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PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2017 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

The question put to Jesus in our Gospel today was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those opposed paying taxes to the Romans or on the side of those who collaborated with Romans, If he said yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jews. If he said no, he could be denounced as a rebel. In his answer Jesus recognises the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not take the place of God.

We must render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. But we must also recall that everything belongs to God, including Caesar! Secular government and culture have their legitimate place, but they are not independent of God and God's purposes.

Fr Graham

This 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 is a second collection this weekend.

Training Refresher Session for Readers

All readers (for both Churches) are asked to attend a training session on Wednesday 8th November at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church. If anyone would like to volunteer to become a reader at either church, please give your name and contact details to Fr Graham and then come along to the Refresher Session.

Alpha Course

Due to the half term holiday, there will not be an Alpha Course meeting this week. It will return the following week.

Sacred Heart Hall – Replacement of the Floor

The floor is going to be replaced this week and the hall will be "out of bounds" from Monday to next Sunday (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.** Thank you.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th November	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	21 st -22 nd October and 28 th -29 th October	Squash and long life fruit juice

Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue

There will take place on Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December. We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday 2nd December and if you can help at the store at this time, please e-mail the parish office. Alternatively, if you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December please email the Foodbank (warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk). Thank you.

Harvest Breakfast - St John Fisher

Our grateful thanks to everyone who supported the CAFOD Harvest Breakfast morning. A total of £90.00 was raised to add to the Fast Day contribution.

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*

KSC Quiz in Aid of Parish Maintenance Fund

Saturday 18th November at St John Fisher Hall, the doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £5 bring your own nibbles and drinks. To book as an individual, couple or team please phone Brian Dillon 01702 213140 or Liam Rand 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com. We hope you can join us.

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

Application forms are available in the porch. 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.

St John Fisher 50th Anniversary Commemorative Chalice

A total of £500.00 has now been raised for our chalice. In the porch, on the CAFOD display board, are details of a variety of chalices and we invite you to select the one that most appeals to you. Please do this by ticking your choice on the list provided.

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 this, or next weekend and collect a new one. Could you make sure your name is written on the box when handing them in. Thank you very much.

Sacred Heart Repository

Please see the Sacred Heart repository for a selection of Christmas cards, advent calendars and much more.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

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. 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).

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.

Wednesday 13th December – Holy Hour for Vocations at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, followed by refreshments.

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

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

50th Anniversary of the Passing of the Abortion Act

8.7 Million abortions have taken place since the abortion act was passed in 1967. On Friday 27th October, the 50th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act, please join the Good Counsel Network in praying and fasting for the end of abortion. As well as praying and fasting wherever you are, please consider coming to an all-night vigil of prayer from 7.00pm Friday 27th October through until 7.00am Saturday 28th October, at St. James' Catholic Church, George Street, London, W1U 3QY. For further information please see our website: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

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.

Walsingham House Canvey Island – Goodbye, and thanks for the memories!

On Saturday 9th December, 12noon – 4pm, you are very welcome to pop in to Walsingham House, Lionel Road, Canvey Island SS8 9DE for a final look around. There will be Adoration in the chapel, an exhibition of Walsingham House history from Chingford and Canvey Island and refreshments in the dining room. Everyone is welcome, and feel free to arrive and leave at any time throughout the afternoon. During the rest of December we are packing and preparing for the move to Abbotswick – donations are still very welcome for the appeal, www.bcys.net/abbotswick or call 01277 373959 to speak with Fr Dominic.

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.

London Marathon 2018 – Sunday 22nd April

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

St. Thomas More High School Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 23rd November from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2018. Come and visit the school, meet the staff and current sixth form students and tour the school.

Cleaner Vacancy at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea

Details from 01702 475689 or finance@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk.

Catering Assistant Vacancy at St Bernard's High School

Details from www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk.

Money

Offeratory – Sunday 15th October 2017

£980.69

Prisoners Sunday

£282.21

There is a second collection this weekend for World Mission Day

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the families of Orion Smith and Layla Banks who were baptised last weekend.

Pat Callaghan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Callaghan who died on 19th October. The funeral details are not yet known.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Lillian Daly-Hunter, Fr Bernard Clay, Margaret Smith, Fred Ablitt, Rosa Cascarino, Ivy Kerry, Eileen Murfitt, Joan Coltron, Dorothy Collins, Cyril Mogensen, Vanessa Budkley, Felix Leggett, Robert Parzelski, Douglas Lack, William O'Leary, Patricia Robinson, Joan Gallagher, John Daly, Mgr Daniel Shanahan, Tadek Storek, Felisa Torres, Leo Manning, Winifred Heath, Eileen Beechey, Patrick McIvor, George Maughan and Bogdan Oraczko.

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 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> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Obinna (Kenneth) Chima</i>	9.00am <i>Franco Guidici RIP</i>
Monday 23 rd October	St John Capistrano	9.00am <i>Mollie Keeble RIP</i>	
Tuesday 24 th October	St Anthony Mary Claret		9.30am <i>Robert Sobola RIP</i>
Wednesday 25 th October	Feria	(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week) 12 noon <i>Miklos Lovas RIP</i>	
Thursday 26 th October	St Cedd	6.30pm <i>Robert Sobola RIP</i>	1.00pm Requiem Mass <i>Walter Cosgrove RIP</i>
Friday 27 th October	Feria	9.00am <i>In reparation for 50 years of the Abortion Act (50th Anniversary of the Passing of the Abortion Act)</i>	
Saturday 28th October	SS Simon and Jude	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Saturday 28th October	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29th October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Thomas and Angie Carroll RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Nocola, Jon, Alfie and Henry Cook</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 To you I call; for you will surely heed me O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

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

Response Give the Lord glory and power.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!
Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Communion Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,
Antiphon to rescue their souls from death to keep them alive in famine.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51 response v2

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40