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PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th November 2017 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Dear Friends

Today, the last Sunday in the liturgical year, we celebrate and confess Christ as our king. The readings invite us to reflect on the kind of king Christ is and what it means for us to truly say that we belong to his kingdom. To belong to the kingdom of God specific actions mentioned are (i) feeding the hungry, (ii) giving drink to the thirsty, (iii) clothing the naked, (iv) sheltering the homeless, (v) visiting those in prison, and (vi) taking care of the sick. Add (vii) burying the dead, and you have the traditional Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. The Final Judgment on whether we are true Christians or not, whether we belong to the kingdom of Christ or not, will be based on whether or not we have done the corporal works of mercy. This is our number one moral obligation both as individual men and women and as a family of believers.



Fr Graham

National Youth Sunday

Today 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.

Sacred Heart Coffee Morning in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund

After the 11.00am Mass this weekend. Come along and enjoy a bacon roll, a cuppa and a wonderful raffle.

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.

Thank you from Mary Callaghan

Mary Callaghan and family would like to thank Fr Graham for a lovely service for Pat. Thanks also to Lucy and the choir and all those who sent cards, Mass cards, condolences and donations for the Sacred Heart hall floor in memory of Pat.

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	25 th and 26 th November 9 th and 10 th December	UHT/Long Life Milk

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

Fantastic news to follow next weekend!

Parish Maintenance Fund

Christmas Raffle at Sacred Heart

On sale from this weekend at £1 per ticket. 1st Prize – Waitrose Christmas Hamper; 2nd Prize – Cliffs Pavilion Theatre Tickets; 3rd Prize – Half Case of Wine; 4th Prize - £25 Voucher for Marks & Spencer; 5th Prize – Quality Boxed Dressed Doll; 6th Prize – 2 Bottles of Wine; 7th Prize – 2 Bottles of Wine; 8th Prize – 2 Bottles of Wine; 9th Prize – Luxury Christmas Pudding; 10th Prize – Luxury Christmas Pudding. The full list of prizes will also 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 at St John Fisher

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!!!** If you knit, or make other handicrafts, why not make something to be sold at one of these Bring and Buy Sales?

Thank you from the KSC

My thanks to all who supported the Knights of St. Columba quiz evening at St. John Fisher Hall. A total of £424.82 was raised which will go to assist in paying for necessary improvements to both Church Halls. *Brian Dillon*

Sacred Heart Hall – New Floor

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the cost of the new floor. £1,766 has been raised so far but there is still a long way to go. Please make any donations you can – members of the Gift Aid scheme are asked to use one of the spare envelopes.

Please Consider Leaving Some Money to the Parish in your Will

Our Parish is a charity and we have to fund everything (eg heating, lighting, insurance, candles, altar wine, taxi mini bus, newsletter printing etc etc) ourselves. We get no help from the Government or the Diocese. All of these costs are rising and so we need to increase our income. Please consider leaving a legacy to the Parish in your Will.

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

Christmas Sing a Long and Celebration.

On Sunday 10th December at St John Fisher Hall. Starting at 7.00pm we have the talents of St John Fisher Folk Choir. The Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish players will then tell the story of 'Silent Night' and animate the Classic Poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas'. With Christmas Carols to sing along with, you are invited to enjoy a celebration of Christmas. There will also be a raffle. All money will go to Brentwood Children's Society. Please bring your own drinks & nibbles. Contact Theresa Donaghy 07956628213 for any enquiries.

Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us on Sunday evening (17th December) at 6.00pm for a traditional service of Carols and readings at Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments will be provided in the hall afterwards.

Sacred Heart Big Church Clean for Christmas

This will take place on Friday 22nd December from 9.30am (straight after the 9.00am Mass). Please come along to help if you possibly can – many hands make light work!

Children's Nativity

The children's nativity play will form part of the Children's Mass at **6.00pm** on Christmas Eve at St John Fisher. Application forms for children wanting to act in the nativity are available in the church porches. The closing date is Sunday 10th December. The rehearsal is on Sunday 17th December, straight after the 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher Church.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" stickers

A supply of 'Keep Christ in Christmas' envelope stickers provided free by the Knights of St Columba are available for you to take home to put onto the front of Christmas card envelopes. Please take some to be used for your Christmas card postings. Thank you to the parish for your continued support throughout the year.

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.

