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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (A)  
Remembrance Sunday**



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

### **Dear Friends.**

As we come closer to the end of the church's year our readings focus on the second coming of Christ. Jesus promised that he would return and when he does he wanted us to be ready to receive him. Jesus is the bridegroom who wants to marry the church at the end of time. Jesus often spoke in parables and today we hear of the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins. The former are ready for the bridegroom when he comes; the latter are not. We have no idea when Christ will come to gather us to himself: so we must be ready- through prayer, the sacraments, and forgiveness. Are you ready?

**Fr Graham**

### **Blessing of the Graves – Today (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November) – Sutton Road Cemetery**

It will start at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross and be followed by the blessing of individual graves. If don't have your red votive candle to bring along, please collect one after Mass. Fr Gerry Drummond will be blessing graves at Hall Road Cemetery in Rochford at the same time.

### **Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher**

Please join us in the hall after Mass today, to enjoy homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee in aid of our Parish Maintenance Fund.

### **Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy**

Fr Graham and many other local clergy will be concelebrating a Mass for deceased clergy this coming Wednesday at 10.00am at Nazareth House. Everyone is welcome to this special Mass. Apologies, but there will not be a Mass at Sacred Heart on that day.

### **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. Starting at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross in Sutton Road Cemetery.

### **Thank you from Peter Slattery**

I have now calculated the total amounts raised for the 4 worthy causes I asked you to sponsorship earlier this year:- £576.00 Partially Sighted Society (Havering), £383.00 Sacred Heart, £288.00 Children Society, £250.90 St John Fisher (Total of £1497.90). I will stress again that all monies have been allocated to the specific cause you cause you stated when offering your sponsorship to me. Plus I have not taken any costs from the sponsorship monies either. I am truly amazed at the total this year and I thank you from my heart for your generosity. You have made a difference to people's lives through your support. Thank you and may God bless you. Peter

### **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.

## First Holy Communion Programme – Initial Parent’s Meeting

This important meeting takes place this coming Monday (13<sup>th</sup> November) at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Very important information (including dates of preparation sessions etc) will be given out and so it is vital that all children are represented at the meeting. This is the start of the First Holy Communion Programme and (unless very exceptional circumstances apply) no late applications will be accepted.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Appeals for Volunteers to help our Parish

We need some more volunteers to help with Parish Activities. If you can help with any of the following please contact Fr Graham or Sue in the Parish Office.

### Photography

We would like to get a digital photograph of one of the stained glass windows in Sacred Heart Church. The window is very high up and so the camera would need to have a good zoom lens (we don’t want anyone climbing up to take the picture!).

### People to help with the Sacred Heart Taxi Minibus

Pete Wake is planning on re-starting the mini bus pick-ups for the 11.00am mass at Sacred Heart. (This would reduce the cost as we won’t have to use the taxi firm so often.) To do this he is in need of helpers to assist with the clamping down of the wheelchairs. Depending on how many people volunteer, this could be just a monthly or fortnightly commitment.

### Children’s Liturgy Leaders

Leaders are needed to help with Children’s Liturgy at the Sunday 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart.

### Calligraphy

We need to bring the Parish Memorial Books up to date and are hoping someone with calligraphy skills could do it for us.

## Sacred Heart Hall – New Floor

The work has now been completed. 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> November 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> November	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@btopenworld.com. We hope you can join us.

## Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue

This 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). Thank you.

## Off The Rails – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

## **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.

## **Sacred Heart Repository**

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

## **"Brave the Shave" for Macmillan Cancer Support**

Anita Chaplin will be shaving her head for Macmillan during the Sacred Heart Coffee Morning next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> November). Please come along and support her.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal**

The deadline for boxes to be in is this weekend 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November. There are boxes which were given out wrapped not yet returned, if you took one please ensure it is returned. If you have not bought your box today please contact one of us to arrange collection/delivery ASAP. If you would still like to help, a donation towards the shipping costs would be very much appreciated. 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. Thank you.

## **Next Parish Magazine – This Weekend is the Deadline for Articles**

Speak to Liam, Paul or Sandy, phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## **A Retreat Day for Advent – "Christmas for Grown-ups" – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Some Future Dates.....**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – FOSH Christmas Fayre – 12.15pm to 3.15pm in Sacred Heart School

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Sing-a-Long in St John Fisher Hall.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Holy Hour for Vocations at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols by Candlelight at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church, followed by refreshments in the hall.

## **FOSH - Beetle Bingo Night - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Parish Newsletter**

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to [parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk) quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

## **Catholic Marriage Convalidation**

If you got married in a civil ceremony and would like to investigate having your marriage fully recognised by the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Graham.

## **Parish Mass Books, Hymn Books, etc.**

If you have inadvertently taken home any of the books that belong in the church, please return them. A few seem to have gone missing.

## **Church Kneelers**

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

## **Parking at St John Fisher**

When parking at St John Fisher, please ensure that you do not park outside the Church fire escape ramp or in front of the Presbytery garage.

## **CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue**

To see a selection of unusual Christmas presents, please take a CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue home.

## **Songs from the Musicals With Elizabeth Upsher – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Abbotswick – Mass for the Holy Souls**

In particular remembrance of those whose ashes are interred and those who are remembered with plaques and memorials at Abbotswick, Mass will be offered at **2.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, in our "building works chapel" in the coach house at Abbotswick (Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH). The Mass will be followed by tea and cakes. All are welcome, and if you would like to stroll the grounds before Mass, please feel welcome 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](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## **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!

## **Healing Mass of The Family Tree**

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

## **Pilgrimage to Knock**

Inaugural Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, from 28<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 course dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Programme of prayer time, Masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. Sightseeing trips to Ballintubber Abbey and other sights in County Mayo. Details from 01268 762278 or [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

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## **Money**

Offertory – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Let the Children Live!

£1132.35  
£1950.21

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

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

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## **Joyce Sinclair-McCall RIP**

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

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## **Bob Stephens RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Stephens who died on 3rd November. His Funeral Service will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

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## **Verena White RIP**

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

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Martha Whiting, Patricia Atkins, Barbara Meadows, Charles Clark, Mary Richmond, Mary Murray, Canon Denis Petry, Margaret Broaderick, Domenico Sorrentino, Anne Marie Walsh, Henry Mahoney, Gladys Deed, Victor Ravinet, Mary Corbett, Fr Terry Howes, Maria Hayward, Sid Sullivan, Mary Griffiths, Fr James Allis, Bernard Arther Payne, Donal Quinn, John Boland, Daniel Mills, Agnes Allen, Kathleen Catton, Cecil O'Callaghan, Phyllis Banks, Joan Davis and Joan Clark.

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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, George Richards, Jane Richardson, Anita Rogers, Geraldine Scraggs, Kaisha Secre, Francoise Simpson, Jane Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Geraldine Stephens, Patricia Walford, Jenny Warren and Monty Wood.

