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PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th July 2017 – Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (A)

This is Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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

We are delighted to say that after selling out so quickly and due to popular demand, we now have more copies of Milly's Book available to buy for £5. We'll be selling at the back of the church after mass. All proceeds raised go directly to the Lourdes fund for Sacred Heart and St. John Fisher. Many thanks and enjoy!

Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Diocesan Centenary

Saturday 22nd July – join Bishop Alan, Father Graham, the clergy and people of the Diocese. 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 leave Sacred Heart Church at 7.00am and St John Fisher at 7.10am. The price is now £15 (those who have paid the higher price 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, phone 07952 954833 or email liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 13th July. Please let Sue in the Parish Office know if you have items you would like the Council to discuss.

Discounted Adventure Island Tickets Available

From the Friends of Sacred Heart School (FOSH). Big bands £16 Small £13, Adventure golf £5, Sealife centre £5. From Robin Gibson 07588 384040 or Michelle Truter-Banks 07982 429691.

Appeal for Volunteers to Strip Wallpaper

The hall, stairs and landings in Sacred Heart Presbytery are in need of decoration - they were last done around 20 years ago! To save money, we would like to get a team of people together to strip the existing wallpaper from the walls. If this is something you could help with, please sign up on the list at the back of the church. Thank you.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st -2 nd July	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	8 th -9 th July	Long life milk, meat meals, tinned or long life sponge pudding, tinned fruit and packet savoury rice.

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*

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.

Church Kneelers

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

Some Future Dates.....

Tuesday 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints – Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday 13th December – Deanery Holy Hour to pray for Vocations – 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Parish Magazine Delayed

Due to an unforeseen problem at the printers the magazine will be delayed one further week. My sincere apologies.

Liam Rand.

Mass Intentions

Did you know that you can “book” a Mass for a particular intention. It could be for someone who has died that they may rest in peace (RIP), for someone’s special intention (eg that they may recover from an illness, find a job, pass exams), in thanksgiving for something (eg birth of a baby, recovery from an illness) or to mark a special occasion (eg a special wedding anniversary). If you would like to book a Mass, please complete one of the envelopes from the church porch and give it to Fr Graham or get it to Sue in the Parish Office.

If you would like the Mass for a specific date, it is best to “apply” at least three months in advance. Saturday evening and Sunday Masses are booked up many months in advance and it should be noted that one of these Masses has to be for the “People of the Parish”.

It is usual to make a donation when booking a Mass. If you make the donation by cheque please make it out to “Fr Graham Smith”.

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 in addition to your offertory contribution.

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.

Fire Exits

Will all users of our buildings please ensure that all fire exits are kept clear so that safe escape routes are maintained.

Final Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer

At 2.30pm on Wednesday 12th July. More information from 01277 373959 or www.abbotswick.org. All welcome!

Diocesan Centenary Exhibition – in Leigh-on-Sea this weekend!

This will be available in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, before & after Mass on Saturday 8th July (5.30pm) and Sunday 9th July (8.00am, 9.30am & 11.30am). Free Admission. All welcome. Bookstall available.

St Bernard's High School - Open Evening for Year 5s

For Year 5 girls, together with their parents/carers, who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School's Year 7 in September 2018. Wednesday 12th July from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Prospective parents/carers are welcome to visit the School during a normal school day on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October between 9.30am and 11.00am. No appointments are necessary: guided tours will be available from Reception between these times. www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk

Knights of St Columba Sponsored Walk for BCCS

It was a lovely day for a walk from St Helen's to St George's last Saturday. A good number of parishioners were involved. Now we would like your sponsorship for a very worthy cause, please. BCCS every penny counts and every penny goes to help disadvantaged children.

Your walkers were:- Fr Joseph, Patrick Walker, Veronica Myers-Lampety, Carmen O'Brien, John O'Brien, Brian Dillon, Mike Warren, Phil Paterson, Damian Dillon, Ankush Dillon, John and Hilary Rands, Joan McDonald, Margaret Munson.

Please contact your local walker to make cash donations. Or you can donate online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/funraisers/ksc192-2017>.

Counsellor and Social Worker Vacancies with Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Part time roles to work in schools in the Basildon, Chelmsford, Harlow and Southend area from September 2017. Please email dsealy@bccs.org.uk for further information.

50th Anniversary of the Opening of St John Vianney Church, Clayhall

Solemn Pontifical Mass; Sunday 30 July at 10am, St John Vianney Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0JB. Celebrant: Rt Rev Alan Williams sm, Bishop of Brentwood. Preacher: Rt Rev Keith Newton PA, Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Followed by BBQ, Tickets (£5/3.50). Buy on the door or in advance (for larger numbers). Contact 020 8550 4540 or vianney.clayhall@btinternet.com.

Gerald Sullivan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerald Sullivan who died on 26th June. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 13th July at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Ernest Cootes, Eric Barber, Zeid Manna, James Coenen, Natasha Sandell, Fr Peter Brady, Peter Lawson, Canon Francis Gilbert, George Seeny, Vera Holroyd, Ellen Watson, Peter Griffin, Philip Stephen Pitt, Leslie Skingle, Kate Waters, Mary Clark, Fr Walter Walsh, Margaret Rowe, Henrietta Morgan, Mary Pearson Fr John Watson, John Brown, Patrick Bruen, Anna Trevisan, George Crickitt and Eileen Piddington.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, David Bunce, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Paul Clark, Chris Coath, Shirley Corboy, Ann Cummings, Joy Curtis, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, June Deighton, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, (baby) Harleigh Farrow, Roy Fitchew, Katie Fitzpatrick, 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, Patrick Moloney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Geraldine Scraggs, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens, Pete Wake and Patricia Walford.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 2nd July 2017

£1141.66

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 8th July First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 9th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Milly Wake RIP (SVP)</i>	9.00am <i>Doris Price RIP</i>
Monday 10 th July Feria	9.00am <i>(with some of the children and staff from Sacred Heart School) Helen Wyckmans RIP</i>	
Tuesday 11 th July St Benedict		9.30am <i>In thanksgiving for recovery - Barbara Briggs</i>
Wednesday 12 th July Feria	10.00am <i>Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group in the hall.</i> 12 noon <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Thursday 13 th July Feria	12 noon Requiem Mass <i>Gerald Sullivan RIP</i> 7.00pm <i>(followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) Eileen McHugo RIP)</i>	
Friday 14 th July Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Kymberly Okolo on her birthday</i>	
Saturday 15 th July St Bonaventure	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Mgr Patrick McAleenan RIP</i>
Saturday 15th July First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Penny Howego RIP</i>	
Sunday 16th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Ann and Alan Player on their 40th Wedding Anniversary</i> 1.30pm Baptism <i>Eva Nmsoma Ekpeleamaka Clinton-Ekuma</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