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PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th January 2018 – Second Sunday of the Year (B)

My dear friends

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another person is our ears. If people could listen to each other the world would be a safer and healthier place. But it's dangerous to listen: you will be invited to share pains as well as joys; you will be disturbed as well as enriched; you will meet people, rather than just be acquainted.

God invites us to meet him, too. And to meet God is to be changed.

In our Gospel today two disciples follow Jesus but they didn't know what to expect; he asked them what they wanted, and they said "Rabbi, where do you live?" It might seem an odd question, but it was perhaps a way of saying that they didn't quite know what they wanted but that in meeting Jesus in his own place they hoped to find whatever it was that they had to find. And they did. They stayed with him and listened. Because they were open to hearing his voice they found what they were looking for. Let us accept our Lord's invitation to stay with him and listen.

Father Graham

First Formal Proposal for the Renewal & Restructuring of Our Diocese

The first of our meetings to discuss the proposal takes place today (Sunday 14th January) straight after the 9.00am Mass in St John Fisher Hall.

The second meeting will be next Sunday (21st January) in Sacred Heart Hall straight after the 11.00am Mass

If you have not had a chance to read the "First Formal Proposal for the Renewal & Restructuring of Our Diocese" it is available at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/.) The message from Bishop Alan can be found at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop/.

Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers

Congratulations to our Altar Servers who will be renewing their promises during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses next weekend.

First Holy Communion Children

Today we welcome our First Holy Communion children who will play a special part in the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart.

Changes to Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and Services this week – please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us today in the hall, after Mass, for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and filter coffee in aid of the parish maintenance fund. We look forward to seeing you all.

Appeal for Raffle Prizes and Bring and Buy Sale Items

If you have any items you wish to donate, please give them to an usher at Sacred Heart or place in the box under the repository at St John Fisher. The items will be used for fundraising towards the Parish Maintenance Fund.

RCIA

For those wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, RCIA will continue this coming Thursday at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

St John Fisher Eucharistic Ministers

Will all Ministers please read the instructions on the back of the new rotas. If you have any queries, please discuss with Brian or Karen.

Baptism Preparation Course – Tomorrow – Monday 15th January

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.**

December's 200 Club Result

Congratulations to: Shelagh Gallagher (No. 91) - £30; Gerald Cronin (No. 103) - £15 & Richard Briggs (No. 26) - £10.

Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue – Saturday 3rd February

We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm. If you can help at the store at this time, please e-mail the parish office (parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk). Alternatively, if you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time during that day, 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 February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	13 th and 14 th January 20 th and 21 st January	Tinned puddings and tinned custard

St John Fisher Children's Liturgy

The number of children attending each Sunday has been steadily reducing year on year. Appeals for volunteers to take sessions have rarely borne fruit. The planning and preparation still has to be done and takes time regardless of numbers in attendance. It is with regret that the decision has been made to reduce the frequency of the children's liturgy sessions. Generally, they will be held on the first and third Sunday's each month although this may change depending on school holidays and the church calendar. We will give notice in the newsletter of when it will be held and hope that we will not have to stop providing this valuable opportunity altogether. We will continue to review the provision of the liturgy sessions according to numbers of children who attend. The following sessions have been planned - 21st January, 4th and 18th February, 4th and 18th March.

Karen, Helen, Halina and Julie

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers

At St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree on Saturday 10th March at 11.00am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. All welcome. Please email to becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 28th February if you and your priest wish to attend.

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) Meeting

At The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 27th January at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Rev. Dr Ken Carleton (Permanent Deacon, Elm Park) on 'Cardinal Pole and the Progress of the Catholic Reformation.' All are welcome.

Mass for the Sick at Brentwood Cathedral

At 3.00pm on Sunday 4th February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received.

