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PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th June 2017 – Twelfth Sunday of the Year (A)

Strawberry Themed Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

Today (Sunday 25th June), straight after the 11.00am Mass. Treat yourself to a strawberry scone and cream tea plus great raffle prizes.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide our usual cakes, sausage rolls and coffee on 2nd July due post-operative recovery of one of the team. We hope to see you all again soon. Charmaine

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We have recently had three special occasions in the Parish – Confirmation, Pastoral Visit by Bishop Alan and First Holy Communion. A lot of work went into these events so thank you to everyone involved including refreshment providers, musicians, singers, flower arrangers, readers, Sacristans, altar servers etc. Special thanks to our Catechists who worked very hard to prepare our young people for these sacraments. Work begins around a year before the “big day” so thank you to these people for their dedication.

KSC Welfare & Benefit Advice Centre

Saturday 1st July at Sacred Heart Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm the advice centre will be open to all, Catholics or non-Catholics. We will not advise but point you to organisations such as Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Citizens Advice Bureau, Essex Savers (Credit Union) and many more. For example CAP can help if you have large debts and you need to find a way of managing the debt possibly without accruing any further interest or you may simply want to learn how to budget. Whatever your problem we should be able to point to the right organisation, however, we may need to make a few enquiries in the subsequent days to ensure you get the help you need. All enquiries will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and Services this week – please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

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.

Milly's Book by her friends in the Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

Most of you knew Milly Wake, a really active member of the parish, our prayer group and beloved wife of Peter.

When she died on 8th February this year, she had requested that instead of flowers, any donations be put into a Lourdes fund to help send members of our parish to Lourdes. She'd been countless times herself and wanted to help as many people as possible have a chance to share that experience. So as a prayer group, we decided to write a book and sell it to you. All proceeds going directly to the Lourdes fund.

With the help of Liam Rand and the Knights of St Columba, we've done it! We've called it Milly's book by her friends, and we tried to capture the essence of who she was and what was really important to her, spiritually. This book has many things. It has poetry, funny anecdotes, prayers, pictures, reflections. We didn't want the book to just be an extended memory book. It's also a book to reference and return to when you want a prayer of inspiration, or you want to learn more about Lourdes, or you want to do the Stations. Even if you can't get to church to join us, it's a meditation you can do any time, in the comfort of your home. It's printed in colour throughout, has a glossy cover too and we're selling it for £5. It is available after all masses this weekend, with all proceeds going directly to the Lourdes fund. Any queries please contact Marianna on 07813 207497.

Friends of Sacred Heart School (FOSH) News

Summer Fayre

Friday 7th July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Bouncy castles, BBQ, face painting, bottle tombola, Cafe FOSH etc. Entry via Windermere Road.

Discounted Adventure Island Tickets Available

Big bands £16 Small £13, Adventure golf £5, Sealife centre £5. From Robin Gibson 07588 384040 or Michelle Truter-Banks 07982 429691.

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.

London to Southend Bike Ride

I am requesting sponsorship for two different projects at our churches. At St John Fisher Hall refurbishment of the toilets is needed urgently and at Sacred Heart, the alter floor needs replacing. All sponsorship will go directly to these projects, as I pay the entrance fee and travel costs on the day. So not 1p is taken away from the projects! Sponsorship forms are available in both church porches. Thank you. *Peter Slattery*

Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players Present: Calling Dr Death!

Another opportunity to test your investigative skills! We will be performing an evening show on Saturday 8th July, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and an afternoon performance on Sunday 9th July 4.30pm for a 5.00pm start – both at St John Fisher Hall. The tickets will cost £10, this will include a 3-course meal on the Saturday and an afternoon tea on the Sunday. (Please let us know if you require the vegetarian option on purchase of tickets and bring your own drinks and glasses for the evening event).

The tables are set for 8 people, we will join people together to make groups of 8 so no need to try to make a group, but you can if you like! You will be asked to solve the murder and choose your tables' killer. Tickets are available after weekend Masses.

