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PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st October 2017 – Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

Many parents will give a knowing nod when they hear today's Gospel. They've asked a son or daughter to give a hand, say in washing the dishes. One child may be full of good intentions and readily agreed to do what was asked of him. But he was all talk and no action. He did nothing.

Then we can recognise the other brother. He was a surly chap, who at first refused to work in his father's vineyard. But then he had a change of heart and obeyed his father. We have to admit that neither son was ideal. But at least the first son did eventually do what was asked of him, while the second didn't. With the Pharisees and elders we would agree that the first son's response was preferable to the second's. Are we like the first brother, people who at first refuse to obey God, but then repent and do his will? If so, we're in a far better state than those who are full of empty good intentions.

Fr Graham

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher CAFOD Project

Please join us after Mass today for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and delicious filter coffee in aid of our CAFOD project. We look forward to seeing you all.

The Alpha Course starts this Thursday (5th October)!

At 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Why not come along to the 6.30pm Mass and then go straight into the Alpha Course. It is for people who wish to know more about the Christian Faith and Catholics who want to know more.

A meal will be provided so please contact the Parish Office if you intend to come along. Alpha sessions will be on the following dates:



Thursday 5 th October	Thursday 16 th November
Thursday 12 th October	Thursday 23 rd November
Thursday 19 th October	Thursday 30 th November
(No session on 26 th October.)	Thursday 7 th December
Thursday 2 nd November	Thursday 14 th December
Thursday 9 th November	



Sessions will continue in the New Year following the RCIA Programme for people who wish to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2018.

Change of Time for the Thursday Evening Mass at Sacred Heart

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

Next Friday is CAFOD Harvest Day

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is this coming Friday, 6th October. This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please give generously to the second collection next weekend.

Harvest Festival at St John Fisher – Next Sunday - 8th October

Although we support the work of CAFOD throughout the world, we have, as a parish, also looked to the needs of the poor within our own community and have, at this time of year, given additional help to HARP, who provide food for the homeless in this area.

We invite you to donate 'one' item of non-perishable food and place it in the Harvest Box in the porch. Please join us in the hall, after Mass, for warmed waffles and pancakes which will be served with a variety of fruit, jams and honey. If you would like to join us, please put your name on the list in the porch as soon as possible. All proceeds go to CAFOD.

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.

First Holy Communion 2018

This is for children in school year 3 and above. Application forms are available in the porches. Before handing in the application form, you will need to attach the child's baptism certificate. If you do not have it, please obtain a duplicate from the parish of baptism. The closing date for applications is Sunday 5th November. The initial parent's meeting is on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Faith Study Group Meeting - Thursday 5th October

From 1.30pm to 3.00pm. For details please call Sandy Stidston 01702 467188. Everyone is welcome. For details of the evening session, please contact, Barbara Solomons on 07500 175994.

Applications for Catholic School Places

If you will be applying for a place in a catholic school from September 2018 you will need 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).

Appointments for parents seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Graham (Sacred Heart and St John Fisher) will be held as follows:

For **Secondary School** applications – during week commencing 9th October 2017.

For **Primary School and Nursery applications** – during week commencing 16th October 2017.

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of Sacred Heart Church. St John Fisher parishioners should ring the Sacred Heart Presbytery on 01702 465720 to arrange an appointment.

Parents will need to bring the child's original baptism certificate to the appointment. 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!

In the meantime, if you will be asking for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please introduce yourself to Fr Graham after Mass.

Thank you from FOSH

Thank you for helping our school Sacred Heart raise £9000 in this last academic year 2016/17. Your support and generosity mean so much.

Appeal for Volunteers to help with the Sacred Heart Taxi Minibus

I am planning on re-starting the mini bus pick-ups for the 11.00am mass at Sacred Heart, so we won't need the taxi firm that often. To do this I am in need of helpers. If you can spare 1 Sunday a month to assist with the clamping down of the wheelchairs, as this is something I have been told I should not do, Please contact me or leave your name and number with Father Graham. Thank You in advance. *Peter Wake*

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – The Zookeeper's Wife (Cert. 12)

Wednesday 4th October in Sacred Heart Hall, doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. The Zookeeper's Wife tells the account of keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and Jan Zabinski, who helped save hundreds of people and animals during the German invasion. A wonderful heartfelt story – free entry, light refreshments at a modest cost. If you require a lift to this event please speak to Sandy or Liam or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Missio Red Boxes – Sacred Heart

Please bring your box to Mass as soon as possible – replacement red boxes are in the porch for collection.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets are now available at the back of both churches and posters with lists of ideas. Please remember that all items need to be new and appropriate for the chosen age and sex of the child, please read the leaflet carefully as there are restricted items. Boxes will need to be handed in by mid November. Any questions please see Karen and Helen at St John Fisher or Steve, Madeleine Herman, Marie Lang or Maria Tighe at Sacred Heart.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor who died recently. His funeral was held on Wednesday. Please take a prayer card from the porch.