"Understanding the Creed"

On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Rosary Procession Vigil - Marie Stopes - Buckhurst Hill

Led by Fr Jacob Hausman CFR, on Saturday 20th January, at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557/559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. Mass will begin at 9am after which we will begin our Rosary Procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes, Buckhurst Hill, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. At approximately 12 noon we return to St. Thomas' for refreshments. For further details tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Message from the Good Counsel Network

The pro-abortion group, Sister Supporter, from Ealing, have announced on their Facebook page that the Cabinet of the local Council will announce their decision regarding what to do about Pro-Life vigils in the borough, on Tuesday 16th January. The Council would like to move our small, daily vigil from outside the abortion centre in Mattock Lane. This could seriously hamper our attempts to offer help and support to hundreds of women who are being forced to have abortions by their difficult circumstances or boyfriends/family etc. Please say the Rosary today and each day leading up to and including the 16th January, praying a Rosary Novena for the protection of our Peaceful, Prayerful Pro-Life vigil in Ealing. If for some reason you are unable to say the Rosary each day during this period, would you at least say the Prayer to St. Michael, as there is a plaque of him on the outside of the centre. On our website, you will find some short videos with some of the mothers who have been helped by our vigils: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/default.html> Please come and join us in prayer at our vigils: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Abortion--Clinic--Vigils.html>

“Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls, Amen.”

World Meeting of Families - Dublin, 21st – 26th August 2018

For families to come together celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Details from www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ A substantial bursary is available for one family from the south east. Details from marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date = 31st January.

Race Night and Social in aid of BEEF Organised by the KSC

Profits to the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund (BEEF) for the training of new priests in our diocese. On Saturday 27th January at the Mazenod Hall, St Peter's, Eastwood. 6.30pm for 7pm start. Entry is £1 – please book with Damian Dillon on 07887 678741 or damian.dillon@btinternet.com. Refreshments available.

Evening for Young People - Wednesday 7th February, 6.30pm, Brentwood

For young people aged 14-25, with Barry and Margaret Mizen speaking at 6.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral, then the BCYS monthly Youth Mass at 8.00pm. Come and hear a story of amazing forgiveness and hope. Come and be introduced to SiLent. Come and enjoy the company of young people from across the Diocese. Pizza and drinks provided. If you are bringing a group please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org. If you want to know more about SiLent please visit www.millionminutes.org/brentwood

Money

Offertory – Sunday 7th January 2018

£1065.70

There will be a second collection this weekend for Pax Christi.

Kevin Cossey RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kevin Cossey who died on 28th December. His funeral service will be on Tuesday 16th January at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; for Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Julie Borg, Barbara Briggs, David Bunce, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Jenny Chappell, Paul Clark, Chris Coath, Ann Cummings, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, (baby) Harleigh Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Katie Fitzpatrick, Dorothy George, 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, “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, Jane Smart, Michael Smith, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Geraldine Stephens, Patricia Walford, Jenny Warren and Monty Wood.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Harriet Poole, Leo Phoenix, Daniel Linehan, Reginald Ray, Reginald Ray, Eileen Laing, Canon John Bloomfield, Eleanor (Mary) Ford, William Robertson, Olive Curtis, Mary Sherlock, Dolores Barrett, John Crump, Kathleen Portsmouth, Rosanna Wheaton, Arthur McKenna, Mary Crighton, Rosa Szentes, Mrs V Partington, Stanley Knowler, Emily Marler, Mary Braddon, Patrick Maloney, Kate Clarke, Alfred Cook, Zoe Smith, Ernest Cootes, Catherine Mallon, Albert Blackwell, Walter Dennis, Canon Francis Dobson, Marjorie Scott and Winifred Hawkins.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 13^h January	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 14th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Pierre and Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Monday 15 th January	Feria	9.00am <i>John and Lilian Sullivan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 16 th January	Feria	11.00am Funeral Service with Communion <i>Kevin Cossey RIP</i>	9.30am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 th January	St Anthony, Abbott	9.00am Mass <i>Deceased relatives of the Wood and Cornish families</i> 10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>)	
Thursday 18 th January	St Wulstan	6.30pm <i>Pat Callaghan RIP</i>	
Friday 19 th January	St Sebastian	9.00am <i>Maureen O'Connell RIP</i>	
Saturday 20th January	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Saturday 20th January	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Gerald Sullivan RIP</i>	
Sunday 21st January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Barbara McHugo RIP</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 14th January - Second Sunday of the Year (B) 5.30pm and 9.00am Masses

Entrance Antiphon All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading **1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19**

Psalms 29:2, 4, 7-10 response vv8,9 **Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

- 1 I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God
- 2 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim, Instead, here am I.
- 3 In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your laws in the depth of my heart.
- 4 Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

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

Gospel **John 1:35-42**

Communion Antiphon You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Next Sunday's Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 24:4-9

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1: 14-20