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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (A)**

### Dear Friends

The Torah or the Jewish Law consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandments was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. That is because, for him, the second followed directly from the first. Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two together, but that he made them of equal importance. Christ calls us to worship the Father, teach and evangelize in his name, and serve and care for him in the poor. The Church is the Body through, in and with which we do these things. But the meaning of this all is placing God at the centre of our lives.

*Fr Graham*

### Let the Children Live! Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Peter Walters to say all the Masses and make an Appeal on behalf of Let the Children Live! The Charity works in the Colombian city of Medellin with children from the streets and shanty-towns. Let the Children Live! is currently working with approx. 450 vulnerable children and aims to safeguard their lives from poverty and violence by giving them love, education and a future at 'Casa Walsingham'. Please see [www.letthechildrenlive.org](http://www.letthechildrenlive.org) for details and an overview of the charity's work.

### Training Refresher Session for Readers

All readers (for both Churches) are asked to attend a training session on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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 work is going to run into this coming week and the hall will remain "out of bounds" until at least Wednesday. This is because several large patches of damp have been found in the sub floor. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. **We still have a very long way to go to raise the money to cover the cost of this essential work. Please make any donations you can – members of the Gift Aid scheme are asked to use one of the spare envelopes.**

### Sacred Heart Presbytery

Thank you to the small team of people who recently helped with decorating in Sacred Heart Presbytery. We are now ready to move onto another room (which has not been decorated for at least 20 years!). If you are able to come along to strip some wallpaper, please come to the Presbytery this Wednesday from 9.30am onwards. We have some steamers but if you could bring some hand held scrappers, that would be helpful.

### Old £1.00 Coins and "Paper" Five Pound Notes

If you have any old £1.00 coins and/or £5.00 notes and are not able to get to a bank to cash them in, please consider giving them to the Parish to help with ongoing maintenance of our buildings.

#### Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October	Squash and long life fruit juice

### KSC Quiz in Aid of Parish Maintenance Fund

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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@bopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@bopenworld.com). We hope you can join us.

## **Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue**

There will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December please email the Foodbank ([warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk)). Thank you.

## **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*

## **Saturday Night is Movie Night – Churchill (Cert. PG)**

Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart Church Hall, the doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. 96 hours before the World War II invasion of Normandy, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill struggles with reservations with Operation Overlord and his increasingly marginalised role in the war effort. Starring Brian Cox. Free entry, usual refreshments available.

## **Off The Rails**

Christmas shopping comes to Sacred Heart Church Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.15pm. Evie Bleau (formerly Occasions Boutique) brings Oxford Street to Southend. Come and enjoy a cheese and wine party with your friends and secure your loved ones Christmas pressies! Entry £2.50 which includes a raffle ticket and your chance of winning a £10 voucher towards your purchases. All profits go to the church maintenance fund.

For tickets to either event or to request a lift to the film, please speak to Sandy or Liam, ring Liam 07952 954833 or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## **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.

## **First Holy Communion 2018 – Next Sunday is the Closing Date for Applications!**

Application forms are available in the porch. The closing date for applications is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The initial parent's meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

## **Faith Study Group**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

## **St John Fisher 50th Anniversary Commemorative Chalice**

A total of £500.00 has now been raised for our chalice. In the porch are details of a variety of chalices and we invite you to vote for your choice. 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.

## **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, flannels and sweets (NOT chocolate). If you can't do a whole box please donate these items or some money. See the leaflets in the porch. Boxes are needed by mid November. Please see Karen or Helen at St John Fisher or Madeleine Herman, Marie Lang or Maria Tighe at Sacred Heart.

## **A Retreat Day for Advent – "Christmas for Grown-ups"**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 3.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. This will be led by Magdalen Houlihan. Bring your own lunch – drinks provided. No need to book – just turn up! There is no charge, but donation towards the cost will be requested.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

## Next Parish Magazine

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

## CAFOD Brentwood Memorial Mass – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am

At Brentwood Cathedral and celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams sm. All are welcome, whether to remember fellow CAFOD supporters or members of your own family, friends and community who've passed away. A Book of Remembrance will be presented and blessed by Bishop Alan – you are very welcome to add names (even if you can't attend the Mass). Please e-mail [brentwood@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brentwood@cafod.org.uk) or ring 01277 218730.

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

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Lourdes 2018 for Young People (Year 10 and above)-22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

For those wishing to book a place we are now taking applications and will continue to take do so until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Places will then be allocated to ensure young people from as many schools and parishes are able to enjoy this pilgrimage. For details, prices and to apply please visit [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net).

## Advent Retreat, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Walsingham House

For those in school years 11-13. This will be our last retreat at Canvey Island so will be an extra special way to start the Advent season. Please find more details and book online at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

## Celebrating the Work of the Holy Spirit, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## St Thomas More Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

6.00pm to 9.00pm. For families who have pupils – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school. Come and visit the school, meet the staff and current sixth form students and tour the school.

## Friends of Nazareth House Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

This will be held at Nazareth House from 10.45am. All welcome!

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## Money

Offertory – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

£1058.22

World Mission Day

£364.10

There will be a second collection next weekend for Let the Children Live!

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## Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Obinna (Kenneth) Chima who was baptised last weekend.

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## Pat Callaghan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Callaghan who died on 19<sup>th</sup> October. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am at Sacred Heart.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Percy Chappell, Ellen Hawes, James Cuffe, Irene Ojah, Eric Marshall, Christina Dear, Nora Hayes, James English, Monica Hardwick, Mary Waskett, Fr George Steadman, Fr Stephen Wyatt, Fr William Loveland, Rose Sexton, Joe Finnerty, Vincent Hughes, Canon Thomas Bishop, Daniel Shea, Alfred Carter, Felicia O'Connor, Lydia Davis, Bernard Denny, Anthony Hayward, Derek Stone, Cyril Humphris, Derek Keeble, Kathleen Coe, Canon Richard Gay, Thomas Murphy, Teresa Duggans, James Patrick O'Reilly, Mary Wrangham, Walter Connelly, Alice Susannah Connor, Barbara Faccini, Alice Pierce, John Queen, Lilley Sullivan and Michael Sammon.

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

<b>Masses and Services</b>		<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Thomas and Angie Carroll RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Rupert Lloyd</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Intentions of Nocola, Jon, Alfie and Henry Cook</i>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	9.00am <i>Mrs Mary Adams RIP</i>	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Feria		9.30am <i>Robert Sobola RIP</i>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	All Saints	9.30am ( <i>with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School</i> ) <i>Intentions of Eileen Dennison</i>	7.30pm <i>Canon Peter Gilbert RIP</i>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls	6.30pm <i>Deceased Parishioners, relatives and friends</i>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	St Martin de Porres	9.00am <i>Bridget Veronica Loeffler RIP</i>	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Charles Borromeo	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Msgr Augustina Hoey RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Peter Spencer RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Intentions of Jackie and John Lovett</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 29<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)**

**Entrance Antiphon** **Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; tune to the Lord and his strength; constantly see his face.**

**First Reading** Exodus 22:20-26

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

**Response** **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

- 1 I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.
- 2 Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

**Gospel Acclamation** **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Matthew 22:34-40

**Communion Antiphon** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God

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

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Psalm 130

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12