Children's Film Matinee - Finding Dory (Cert. U)

When Dory, the forgetful blue tang, suddenly remembers she has a family who may be looking for her, she, Marlin and Nemo take off on a life-changing quest to find them with help from Hank, a cantankerous octopus; Bailey, a beluga whale who's convinced his biological sonar skills are on the blink; and Destiny, a near-sighted whale shark. Come and enjoy the fun as you break up for Summer on Friday 14th July in Sacred Heart Hall – Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free entry – Tickets available from Robin Gibson. Usual refreshments available.

Congratulations to Brian Dillon

Brian Dillon joined the Knights of Saint Columba in 1957 and this Sunday we mark his 60th anniversary with a special Mass at Saint Peters, Eastwood at 10.15am. This is a remarkable achievement of unbroken service and dedication to our Order and Church. Brian is hard working, never seeking praise or thanks and I sincerely congratulate him and thank him for his inspirational words both for myself and other brothers throughout the Order. *Liam Rand – Grand Knight.*

Parish Magazine

I apologise, but due to work commitments, publication of the magazine is delayed until the weekend of 8th and 9th July. *Liam Rand.*

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 22nd July – join Bishop Alan, Father Graham, the clergy of the Diocese and parishes to celebrate the Diocesan Centenary. For this once in a lifetime event 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. The price has been reduced to £15 this applies to new bookings and those already booked (those who have paid will receive a refund of the balance). Adults £15 – Children Free (10 places only - thereafter children will be charged at the adult rate). Please speak to Sandy or Liam or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st -2 nd July	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	24 th -25 th June	Long life milk, tinned potatoes/packet mash

Diocesan Centenary Lecture

Wednesday 28th June, at 7.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Admission free. Dr Paul Doherty will speak on 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood'.

Abbotswick House of Prayer 30th Anniversary

Special celebration at Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Navestock, Brentwood on Saturday 8th July from 11.30am to 4.30pm with Mass at 2.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments provided.

Fr Thomas Byles – Blue Plaque

Fr Byles was an English Catholic priest who remained on board the Titanic hearing confessions and giving absolution while it was sinking. On Sunday 9th July at 3.00pm we will be unveiling a blue plaque at the Presbytery at St. Helen's Church in Ongar (87 High Street, Ongar, CM5 9DX) stating that Fr Thomas Byles lived here. All welcome!

St. Thomas More High School - Open Evening

Thursday, 6th July 6.00p.m. to 9.00pm - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2018 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils. The Head teacher's talk will begin at 7.00pm. Prospective sixth form students for September 2018 are also welcome. Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2018 should complete the Local Education Authority Single Application Form (SAF) and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF). The SIF form is available at WWW.ST-THOMSMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK.

First Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend.

Agnes McCarthy RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes McCarthy (an ex Sacred Heart Parishioner) who died on 18th June. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Fr Edward Thomas, Tadeusz Borkowski, Teresa Collins, Mr Basil, John Parry, Grace Lack, Isobel Sullivan, Gladys Stratford, John Sullivan, Michael Maher, Dennis Odell, Martin O'Brien, Canon James Dacey, Margaret McDonald, Michael McDonald, Bridget Rankin, Joan Eade, Sheila Meadows, Anthony John Richards, John Goldrick, James White, Daisy Fitt, Edward Fitt, Maria Groom, Reginald Foster, Bridget Keane and Sandra Burke.

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, Richard Dixon, 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, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens, Pete Wake and Patricia Walford.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 18th June 2017

£1404.78

Day for Life

£300.29

There will be a second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 24th June First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 25th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of Emmanuel Clinton-Ekume on his birthday</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Ozzy Daniel Bott</i>	9.00am <i>Pietro Di Mambro RIP</i>
Monday 26 th June Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Vincenza, Lorena and Rosalia.</i>	
Tuesday 27 th June Feria		
Wednesday 28 th June St Irenaeus	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall.</i> 12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday 29 th June Holy Day of Obligation SS Peter and Paul	9.30am <i>(with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School)</i> <i>Margaret Farcat RIP</i>	7.30pm <i>Philip and Annie Pitt RIP</i>
Friday 30 th June Feria	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Saturday 1 st July Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Alan Williams sm	<i>(Sorry - no confessions today)</i>	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 1st July First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Gerald Carroll RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Vincenza, Lorena and Rosalia.</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