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PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st January 2018 – Third Sunday of the Year (B)

My dear friends

In our Gospel today we hear Jesus calling four of his disciples. We are followers of a religion first of all because we are the followers of a person. As Jesus himself put it: 'come, follow **me**'. And what was true for the four can in some measure be applied also to us. It is Jesus who takes the initiative, there is no explanation or speculation as to why he should have chosen those four, and no attempt is made to try and explain their unhesitating response to the call. Their response is definitely immediate and far-reaching. The first pair, Simon and Andrew, promptly leave their nets, their occupation, to follow Jesus, and in the case of James and John they not only leave their nets but also their father to follow Jesus. The four, we might say, were captivated. They were literally among fishing nets when Jesus drew them out from their accustomed lives. We also were called personally, and we responded to the one who called us and continues to call us throughout a lifetime who still invites us to be converted and believe in the gospel. *Father Graham*

First Formal Proposal for the Renewal & Restructuring of Our Diocese

The second of our meetings to discuss the proposal takes place today (Sunday 21st January) straight after the 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Hall. If you have not had a chance to read the Proposal it is available at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development.

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.

Appeal for Raffle Prizes and Bring and Buy Sale Items

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

KSC Charity Breakfast in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund

The Knights of Saint Columba are hosting a charity breakfast in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund at Sacred Heart Church Hall on Saturday 10th February – doors open 9.30am for 10.00am start. Cereal, toast, orange Juice, bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, tomatoes, beans and of course tea or coffee and a guest speaker – all for £5. Tickets available from Liam or Sandy, liam.rand@btopenworld.com or 07952 954833. If you have specific dietary requirements please let us know when buying your tickets. Come and enjoy a wonderful morning with friends and raise money to support our beautiful churches...

Some Future Dates.....

- .. Ash Wednesday – 14th February. Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher.
- ... Deanery Lent Reconciliation Service – Monday 12th March at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm
- .. Palm Sunday – Sunday 25th March
- ... Easter Sunday – Sunday 1st April
- ... Ascension of the Lord, **Holyday of Obligation** - Thursday 10th May - Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher.
- ... Confirmations – Sunday 20th May
- First Holy Communion Masses – Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June – Mass at 2.00pm on both days.
- ... Ss Peter and Paul, **Holyday of Obligation** - Friday 29th June - Mass at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher.

Shroud of Turin Exhibition – Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford

From Monday 5th March to Saturday 10th March. The Church will be open every day from 7.00am until 8.00pm. Mass will be celebrated on the Monday to Friday at 7.30pm. See the poster in the porch, ring 01245 352898 or visit www.shroudofturinexhibition for more details.

Fr Graham is planning to visit the Exhibition on Monday 5th March. If you would like to go with him please either email the Parish Office or put your name and contact details on a piece of paper and put through the Sacred Heart Presbytery letterbox. It is hoped that some people will drive and offer lifts to others who want to go.

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	20 th and 21 st January 27 th and 28 th February	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

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.

Events at Gidea Park

These events 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

"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. Refreshments provided. Admission free.

The Catholic Vision of Marriage – Saturday 17th March

Led by Dr Clare Watkins, Catholic theologian and Reader at the University of Roehampton. Particular attention will be given to Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia. Starting with coffee and ending at 3.00pm. You are invited to bring a packed lunch. Admission free.

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

Spirituality Seminars

"The Mass Explained" - Saturday 10th February - 10.30am-12.00noon. Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon.

"Lent" - Saturday 24th March - 10.30am-12.00noon. Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.

At Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Contact jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 265285.

Praise and Worship Evening

At the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, on Sunday 28th January, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Annual Charity Ball

At The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 10th March. Tickets cost £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Tickets available from Julie 01268 784544, 07912 277413 or jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

St Helen's Catholic Primary School (Canning Town) at 110 years

The school is appealing to all past pupils or their relatives. They are seeking copies of old school photographs, reports and records as part of the preparations for their 110th anniversary. The school is particularly looking for photographs and information from 1907-1941 as original documents were destroyed in the blitz. Please contact 020 7476 1785 or email: info@st-helens.newham.sch.uk.

Hospitality, Retreats and Facilities Co-ordinator Vacancy

Living on site, the person in this full time role will enable the smooth running of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, ensuring a welcoming, safe and Christ-centred environment for all retreatants and visitors. To include leadership of some youth retreats and excellent team working with staff and volunteers. 2 year fixed contract, from August. £18,000pa + accommodation. Details at www.bcys.net/vacancy-abbotswick/

HR/Operations Officer Vacancy, Diocese of Brentwood Finance Office

Payroll experience essential. The role is part-time, working three days a week (21 hours) in the Finance Office, Cathedral House, Brentwood. If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please email finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is Friday 2nd February with interviews during commencing 12th February.

Freelance "Casual Contract" Proofreader Vacancy - Missio

The role requires someone with good proofreading and copy-editing skills to work on a variety of Missio's publications and educational resources in MS Word and Adobe formats. Details from www.missio.org.uk, recruitment@missio.org.uk or 020 7821 9755. Closing date 26th January.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 14th January 2018

£1180.76

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£276.88

There will be a second collection next weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.

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 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, Eileen Lovas, "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: Sydney Dubern, Michael Cashen, Katherine Benson, Elsie Rowe, Lilian Sullivan, Georgina Walker, Ivy Jenkins, Sheila Scott, Michael Murray, Violet Seaman, Elizabeth Ravinet, Fr Basil Pearson, Lilian McIvor, Violet Stokely, Christine Sammon, Jeanne Davenas, Fr Kenneth Green, Teresa Millard, Richard Ismail, Canon Charles Kuypers, Charles Portsmouth, Robert Birks, Emma Sanders, Noreen Brelsford, Michael Kelleher, Patrick Browne, Robert Kavanagh, Syzmon Bogdanowicz, Wilfred McCarthy, Ethel Keller, Bishop Bernard Ward, Joan Herbert, Ethel Allen, Beatrice Marshall, Helen Parker, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Catherine Jack, Vera Wildor, John Dillon, William (Ken) Rand, Kenneth Roy Clark and Muriel Kathleen Cornish.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 22 nd January	Feria	9.00am <i>Huguette Marie Ewing RIP</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd January	Feria		9.30am <i>Dan and Zoe Smith RIP</i>
Wednesday 24 th January	St Francis de Sales	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>) 12noon <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i>	
Thursday 25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul	6.30pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Friday 26 th January	SS Timothy and Titus	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Saturday 27th January	St Angela Merici	<i>No confessions today.</i>	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
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Sunday 28th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Donaldo Jacinto Di Souza RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Shirley Corbooy 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 21st January – Third Sunday of the Year (B)

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading Jonah 3: 1-5.10

Psalms 24:4-9 **Response:** Lord, make me know your ways.

- 1 Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.
- 2 Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 3 The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1: 14-20

Communion Antiphon Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 response v9

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Mark 1: 21-28