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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 – Twenty Second Sunday of the Year (A)**

### Dear Friends

Welcome to the new format of the newsletter. For those who still want to see the articles previously provided on the newsletter cover, a small number of the cover sheets are available in the porch for you to take away.

Last week we heard Peter correctly confess the identity of Jesus when he called Jesus the Son of God. This week, we hear of Peter's weakness. Peter cannot understand that Jesus was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death. So Peter says to Jesus 'this must not happen to you.' Opposing the cross, he becomes an ally of the dark powers so Jesus says to Peter 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Peter was a curious mix of correct and wrong faith. In Peter we see that the Church is infallible and the Church is made up of sinners. When we forget one or the other, we fall into trouble.

**Fr Graham**

### Masses and Services this Week

Along with Bishop Alan and other clergy from the Diocese, Fr Graham will be away this week on Retreat to celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese. As a result, some Masses will be replaced by a Service of the Word and Holy Communion – please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

### Next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> September) is Education Sunday

We will welcome the children and staff from Sacred Heart Primary School and Nursery to join us in celebrating the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

### Thank you from Eileen Lovas

Eileen Lovas and family would like to thank Fr Graham and all parishioners for the love and support they have shown for us on the death of Miki. We thank everyone for their Mass cards, cards, prayers and offers of help, which have helped to ease our sorrow. A Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

### Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

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

### Sacred Heart Coffee Mornings

Sorry but, due to preparations for the SVP party, there will not be a Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> September).

### Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> September 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> September	Long life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mash, meat meals (pies, curries, chilli) tinned ham, tinned corned beef, tinned vegetables, packet savoury rice, long life fruit juice and tinned custard.

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

### Change of Time for the Thursday Evening Mass at Sacred Heart

With effect from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 your 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.

## **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.

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Confirmation 2018**

For young people in school year 10 or above. Application forms are now available in the porches. The initial meeting for parents and young people will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

## **Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – The Young Messiah**

(Cert. 12). Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## **Dance for Macmillan Disco**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Nazareth House Main Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Fish 'N' Chips, live music and dancing. 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](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com) – Please inform us when booking if you have specific dietary requirements.

## **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](http://www.essexsleepout.org).

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## **Money**

Offertory – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

£1075.07

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## **Mollie Keeble RIP**

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

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Canon John Walsh, Robert Wildor, Gyula Fazekas, Kevin O'Ryan, Mary Blake, Canon Cyril Shepherd, Bridget Ford, Kathleen Harvey, William Flint, Michelle Black, Doris Acocks, Douglas Hackett, Mary Black, Maria Herinckx, Colleen Baker, Catrin Cahill, John McAllister, Audrey West, William Beechey, Betty Shipman, Peter Kevin Connor, Patricia Rodgers, Chun Fong Wong and Francis Farrell.

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## **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 Gooze, 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, Francoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens and Patricia Walford.

<b>Masses and Services</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Percy Ewing RIP</i> <b>1.00pm Baptism</b> <i>Primrose Riley</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria		9.30am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.)</i> 12 noon <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	7.00pm <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am <i>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am – Confessions	9.00am <i>Albertina Garcia de Gonzalez RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Franco Giudici RIP</i> <b>1.00pm Baptism</b> <i>Chloe Teresa Velleman</i>

**The Angelus** will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses from next weekend.  
**Rosary** - The 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

### **Mass Text for 3<sup>rd</sup> September – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)**

**Entrance Antiphon** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Psalm** 62                      **Response** For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

- 1 O God, you are my God, for you I long: For you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water.
- 2 So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.  
For you love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
- 3 So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet.
- 4 For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**Second Reading** Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia.

**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-27

**Communion Antiphon** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20