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PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th September 2017 – Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

The command to love compels us to engage in the difficult task of fraternal correction, but it enjoins us to do so carefully, always aware that it can slide easily enough into a game of ego-inflation. The Gospel gives us some very practical advice in this regard for today addresses an issue of tremendous practical importance, namely, how we ought to engage in fraternal correction. Jesus says, with utter directness and simplicity, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." What a world of significance in that little recommendation! It holds off the sinful tendency of running to everyone but the person in question and complaining about him behind his back. This strategy is utterly unproductive and spiritually harmful, for it does nothing to help the person you are criticising, and it puffs up your already inflated ego. I know it is exceptionally difficult, but going to the person directly is both productive and spiritually uplifting. It has at least a fighting chance of accomplishing something, and it confirms you in love. But the right thing is, as usual, the hard thing. Notice please that the accuser is encouraged to tell the person in question alone—and no one else. Venting and gossiping are not helpful.

Fr Graham

This is Education Sunday

We 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.

Coffee and cake - St John Fisher – Today!

Please join us in the hall, after Mass today (Sunday 10th September), for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee in aid of our new CAFOD project.

Sacred Heart Coffee Mornings

Sorry but, due to preparations for the SVP party, there will not be a Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart today (10th September).

Mass at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 13th September

Due to Fr Graham having to attend a Deanery Meeting, the Mass on this day will be at 9.00am instead of the usual 12 noon.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday

There will be a Second Collection next Sunday to fund the Home Mission Office, the Catholic Faith Centre and the work of Evangelisation in England and Wales.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	30 th September and 1 st October	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	9 th -10 th September 16 th -17 th September 23 rd -24 th September	Long life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mash, tinned vegetables, long life fruit juice, squash and tinned custard.

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.

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 6th December at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Change of Time for the Thursday Evening Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Please help advertise the Alpha Course by taking some leaflets away to give to friends, family and neighbours.

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 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.

August's 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to – 1st Prize – No. 5 – Gerry Scraggs - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 10 – Janet McKenzie - £15; 3rd Prize – No.180 – Binnie Sammon. There are still numbers available, remember, you have to be in it to win it! Speak to Sandy or Liam or phone 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.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick Funding Appeal: Target £430,000

Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. An appeal will be made on 23rd/24th September. Please support it as generously as you can; in the words of Bishop Alan "This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese." Members of the Gift Aid scheme should use one of the spare envelopes from their box. Thank you.

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 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 - Please inform us when booking if you have specific dietary requirements.

Calling Married Couples!

Could you give 2 hours once to change the lives of 20 students? The Explore project brings together married couples with young people to have an open conversation about the realities of both marriage and family life. This exciting project is running in Catholic schools in your area and this is an invaluable and also fun way for you and your spouse to give back to your local community. Please call 07972 438179 or e-mail anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you would like to get involved or hear more.

Graphic Design Opportunity

If you are a Graphic Artist with experience of using Quark Express, and would like to join us in a freelance capacity, please contact don@mccrimmons.com or call McCrimmon Publishing on 01702 218906.

Temporary Fundraising Administrator Vacancy

Vacancy – three months' contract working for Missio, the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. The job is based at Missio's offices in Victoria, London. Closing date = Friday 15th September. Details available from recruitment@missio.org.uk or www.missio.org.uk.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 3rd September 2017

£1189.54

There is a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

There is a second collection next weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Primrose Riley who was baptised last weekend.

Mollie Keeble RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mollie Keeble who died on 23rd August. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 18th September at 11.30am at Sacred Heart.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time; Mgr Michael Wilson, Patrick Grout, May Bell, Doreen (Dee) Sharon Merry, Fr Charles Johnson, Lilian Steel, Albert Curet, Christine Johnston, Dennis Whitbread, Lilian Pearson, Antonia Wickens, Harold Turner, Michael Lack, William Young, Fr Theophilus Borer, Abp George Beck, Canon James Hemming, William Ashford, Deacon Arthur Woods, Angela Clark, Wilfrid Spearman, Fr Louis Heston and Jane and Vera Lloyd.

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, Françoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Bob Stephens, Geraldine Stephens and Patricia Walford.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 9th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 10th September	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Franco Giudici RIP</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Chloe Teresa Velleman</i>
Monday 11 th September	Feria	9.00am <i>Kevin O’Ryan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 12 th September	Feria		9.30am <i>Vincenza DeCaroli RIP</i>
Wednesday 13 th September	St John Chrysostom	9.00am <i>Donors of the High Altar of the Church</i> 10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i>	
Thursday 14 th September	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Cross	7.00pm <i>Sharon Metcalfe RIP</i>	
Friday 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am <i>(with children and staff from Sacred Heart School)</i> <i>Ingeborg Wilbraham RIP</i>	
Saturday 16th September	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	10.00am to 10.45am – Confessions	9.00am <i>Caterna La Marra RIP</i>
Saturday 16th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Wally, Maggie and Dermot Smith RIP</i>	
Sunday 17th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Erin Farrell</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Jennifer Warren</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 10th September – 23rd Sunday of the Year (A)

Entrance Antiphon You are just O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 94

Response **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

- 1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves him.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
- 2 Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work."

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Antiphon I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35