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PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th June 2017 – Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Alan Williams - Pastoral Visit to the Parish

This coming 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. If you have any questions or special dietary requirements please see Karen, Helen or Charmaine or ring 07939 268318 / 01702 522300. Thank you.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the Parish Centre for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee after Mass today. 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! Please Sign Up to Help Your Parish

Please see the lists at the back of the Churches and consider signing up to help our Parish Community.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	3 rd 4 th June	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	10 th -11 th June	Long life or tinned sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat meals (meat pies, chilli, curry, corned beef etc), long life milk, packet mash, squash and long life fruit juice.

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 19th 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.
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

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.**

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.

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.

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@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.

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.

Diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy. As a Charity we rely on the generosity of the Parishes and individual donations to keep the Fund in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by including a bequest in your Will; a Form of Bequest can be found on page 36 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There will be a second collection next weekend.

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!

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

A Reminder About all Money Collected

If you are counting money on behalf of the Parish, please remember that the old and new £1.00 coins should be put into separate bags Likewise 1p and 2p coins should be put into separate bags. The bank does not accept bags of mixed coins!

Missio Red Boxes – Sacred Heart

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

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.

Parish Mass Books, Hymn Books, etc.

If you have inadvertently taken home any of the books that belong in the church, please return them. A few seem to have gone missing.

Church Kneelers

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

Parking at St John Fisher

When parking at St John Fisher, please ensure that you do not park outside the Church fire escape ramp or in front of the Presbytery garage.

General Election 2017

The General Election takes place this coming Thursday (8th June). Sacred Heart Hall will be used as a Polling Station.

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

Meet the Candidates for the Rochford and Southend East Constituency

The election candidates for Rochford and Southend East are coming together on Sunday 4th June at Belle Vue Baptist Church, Bellevue Avenue, Southchurch from 7pm to 9pm. This will be a forum for Christians to have their say on issues they care strongly about. You may wish to go along and pose the questions listed in the Bishop's letter!

Pro-Life issues

A website has been launched – www.wheredotheystand.org.uk – to allow people to email their local candidates to find out how they would vote on future bills on issues such as abortion, assisted suicide and embryo research.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

If you are aware of someone who is lonely and/or housebound (either at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher), and in need of a visit please give the names and contact details on a piece of paper to either Fr Graham or phone 01702 615932.

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.

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.

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!!!!

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.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

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

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.

Diocesan Centenary Lectures

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting the Living God Seminars

All at the Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Saturday 17th June, "The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI", by Fr. Martin Boland Dean of Brentwood Cathedral.

Saturday 24th June, "God has a dream for each one of us", Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon, Former Bishop of Brentwood

Saturday 15th July, "Contemplative Prayer—is it for me?", Bishop Alan Williams, SM, Bishop of Brentwood.

Further details from jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265285

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>

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 /07963 455676.

Abbotswick House of Prayer 30th Anniversary

At Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Navestock, Brentwood on Saturday 8th July from 11.30am to 4.30pm. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2.00pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Mc Mahon. You are invited to bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org.

Friends of Nazareth Coffee Morning & Nearly New Sale

Saturday 17th June from 11.00am to 12.30pm at Nazareth House hall, Nazareth House, 111 London Road. All proceeds go to the Sisters of Nazareth House for the benefit of the residents. The Friends of Nazareth House needs new members, please contact Edward Hayden edwardhayden77@gmail.com or text 07434 190135

Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Canon Eric Goldingay, Robert Lawson, Kathleen Flashman, John Short, Canon Jerome Deady, Br John Petit, Ernest Colbert, Mary King, John Rawnsley, Frederick Barnes, Rosa Johnson, Gladys Carthew, Kathleen Wicking, Leslie Fitzpatrick, Rosa Sorrentino, Enid Yin (Forster), Nellie White, Jim Burns, Margaret Barnes, George Bliss, Ellen Watkins, Fr Edmund Tyler, Reginald Childs, Skye O'Hart, Emma Rigluth, Ronald Sedwell, Lawrence McCabe and Annie Grist.

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 28 th May 2017	£1055.47
World Communications	£207.90

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Diocesan Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.

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.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 5 th June St Boniface	9.00am <i>Theresama Abraham RIP</i>	
Tuesday 6 th June Feria		9.30am <i>George Robert Bliss RIP</i>
Wednesday 7 th June Feria	10.00am No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i> <i>(no 12 noon Mass today)</i> 7.30pm Pastoral Mass with Bishop Alan to include Confirmations <i>Intentions of the Confirmation</i> <i>Candidates</i>	
Thursday 8 th June Feria	7.00pm <i>(Followed by Exposition</i> <i>of the Blessed Sacrament and</i> <i>Benediction)</i> <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>	
Friday 9 th June Feria	9.00am <i>Eileen McHugo RIP</i>	
Saturday 10 th June Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Ann and Denis</i> <i>Connolly RIP</i>
Saturday 10th June First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 11th June The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Arthur and Mona Smith RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptisms <i>Oliye and Jordan Aneke</i>	9.00am <i>Blessed Trinity</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