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PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th October 2017 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

Monday is the feast of St. Mary Margaret Alcoque who is the religious sister who had a vision of the Sacred Heart. On 27 December 1673, the feast of St. John, Margaret Mary reported that Jesus permitted her to rest her head upon his heart, and then disclosed to her the wonders of his love, telling her that he desired to make them known to all mankind and to diffuse the treasures of his goodness, and that he had chosen her for this work. This vision is the subject of one of the stained windows on the sanctuary in Sacred Heart. Because St. Margaret Mary had visions of the Sacred Heart she is very dear to us in this parish, I have a first class relic of St. Margaret Mary and there will be a chance to venerate the relic after mass on Monday morning. The word relic comes from the Latin *relinquo*, literally meaning I leave, or I abandon. A relic is a piece of the body of a saint, an item owned or used by the saint, or an object which has been touched to the tomb of a saint. Traditionally, a piece of the body of a saint, especially that of a martyr, may be with the permission of the local ecclesiastical authority used in solemn processions recalling the specific holy person.

Fr Graham

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, his official charity for overseas mission. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. There will be a second collection next weekend.

Applications for Catholic School Places – September 2018

This is your last chance to make an appointment to see Fr Graham about a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Please either sign up on the sheets at the back of Sacred Heart Church or (for St John Fisher parishioners) ring the Sacred Heart Presbytery on 01702 465720 on Monday. **Parents will need to bring the child's original baptism certificate to the appointment.**

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course continues this coming Thursday 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. 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.

Sacred Heart Hall – Replacement of the Floor

The floor in Sacred Heart Hall is going to be replaced during week commencing Monday 23rd October. This means that the hall will be "out of bounds" from Monday 23rd October to Sunday 29th October (when, sorry, there will not be a Coffee Morning). **The cost of this essential work is over £6000.00 – and we would appreciate any donations towards the cost.** Please put donations in an envelope marked "Sacred Heart Hall Floor" and put it in the normal offertory collection. Members of the gift aid scheme are asked to use a spare gift aid envelope. If donating by cheque, please make it out to "Sacred Heart Church". Thank you.

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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th November	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	14 th -15 th October 21 st -22 nd October	Long life milk, tinned potatoes, packet mash, tinned vegetables, long life fruit juice, squash and tinned meat meals (chilli, stew, etc.)

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*

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart – Urgent Appeal

If you feel you could go on a rota of people to lead some of the sessions (which take place during the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart) please give your contact details to Fr Graham. All volunteers will be subject to a DBS (formerly CRB) check.

Thank you from John Corboy and Family

John and family would like to thank everyone who attended Shirley's funeral, with special thanks to Fr Graham for his wonderful homily, which touched a lot of people. Also, thanks to all those who helped to make it such a special day. They would also like to thank Fr Graham for his support and kindness to Shirley and the family.

Missio Red Boxes – Sacred Heart

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

Missio Boxes – St John Fisher

Please bring your Red Boxes on the 22nd and the 29th of October, and collect a new one. Could you make sure your name is written on the box when handing them in. Thank you very much.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to the members of the Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group who joined us at St John Fisher this week and helped fill shoeboxes with donated items. It was a fantastic effort, fun and rewarding. We are short of toothpaste (particularly for younger children), face flannels and sweets (NOT chocolate). If you can't do a box yourself please consider donating any of these items. Leaflets are available in the porch. Please remember all items need to be new and appropriate for the 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 Madeleine Herman, Marie Lang or Maria Tighe at Sacred Heart - if you would just like to help financially please give a donation to any of these people.

November Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Envelopes and forms are now available in the church porches if you wish to include your departed friends and loved ones in our November prayers. The first three names on your list will be read out at Mass on 11th and 12th November. A donation is not required or requested: any donations will be treated as a Mass stipend for the Mass offered on All Souls Day (Thursday 2nd November).

Next Parish Magazine

To be published on the weekend 2nd/3rd December. Deadline for articles Sunday 12th November. Speak to Liam, Paul or Sandy after Mass, phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Some Future Dates.....

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints Day and Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 9.30am and St John Fisher at 7.30pm

Sunday 12th November – Blessing of the Graves at Sutton Road Cemetery from 3.00pm

Sunday 10th December – Christmas Sing-a-Long in St John Fisher Hall.

Sunday 17th December – Carols by Candlelight at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, followed by refreshments.

Priests and People Revue

On Friday 3rd November at 7.30pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford. Tickets: £5 per Adult, £1 per child. Tickets can be booked in advance by contacting Hannah Kelly via email: hab@sjp.essex.sch.uk detailing names and number of tickets required. All proceeds towards the training of priests in our diocese.

