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PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th July 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (A)

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

Copies of this book are still available at £5.00 each. All proceeds raised go directly to the Lourdes fund for Sacred Heart and St John Fisher. Many thanks and enjoy!

Appeal for Volunteers to Help in the Presbytery

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with decorating in the Sacred Heart Presbytery. The first session will be on Monday 31st July from 9.30am. If you are able to come along please do so. Any tools or equipment you can bring along would be welcome!

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th -6 th August	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	29 th -30 th July	Long life sponge puddings, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long life milk, tinned meat meals (pies, meat balls, curry etc), pasta sauce, rice (savoury or long grain), cartons of apple or orange juice, biscuits and chocolate bars.

School holidays are a busy time at the Foodbank as the children do not get a hot school dinner. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall after Mass next Sunday for enjoy some homemade cakes, sausage rolls and delicious filter coffee.

As you know, we are raising money to buy a commemorative chalice to mark the 50th anniversary of St John Fisher. The money raised will go towards the cost.

In September we will start our new CAFOD project and we will be inviting you to tell us your ideas. More details soon.

Changes to the Parish Newsletter

Some changes to the Parish newsletter were recently agreed by the Parish Council. They are:

- For those who wish to receive it electronically, the newsletter will be sent via e-mail. If you would like to receive it in this format, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.
- From September 2017 the pre-printed covers will no longer be used. A small number will be available in the porches for those who still wish to take one away to read.
- The antiphons and responses will be reproduced in the new format newsletter.
- The newsletter will no longer be in a booklet format but will consist of A4 pages stapled in the top left hand corner.

We hope that, as well as saving money, these changes will improve the way you receive information about our Parish.

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".

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after the school holidays and will reconvene on Wednesday 13th September at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Coach Excursion – Saint James Church & Hyde Park

Join us on Sunday 13th August for a wonderful sung Mass at Saint James Church, Spanish Place, London. After Mass join the congregation for their coffee morning. You are then free to explore – only twelve minutes' walk from Hyde Park where you can enjoy the summer weather, a picnic or investigate the Wallace Collection literally two minutes' walk from the church. Free admission, the Wallace Collection boasts a world class collection of art and artefacts, truly fascinating. Of course you can do whatever you want! Adults £15 – OAP's £14 – Children Free (10 places on a first come first served basis). Departing Sacred Heart 8.00am and Saint John Fisher 8.10am. Speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@bopenworld.com

Parish Sick List

The Parish Sick list has grown very long over the last few years. If you know of someone who has recovered and can now come off of the list, please let Sue in the Parish Office know. Thank you.

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.

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.

Shoebox Appeal – Wrapping Paper and Adult Size Shoe Boxes Needed Please

Work is already beginning to wrap the shoeboxes for this coming Christmas. If you have any rolls of (new or partly used) children's Christmas wrapping paper or adult size shoe boxes you no longer need, please give them to Helen or Karen at St John Fisher or Steve Banks (07748 023031) at Sacred Heart. Thank you.

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.

West Side Story at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff

Jovanna (Sacred Heart altar server) will be joining the cast from 10th-13th August. To book tickets please ring the Box Office on 01702 351135

Ladies' Afternoon Tea

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be holding an exclusive Ladies' Afternoon Tea at The Rayleigh Club, Hulbridge on Thursday 21st September. Afternoon Tea will be served at 2.00pm and to add some extra sparkle to the occasion, ladies will be greeted with a glass of Bucks Fizz. You will then be treated to an assortment of finely cut finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones and clotted cream along with a selection of mouth-watering homemade cakes and sweet treats, all served with tea or coffee. Tickets cost £20 per person and as numbers are limited, we would recommend reserving your place as soon as possible. Contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Michael Miles who was baptised last weekend.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Fr John Harding, Lillian Wilson, Thomas Carthew, William Rutherford, Brian Clifford, Flora Ridley, Josephine Foy, Evelyne Peel, Bridget McTernan, John Popplewell, Doris Cootes, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Helen Carpenter, Michelle Alaia, Paul Gilbert, Ann Devito, Addolorata Bellini, Nellie Grout, Percy Rowe, Frederick Cullender and Bridget Cairns.

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, Mollie Keeble, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, Miki Lovas, John Lovett, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Barbara McHugo, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Joy May, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, Patrick Moroney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Geraldine Scraggs, Kaisha Secre, Francoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens, Pete Wake and Patricia Walford.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 23rd July 2017

£1149.92



Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 29th July First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Josephine Foy RIP</i>	
Sunday 30th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Deceased members of the Briggs family</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 31 st July St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am <i>Hetty Wise RIP</i>	
Tuesday 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguri		9.30am <i>Jerry O'Driscoll RIP</i>
Wednesday 2 nd August Feria	(<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.</i>) 12 noon <i>Joseph Wise RIP</i>	
Thursday 3 rd August Feria	7.00pm (<i>followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>) <i>Intentions of Felix Clinton</i>	
Friday 4 th August St John Vianney	9.00am <i>James and Louis Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Saturday 5 th August Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am - Confessions	9.00am <i>Mgr Peter Hicken RIP</i>
Saturday 5th August First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Elvis Presley RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Benjamin Matthew Hunter</i>	9.00am <i>St Donato</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