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.**

Children's Christmas Matinee: Despicable Me 3 (Cert. U)

After he is fired from the Anti-Villain League for failing to take down the latest bad guy to threaten humanity, Gru finds himself in the midst of a major identity crisis. But when a mysterious stranger shows up to inform Gru that he has a long-lost twin brother -- a brother who desperately wishes to follow in his twin's despicable footsteps -- one former super-villain will rediscover just how good it feels to be bad.

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 8th December in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3:30pm for a 4pm screening. Free Entry – Tickets available from Robin Gibson. Usual refreshments available. Santa may visit good 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.

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 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.

Monday 18th December – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 8.00pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh

Thursday 21st December Deanery Reconciliation Service at 7.00pm at St Helen's, Westcliff

Friday 29th December – Mass for Vocations – 12 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea

Come and Pray for Vocations... Deanery Vocations Holy Hour - Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart

This year the Diocese of Brentwood celebrates its centenary. In honour of this milestone, the Vocations office has planned to host a Holy Hour in all 12 deaneries within the Diocese, one for every month in 2017.

All are welcome to the Holy Hour, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those who are and support them. This event will have a Vocations testimony from Fr Graham Smith who is our Vocations Director. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards.

For more information on Brentwood Vocations follow us on Twitter and Facebook (@BrentwoodVocs) or visit our website (www.brentwoodvocations.org)

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogue

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

Deanery Orchestra Christmas Concert – Saturday 9th December

From 7.30pm at St. Augustine's Church, St. Augustine's Avenue, Thorpe Bay, SS1 3JH. Tickets £5 each (16 and under FREE) to include refreshments, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets from 07810 707910, thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com or at the door on the evening.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick – Fundraising Appeal

Thank you for your great generosity to the appeal. So far over £185,000 has been raised but there is still a long way to go to reach the £430,000 needed, so if you are able to donate please visit www.bcys.net/abbotswick or send a cheque payable to "Abbotswick Funding" to Fr Dominic Howarth, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Near Brentwood, Essex CM14 5SH. There will be an open afternoon on Saturday 13th January 2018 for anyone who would like to visit and see the completed refurbishments.

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

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.

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society)

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

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 at Rochford

Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm - at St Teresa's Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, SS4 1RF. Mass with laying on of hands and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Come and pray for a loved one and receive the gentle touch of Jesus's healing love. All very welcome.

Healing Mass at Kelvedon

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!

Mass for Travellers – 2.30pm Saturday 24th February at Westminster Cathedral

Celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities. Details available from Fr Dan Mason, National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers - 01277 624891.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 19th November 2017

£1045.14

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Lucas Barrow who was baptised last weekend.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Shanan Volney and Craig Doyle who were married last weekend.

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.

George Richards RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Richards who died recently. 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: Thomas Maher, George Sexton, Catherine Apperly, Kathleen Jackson, Beryl Jones, Lily Mahoney, Fr Anthony Robson, Sydney Strivens, Fr John Aydon, Charles Taylor, Jean Shephard, Mary O'Brien, George Penna, Tony Di Mambro, Stewart MacDonald, Kathleen Gnosill, Fr Francis Branney, Kenneth Perry, Cyril Marsh, Joseph Finnerty, James Lynch, Joan Dine and John McTernan.

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 Googe, Paul Gunn, Kenneth Hayter, 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, Geraldine Stephens, Patricia Walford, Jenny Warren and Monty Wood.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 27 th November	Feria	9.00am <i>Tom McCleverty RIP</i> 11.00am Funeral Service <i>Bob Stephens RIP</i>	
Tuesday 28 st November	Feria		9.30am <i>Intentions of Jenny Warren</i>
Wednesday 29 th November	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i> 12 noon <i>Pierre and Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	
Thursday 30 th November	St Andrew	6.30pm <i>Ken Rand RIP</i>	
Friday 1 st December	Feria	9.00am <i>Gerald Carroll RIP</i>	
Saturday 2nd December	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Florence McCann</i>
Saturday 2nd December	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 3rd December	First Sunday of Advent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Gloria Smith RIP</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 26th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, The King

Entrance Antiphon How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to received power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading Ezekiel: 34: 11-12, 15-17

Psalms 22:1-3, 5-6 response v 1 **Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
- 2 Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28**

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 25: **31-46**

Communion The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Antiphon

Next Sunday's Readings:
Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
Psalms 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 response v4

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Mark 13:33-37