Knights of St Columba Community Fayre – Saturday 21st October

At Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP, with 20 stands showcasing local charities, help groups and businesses. Exhibitors will include Christians Against Poverty, Catholic Clothing Guild, Storehouse Direct, CAFOD Brentwood, Southend in Transition and Southend Older People's Association. The Mayor of Southend will open the Fayre at 10.30am (finishing at 1pm) and there will be a Fairtrade raffle, Fairtrade light refreshments, 2nd hand book sale and recycling points for your unwanted spectacles for Vision +Aid Overseas, currency, used stamps and mobile phones; all for charity. Come and meet some great local people and get some help and ideas whilst having a decent cuppa. Entrance is free.

September's 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to: 1st Prize – No. 67 – Gerald Cronin - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 111 – Mary Callaghan - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 21 – Barbara Briggs - £10

Afternoon Tea for People with Dementia and Their Carers

You are invited to Afternoon Tea on Saturday 28th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Avenue Baptist Church, Westcliff, SS0 7JX. Please book via parishnurse@avenuebaptist.com or 07894 162016.

Project Manager Vacancy at the Southend Foodbank

16 hours per week. Details are available from admin@southend.foodbank.org.uk.

Thank you From Macmillan

Macmillan Cancer Support have written to Laura to thank her for the £515.00 raised at the Dance for Macmillan night on 9th September. Please see a copy of the letter in the porch. Thank you once again to everyone who supported this event.

Celebrating the Work of the Holy Spirit, Saturday 4th November

Day of Celebration and Witness in our Diocese at Brentwood Cathedral from 10.30am to 5.00pm. See the poster in the porch or contact Eileen on 0208 531 7020 or eileenalana50@talktalk.net for details. A coach may go from this area: to register an interest in coach travel contact Monica Moore on 07941 682136.

Healing Mass

The next of Fr Eamonn Power's Healing Masses will be at St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels in Kelvedon on Friday 3rd November 3pm. Details from 07719-577923 or mahart66@outlook.com. All welcome!

Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls – 2.30pm on Sunday 19th November

In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th November, in our "building works chapel" in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). This will be followed by tea and cake. All welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds, please feel free to arrive any time from 1.00pm. You can just turn up, but it will help to know if you are coming: please call Fr Dominic on 01277 373959 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

London Marathon 2018 – Sunday 22nd April

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places. If you would like to take part and can raise a minimum of £1600 in sponsorship please contact Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 8 th October 2017	£1003.28
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	£525.45

There is a second collection next weekend for World Mission Day

Walter Cosgrove RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Walter Cosgrove who died on 23rd September 2017. His Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 26th October at 1.00pm at St John Fisher.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Max Hockley who was baptised last weekend.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Catherine Kellehar, Albert Pilgrim, Helen Taylor, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Emily Silverton, Vera Bowers, Canon Roderick Grant, Peter Pitt, Mary Miller, Betty Connelly, Joan Holmwood, Francis Moynihan, John Hardman, Arthur Meadows, Agnes Humphris, Sandra Izod, Maud Parke, Mary Muscato, David Hedges, Juliet Skeels, George Jarrett, John Doherty, Alfred Frank Bygrave and Patrick Roche.

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, Paul Gunn, Anthony Herman, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, Peter Last, 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, Patricia Walford and Jenny Warren.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 14th October	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Rosina Welch and Baby Neeve (Chip) Bailey RIP</i>	
Sunday 15th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>People of the Parish (to include the baptism of Orion James Patrick Smith)</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Layla Banks</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Eve and Alan Bell</i>
Monday 16 th October	Feria	9.00am <i>Miki Lovas RIP</i>	
Tuesday 17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch		9.30am <i>Mr and Mrs W L Pearce RIP</i>
Wednesday 18 th October	St Luke	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>in the hall</i> 12 noon <i>William and Betty Powell RIP</i>	
Thursday 19 th October	Feria	6.30pm <i>Ronald Leggett RIP</i>	
Friday 20 th October	Feria	9.00am <i>Daniaura De Matos Maia RIP</i>	
Saturday 21st October	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Saturday 21st October	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 22nd October	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Franco Guidici RIP</i> 10.00am Baptism <i>Henry Collins</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 15th October – 28th Sunday of the Year (A)

Entrance Antiphon *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you if found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

First Reading Isaiah 25: 6-10;

Psalms 22 **Response** In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
- 2 He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever

Second Reading Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20;

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14

Communion The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Antiphon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah: 45:1, 4-6

Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 response V 7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21