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PARISH NEWSLETTER

**27th August 2017 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year
(A)**

Social Committee Coffee Morning – This Weekend

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

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	26 th -27 th August 9 th -10 th September	Long life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mash, meat meals (pies, curries, chilli) tinned ham, tinned corned beef, tinned vegetables, tinned fish and tea bags.

Following high demand over the school summer holiday, the Foodbank has very low stocks. Our next collection for the Foodbank will be on 9th-10th September. Please be as generous as possible over that weekend to help the Foodbank rebuild its' stock.

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.

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.

A simple meal will be served during the Alpha Course sessions. Nearer the time, we will be asking people to let us know if they are planning to attend so that we know how many to cater for.

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.

We now have a Facebook page to advertise our Alpha Course. Please find the page “Alpha at Sacred Heart Southend”, then “like” and “share” it.

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.

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.

Catholic Marriage Convalidation

If you got married in a civil ceremony and would like to investigate having your marriage fully recognised by the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Graham.

Applications for Catholic School Places

If you will be applying for a place in a catholic school from September 2018 you will a Certificate of Catholic Practice. The Certificates are only issued to families known to the Parish Priest, who are practising Catholics and the child has been baptised. For the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is deemed to be a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2041 - 2042). Arrangements for how to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice will be published in the newsletter in a few weeks' time.

In the meantime, if you will be asking for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please introduce yourself to Fr Graham after Mass. The child's original baptism certificate is needed as part of the process. If you do not have it, please contact the parish of baptism and request a duplicate – it is best to do this sooner rather than later!

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.

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. 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.

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – The Young Messiah

(Cert. 12). Wednesday 6th September in Sacred Heart Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. The story of Jesus Christ at age seven as he and his family depart Egypt to return to Nazareth. Told from his childhood perspective, it follows young Jesus as he grows into his religious identity. Free entry – refreshments available. If you need a lift please speak to Sandy or Liam, 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Dance for Macmillan Disco

Saturday 9th September from 6.00pm to 11.00pm at the Windermere Club, Windermere Road, SS1 2RF. Contact Laura Fulu (St John Fisher) on 07985 112194.

Dinner & Dance In Aid of Nazareth House

Saturday 23rd September at Nazareth House Main Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Fish 'N' Chips, live music and the chance to choose your partner and take to the dance floor. All profits go to the Sisters of Nazareth to aid them in the wonderful work they do with the elderly in many cases our loved ones. The evening will conclude at 9.30pm so as not to disturb the residents. Ticket price £10 from Sandy or Liam, 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com – Please inform us when booking if you have specific dietary requirements.

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 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. Details at www.essexsleepout.org.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 20th August 2017

£907.03

Marriage Congratulations

Congratulations to Carolina and John Marshall who were married last weekend.

Mollie Keeble RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mollie Keeble who died on 23rd August. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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.

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; Dennis Sullivan, James McGovern, Sarah Potter, Maria Greener, June Nottage, Fr Bernard Collins, Edith Smythson, Eleanor Smith, Bernard Norris, Jane Hand, James McCormack, Angelina Notarianni, Unni Wheaton, Canon John Sloane, Laurence Bede Dawson, George Mulhern, Dorothy Bowler, Michael Ferrari, John Maruszewski and Denis Armstrong.

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, Jenny Chappell, 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 Googe, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, 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, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens and Patricia Walford.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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)	<i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>Franco Giudici RIP</i>
Monday 28 th August St Augustine	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 29 th August The Passion of St John the Baptist		9.30am <i>Raymond Hazard RIP</i>
Wednesday 30 th August Feria	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.)</i> <i>No Mass today.</i>	1.00pm Requiem Mass <i>Helen McDonald RIP</i>
Thursday 31 st August Feria	7.00pm (followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) <i>William and Betty Powell RIP</i>	
Friday 1 st September St Sebba	9.00am <i>Denis Armstrong RIP</i>	
Saturday 2nd September Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am - Confessions	9.00am <i>Parish Sick List</i>
Saturday 2nd September First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 3rd September Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Percy Ewing RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Primrose Riley</i>	9.00am <i>Gloria Smith 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