9.00am <i>Millie, Len and Kevin RIP</i>	
Saturday 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga and Comps	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>John Short and John Luke King RIP</i>
Saturday 3rd June First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Sunday 4th June Pentecost Sunday	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Samuel and Christina Muirhead RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Jessica Monteiro</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

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