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PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th November 2017 – Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear Friends

In our Gospel today Jesus reminds us that we should be watchful for when he comes again. In the parable of the talents he spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God given ability. Each of us have been given talents for the building up of God's kingdom and God gives us these talents to use them not waste them. Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.

Fr Graham

"Brave the Shave" for Macmillan Cancer Support

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

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.

National Youth Sunday

Next Sunday is the day particularly dedicated by the Church in England and Wales to pray for and encourage our young people. Please look at www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk for more information. Young people of all ages are warmly invited to share their views with Pope Francis in preparation for the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment taking place in September 2018. To do this, please visit www.youth.synod2018.va where there is excellent content, and an online questionnaire – deadline for responses is November 30th 2017. For everything going on in the Diocese look at www.bcys.net where online applications for our Advent Retreat 2017 and Summer Lourdes 2018 are open.

Fundraising for the Parish Maintenance Fund

Christmas Raffle

On sale from next weekend at £1 per ticket with a wonderful array of prizes including tickets to the Cliffs Pavilion and a hamper from Waitrose. The full list of prizes will be displayed at the back of the church. The draw will take place immediately following the Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 17th December, during the refreshments in the Church Hall. Please give as generously as you can – thank you.

Coffee Morning - Bring and Buy Sales

Every Sunday after 9.00am Mass at St. John Fisher Church Hall, from Sunday 26th November to Sunday 17th December. Christmas cards, decorations, presents and more! Christmas hamper raffle which will be drawn on the last Sunday before Christmas. **Bring some good quality items and buy some too!!!**

Off The Rails – Wednesday 22nd November at 7.15pm – Cancelled!

Apologies, but this has been cancelled due to lack of support.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue

This 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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 nd and 3 rd December	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	18 th and 19 th November	Long life fruit juice (The Foodbank is very low on this item!)

200 Club Winners for October

Congratulations to our winners 1st Prize – No. 48 – Robin Gibson - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 16 – Peter Hopkins - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 88 – Maureen Vacquier - £10. You've got to be in it to win it!

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 6th 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.

Some Future Dates.....

Sunday 3rd December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – 12.15pm to 3.15pm in Sacred Heart School

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 in the hall.

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

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue

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

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!

Pilgrimage to Knock

Inaugural Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, from 28th May to 2nd June 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Details from 01268 762278 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Concert for Bosco in aid of the SVP St John Bosco children's camp.

Saturday 3rd February - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Wine and refreshments included. Advance tickets £8; on the door £11. Bookings on 07957 382592 kings & concert programme details: www.concertforbosco.com

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society)

The next meeting will take place at 2.30pm on Saturday 2 December at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY. Tony Galcius (Chairman of the Society) will speak on 'The Holy Graffiti in the Tower of London.' All are welcome.

Meeting the Living God Seminar "The Advent Journey"

Delivered by Bishop Alan Williams,sm on Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Tel. 01277 265285 Email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BCCS Ladies' Christmas Luncheon – Friday 8th December

12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Two course lunch with tea & coffee in a private room over-looking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 – book on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk.

Healing Mass - Note the New Time!

Friday 1st December at 2.00pm at St Mary Immaculate & The Holy Archangels, Kelvedon. Bus stop 30 minutes from the church and train station (Kelvedon) less than a mile away. Parking available on streets around the church. Refreshments available after Mass. For more information please contact Angie Hart on 07719-577923 or email mahart66@outlook.com. All welcome!

Money

Offertory – Sunday 12th November 2017

£1123.15

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Maya Igho who was baptised last weekend.

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. His Funeral Service will be on Monday 27th November 2017 at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Verena White RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Verena White who died on 23rd October. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 22nd November at 11.00am at Nazareth House.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Edmund Butt, Rose Henry, John Robert Bell, Joan O'Neill, Kathleen Morton, Doris Manning, Robert Coundon, Winifred Smith, Fr John Harden, Peter Spencer, Joyce Emily Keningale, Grace Yale, Brendan Horan, Mary Frances Grecourt, Cyril Hull, Vera Bracken, Jack Milton, Chrissie Healy, Jane Pattison, Doris Stanley, Leslie Francis, Thomas O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fearne, Peter Murphy, Stefania Miedzinska, Clarence Godfrey, Thomas Cooper, Mgr Edward Watson, Canon Martin Hancock and Sarah Button.

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, Kevin Cossey, 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 Gooze, 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, 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 18th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Bridget Cummings RIP</i>	
Sunday 19th November	Thirty Third Second in Ordinary Time (A)	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Peter Spencer RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Lucas Barrow</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 20 th November	Feria	9.00am <i>George Coffi RIP</i>	
Tuesday 21 st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		9.30am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Wednesday 22 th November	St Cecelia	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>) 12 noon <i>Carli Lansley RIP</i>	
Thursday 23 rd November	St Clement	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Monty Wood</i>	
Friday 24 th November	St Andrew Dung Lac	9.00am <i>Miki Lovas RIP</i>	
Saturday 25th November	St Catherine of Alexandria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Lola Collingwood RIP</i>
Saturday 25th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Bernadette Dunne RIP</i>	
Sunday 26th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Private Intentions of Gloria Creasey</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</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 19th November – 33rd Sunday of the Year (A)

Entrance Antiphon The Lord said: **I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm 127:1-5 Response V 1 Response O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

- 1 O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.
- 2 Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.
- 3 Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Communion To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

Antiphon

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel: 34: 11-12, 15-17

Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 response v 1

1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46