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PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th August 2017 – Twentieth Sunday of the Year (A)

Milly's Book by her friends

Copies of this book are still available at £5.00 each. All money raised goes to the Lourdes fund for Sacred Heart and St John Fisher.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 nd -3 rd September	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	12 th -13 th August 19 th -20 th August 26 th -27 th August	Long life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mash, meat meals, tinned vegetables, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, tea bags and long life sponge puddings.

Foodbank –Tesco Collection – Saturday 2nd September

This will be at the Tesco Extra in Prince Avenue and we will be co-ordinating the collection between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. We need general volunteers to be at the store, drivers to take donations to the Foodbank Warehouse and people throughout the day to sort and store the donations at the Warehouse (Friendship House, Belle Vue Church). Please see the sign-up sheets in the porches.

Appeal for new Eucharistic Ministers

We need some new Eucharistic Ministers (for both Churches) who can take Communion to housebound parishioners. If you would like to become a Minister, **and can commit to taking communion to someone in their home at least fortnightly**, please get your name and contact details to Fr Graham (either on paper or via e-mail to the Parish Office.) Training will be provided and Ministers will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly Criminal Records Bureau) check.

Coffee Morning 27th August 2017

The Social Committee invite you to join us in Sacred Heart Hall after 11am Mass on Sunday 27th August for tea, coffee and cakes. All funds raised will go towards church funds, especially hall re-decoration.

Change of time for Thursday Evening Mass

With effect from Thursday 5th October, the Thursday evening Mass at Sacred Heart will start at 6.30pm (and not the current 7.00pm).

RCIA-Alpha Course

Each year a number of people join the Catholic Church through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. Our RCIA course will begin on Thursday 5th October and run through to Easter 2018 when people will be baptised/received and confirmed during the Eater Vigil. This year, the programme will be slightly different to previous years in that the first ten sessions will be the Alpha Course. Sessions will be on Thursday evenings in Sacred Heart Hall from 7.30pm sharp (straight after the 6.30pm Mass and Benediction). Everyone is welcome including Catholics who want to know more. Application forms will be available soon.

Appeal for Small Group Leaders – RCIA-Alpha Course

We would like to recruit some volunteers to lead Small Groups. If you are available on Thursday evenings and would like to volunteer, please come along to a training session on Thursday 14th September at 8.00pm (after Mass) in Sacred Heart Hall.

Appeal for “Caterers” for the Alpha Course

We would like to be able to offer a meal to the people attending the Alpha Course. Are there any cooks out there who are willing to volunteer to cook a meal for one or more of the sessions? We are looking for “one-dish” meals for example lasagne or shepherd’s pie. The cooking can either be done in Sacred Heart Hall kitchen or done at home and then warmed up at the Hall. The meals will be needed for 10 Thursday evenings starting on 5th October. If we get enough volunteers, we hope to set up a rota of cooks to cover the ten sessions. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Advertising the Alpha Course

The Alpha Course will be widely advertised to attract anyone from the area who is curious about Christianity/Catholicism. As well as it being in the Echo and on BBC Essex (radio) we will be producing some leaflets which we hope you can all take and distribute to friends, neighbours etc.

Message from Peter Wake

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last 6 months. I would not have made it without you all. So many thanks from me and my family.

Peter Wake

Congratulations to July's 200 Club Winners

Drawn on Tuesday 1st August at the SVP meeting in Sacred Heart Church Hall. The winners are: 1st Prize – No. 32 – Jean Dillon - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 64 – Eric Carpenter - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 59 – John Rice - £10.

Talk on Rublev's Icon by Tony Castle

The Faith Group are delighted to announce that, Mr Tony Castle, the charismatic speaker and Catholic writer, and former Head of RE at St Bernard's, will be giving a talk on Rublev's icon. Please join us for this fascinating insight into the most famous of Russian icons and the Holy Trinity, on Thursday 7th September at 1.30pm. For further information please contact Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188.

Parish Newsletter

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

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.

