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PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th November 2017 – Thirty First Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

In the Gospel today we are given the first part of very harsh words which Jesus delivered against the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Jesus's language shocks people. Is this the gentle Jesus who commands us to love our enemies? The prophets also used harsh language to call to account those who were destroying the moral fabric of their society. Their words were spoken out of love in order to bring healing to a diseased body. The words of judgement were meant to save. Why is hypocrisy such a dangerous vice? Because it corrupts. It is corrupting when religious leaders do not practice what they preach. Jesus's answer to this dilemma is simple, change your way of thinking. 'The greatest among you must be your servant.' Be humble as he was humble and let God do the exalting.

Fr Graham

Let the Children Live! Second Collection This Weekend

This 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 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 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

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.

Blessing of the Graves – Next Sunday!

This will take place on Sunday 12th November at Sutton Road Cemetery. It will start at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross and be followed by the blessing of individual graves.

Votive Candles at Sacred Heart

Please only place votive candles in the round "holders" on the stand. To place them anywhere else (on the rail outside of a "holder" or on the shelf underneath) is a fire risk.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall after Mass next Sunday, to enjoy homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee in aid of our next CAFOD project. Copies of the World Gifts Catalogue will be on the tables, so please do look through them and let us know which gift you would like to select. We look forward to seeing you all.

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 15th January 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. **Please note that in order 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.**

Sacred Heart Hall – Replacement of the Floor

The work has now been completed and the hall can be used but still needs to be cleaned. 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.

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 th -5 th November	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	11 th and 12 th November	Squash and long life fruit juice

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.

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.

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*

Off The Rails – Wednesday 22nd November at 7.15pm

Christmas shopping comes to Sacred Heart Church Hall. Evie Bleau (formerly Occasions Boutique) brings Oxford Street to Southend. Come and enjoy a cheese and wine party and secure your loved ones Christmas pressies! Entry £2.50 which includes a raffle ticket (for a £10 voucher). All profits go to the church maintenance fund. Tickets from Sandy or Liam, Liam 07952 954833 or email: 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 6th December at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

First Holy Communion 2018 – Today is the Closing Date for Applications!

Application forms are available in the porch. The closing date for applications is today (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 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 – Deadline – Next Weekend!!!

We are short of children's toothpaste, sweets (NOT chocolate), small toys such as stuffed toys (with CE label), dolls, toy cars, yo-yo, skipping rope, harmonica, small puzzles and small games, etc. All items must be new. If you can't do a whole box please donate these items or donate money towards the shipping. Leaflets are still available in the porch. Deadline for boxes to be in is next weekend 11th/12th November. Please see Karen or Helen at St John Fisher or Madeleine Herman, Marie Lang or Maria Tighe at Sacred Heart. Contact Helen on 300657 or 07926 058977 or Karen on 522300 or 07939268318 if necessary.

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

A Retreat Day for Advent – "Christmas for Grown-ups" – Saturday 18th November

From 10.00am to 3.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall and led by Magdalen Houlihan. Bring your own lunch – drinks provided. No need to book – just turn up! No charge, but a 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 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).

FOSH - Beetle Bingo Night - Friday 10th November at 7.00pm

In the school hall. £5 per adult £3 child, this includes either a jacket potato or hotdog. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. All proceeds to Sacred Heart School. Please see Michelle Truter-Banks 0798242961.

CAFOD Brentwood Memorial Mass – Thursday 9th November at 9.15am

At Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome. You are welcome to add names to the Book of Remembrance (even if you can't attend the Mass) - e-mail brentwood@cafod.org.uk or ring 01277 218730.

St Thomas More Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 23rd 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 25th November

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

Songs from the Musicals With Elizabeth Upsher – Saturday 18th November

In aid of "Serving the Homeless" at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Joseph Parish Centre, Leigh-on-Sea from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. Tickets at £12.00 each available from Theresa, 335122, Jo, 474062 or Linda, 558217. An Italian Buffet Supper is included - please bring your own drinks.

Healing Mass of The Family Tree

At Our Lady of Canvey Church (224 Long Road, Canvey Island SS8 0JS) on Tuesday 14th November starting with Rosary at 7pm & Mass at 7.30pm. Details from 01268 682 599 or ourladyofcanvey@gmail.com.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 29th October

£1250.87

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Rupert Lloyd who was baptised last weekend.

Pat Callaghan RIP

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

Joyce Sinclair-McCall RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Sinclair-McCall who died on 30th October. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 21st November at 11.40am at Southend Crematorium.

Bob Stephens RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Stephens who died on 3rd November. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Verena White RIP

Please pray for the soul of Verena White who died on 23rd October. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Joseph Herinsky, Cyril Godfrey, John O'Brien, Elizabeth McCormack, William McCarthy, Fr Brian Galvin, Elsie White, Maureen O'Connell, Bertha Frazer, Alice Adams, Reginald Cook, James Griffin, Eileen Conway, John Slattery, George Bliss, Reg Cook, Rene Biddlecombe, Mary Mavis Smith, Martha Sutton, Cardinal John Heenan, Christopher William McHugo, Thomas Gallimore, Faith Sams, Lilian Bakanowski, Fr William Philpot, Albert Taylor, Henry Scott, Edith Barry, Brian Alley, Deacon Norman Wiseman and Anita Aitkin.

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, Geraldine Stephens, Patricia Walford, Jenny Warren and Monty Wood.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 4th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 5th November	Thirtieth First in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Peter Spencer RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Jackie and John Lovett</i>
Monday 6 th November	Feria	9.00am <i>John J Hopkins RIP</i>	
Tuesday 7 th November	Feria		9.30am <i>Dennis Collingwood RIP</i>
Wednesday 8 th November	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>) 10.45am Requiem Mass <i>Pat Callaghan RIP</i>	
Thursday 9 th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	6.30pm <i>Fransisca Nwabuok RIP</i>	
Friday 10 th November	St Leo the Great	9.00am <i>Bridget Hopkins RIP</i>	
Saturday 11th November	St Martin of Tours	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday 11th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 12th November	Thirty Second in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Miya Igho</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Laura Pearson</i>
		3.00pm Blessing of the Graves at Sutton Road Cemetery	

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 5th November – 31st Sunday of the Year (A)

Entrance Antiphon Forsake me not, O Lord my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Psalms 130 **Response** **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

- 1 O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty in my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.
- 2 Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Communion Antiphon You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 62:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13