Royal School of Church Music Choral Festival

In Brentwood Cathedral on 21st October. All singers are invited to take part. There will be a workshop from 10.00am to prepare the music which will be used in the Centenary Celebration Service at 4.00pm. The specially chosen music for the occasion is all contained in a book. (Cost £5). For further details please email shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or ring 01277 233302 (answerphone).

Memorial Mass for Sister Mary Stephen at St Bernard's High School

On Saturday 7th October at 11.30am. If you knew Sister Mary Stephen and wish to come to the Memorial Mass you are very welcome. We ask that you let us know so seating is adequate and the venue is appropriate. Please email sboga.stbernards@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Diocesan Centenary Concert, Brentwood Cathedral, Saturday 28th October

We are recruiting a choir to perform at this concert. This is an ideal opportunity for Parish choirs and individual singers to join together with the Cathedral Choir to perform with a professional orchestra. Time for rehearsal is limited and therefore an ability to read music is essential. The programme will include the Vivaldi 'Gloria', Vaughan Williams 'Serenade to Music' and Schubert 'Mass in G'. The rehearsals are on Monday 9th October and Wednesday 25th October, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. The Brentwood Choral Society are joining the concert and singers are welcome to join their rehearsals on Monday evenings at Brentwood School (7.30pm to 9.30pm). If you would like to take part please contact Shirley Timmins at shirleytimmins@btinternet.com. Hire cost for the music is £2 per score, or £5 for all three. Tickets for the concert are available from music@dioceseofbrentwood.org at a cost of £12 all unreserved.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick Appeal

If you haven't already done so, pick up a leaflet about the Walsingham House at Abbotswick Appeal. There is still some way to go to reach the £430,000 target, so if you would like to donate online at any point, the link is www.bcys.net/abbotswick. If you know of companies or trust funds that could support the project financially please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

Priests and People Revue

As part of the celebrations to mark the centenary year of the Brentwood Diocese, we are holding a Priests and People Revue with compere, Des Kelly. This will take place on Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child (first come, first served). Tickets can be booked in advanced by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds will go towards funding the training of priests in our diocese.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 24 th September 2017	£1179.85
Renovations of Walsingham House at Abbotswick.	£258.30

There is a second collection next weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Shirley Corboy RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Corboy who died on 10th September. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 2nd October at 11.00am at St John Fisher.

Margaret Gibbons RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Gibbons who died on 17th September. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 12th October at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Enid Chapman, Henry Dixon, Teresa Olszowska, Fr Bernard Wakeling, Brian Dwyer, Harry Diston, William Witt, Edward Rice, Bessie Brown, John Sheridan, Moses Haroutyan, Audrey Girvan, Mary Bragg, James Hayes, George Ford, Canon William O'Neill, John Lynch, Patrick Lynch, Edward Lynch, Royston Clemesha, Catherine Mitchell, Fr Michael Hopkins, Nancy Pilbeam, John Shanahan, Kathleen Persighetti, Ellen Alley, Gisela Eichwalder, Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue, Ronald Leggett and Santa Privetera.

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

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 30th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Gerald Sullivan RIP</i>	
Sunday 1st October	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Charmaine Arnold</i>
Monday 2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	<i>(no Mass today)</i>	11.00am Requiem Mass <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Tuesday 3 rd October	Feria		9.30am <i>Robert Sobola RIP</i>
Wednesday 4 th October	St Francis of Assisi	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>Kay McCormick RIP</i>	
Thursday 5 th October	Feria New Mass time today!!!	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Yvonne Amadi</i>	
Friday 6 th October	Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Patrick Amadi</i>	
Saturday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Leonor Fairbanks RIP</i>
Saturday 7th October	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Christine Sambrook RIP</i>	
Sunday 8th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Liz and Ron Newman</i> 10.00am Baptism <i>Max Hockley</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 1st October – 26th Sunday of the Year (A)

Entrance Antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Ezekiel: 18: 25-28

Psalms 24:4-9 Response Remember your mercy, Lord.

- 1 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
- 2 Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 3 The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21: 28-32

Communion Antiphon Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32