Stewards of the Gospel – Draft Vision and Strategy

A document setting out a draft vision and strategy to take our Diocese forward is now available at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/. If you would like a paper copy, please ask your Steward of the Gospel (Liam for Sacred Heart or Phyllis for St John Fisher).

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 18th September 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.**

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.

World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019

If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For details visit www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.

Nazareth House Coffee Morning & Jumble Sale

Saturday 2nd September, 11.00am to 12.30pm in Nazareth House hall. All proceeds go to the Sisters of Nazareth House for the benefit of the residents. There will also be a poetry recitation during the coffee morning. All poetry fans welcome to recite their favourite piece.

Sleep out for a Night to Help Local Homeless People

Southend's Homeless Charity, HARP, invite you to take part in the Really Big South Essex Sleep Out to show your support homeless people and raise much needed funds too. You can choose to brave the elements with just a sleeping bag, or get the tent out and camp in the garden. The Sleepout takes place on or around 7th October for World Homeless Day. Help HARP end rough sleeping. Details at www.essexsleepout.org.

Caretaker Vacancy - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Canvey Island

The closing date is 4th September. Details from the school office - 01268 683903 or canveystjosephsprimary@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Ladies' Afternoon Tea in aid of BCCS

BCCS will be holding a Ladies' Afternoon Tea at The Rayleigh Club, Hulbridge on Thursday 21st September. Afternoon Tea will be served at 2.00pm beginning with a glass of Bucks Fizz followed by finger sandwiches, scones and cream, cakes, sweet treats and tea or coffee. Tickets are £20 each from Libby on 01268 784544/lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Lourdes, Summer 2017 - virtual pilgrimage

Video clips of 2-10 minutes capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all the homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. You can find these via www.bcys.net or search "Virtual Pilgrimage - Lourdes 2017" on YouTube.

Money

Offertory - Sunday 13th August 2017

£895.42

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Benjamin Matthew Hunter who was baptised recently at Sacred Heart.

Helen (Cissie) McDonald RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen (Cissie) McDonald who died on 4th August. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 30th August at 1.00pm at St John Fisher.

Barbara McHugo RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara McHugo who died on 8th August. Her body will be brought in Sacred Heart Church on Monday 21st August at 4.30pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 22nd August at 11.00am.

Miklos Lovas RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Miklos Lovas who died on 12th August. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 25th August at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.

Alice Farrell RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Maria Farrell who died on 11th August, Her funeral service will be at Southend Crematorium on Wednesday 30th August at 10.20am.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Canon Peter Prendergast, May Ryan, Matthew Sullivan, Canon Vincent Hurley, Daisy Cooper, Ellen Greenfield, Ralph Gretton, Fr Arthur Ryan, Sarah Major, Fr George Gresley, Bernard Blunden, Gordon Turner, Canon Vincent Cameron, Bartle Cahill, Douglas Bamber, Catherine Joy, Frances Rogers, Jozef Debowy and Ronald Richardson.

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, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, June Deighton, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, (baby) Harleigh Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Katie Fitzpatrick, Dorothy George, Margaret Gibbons, Clare Giffen, Lesley Gooze, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, Mollie Keeble, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, John Lovett, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, 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 and Patricia Walford.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 19th August First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of Sue and John Gunn</i>	9.00am <i>Ralph Gretton RIP</i>
Monday 21 st August St Pius X	9.00am <i>Special Intentions</i> 4.30pm Reception of Body <i>Barbara McHugo RIP</i>	
Tuesday 22 nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am Requiem Mass <i>Barbara McHugo RIP</i>	<i>(No Mass today)</i>
Wednesday 23 rd August Feria	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.)</i> 12 noon <i>Deceased relatives of Margaret Farcatt</i>	
Thursday 24th August St Bartholomew	7.00pm (followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) <i>Mrs Pat Draper RIP</i>	
Friday 25th August Feria	10.00am Requiem Mass <i>Miklos Lovas RIP</i>	
Saturday 26th August Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am – Confessions	9.00am <i>Nancy Burns RIP</i>
Saturday 26th August First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Margaret Irene King RIP</i>	
Sunday 27th August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>Franco Giudici RIP</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