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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)**

My dear friends

In the Gospel today we hear of an account of Jesus teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus teaches with authority. Apparently, Jesus made a deep impression on those in the synagogue, because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. It is the unclean spirit in the Gospel who points to where Jesus's authority comes from. The unclean Spirit says to Jesus, 'Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' Jesus saw that the man was not as God intended, as he was able to recognise that. That is what the Devil wants, for us to be less than God intended. The unclean spirit knew this ability could only come from God, who alone knows what human beings really can be. Evil spirits are subject to divine authority, and therefore the evil spirit 'went out' of the man at Jesus's command. Jesus's authority came from God: knowing and proclaiming the divine truth. It gave Jesus authority over evil spirits. The people then knew that Jesus taught with authority. We know that Jesus teaches with authority. Let us therefore listen to him and allow him to free us so that we can be the men and women God intended us to be.

*Father Graham*

### **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.

### **Triple S Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart – Today (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January)**

Straight after the 11.00am Mass to celebrate three birthdays (Sue, Sue and Sandy) – all proceeds to the SVP! Extra special raffle and home made cakes.

### **Blessing of Candles – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

The Presentation of the Lord is the last of the holy days that celebrates the arrival of Jesus as the Light of the World. It is also known as Candlemas, the day when the candles for the coming year are blessed. In the blessing of the candles we emphasize once more Jesus as the Light of the World.

The candle wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents His divinity. Everything involved with our sacred liturgy has a meaning and all these things point to Christ. Please bring your own candles from home to be blessed after mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February or next weekend.

### **Bring and Buy Sales are Back at St John Fisher!!!!**

During the coffee mornings on the first Sunday of the month, commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. Come, get some bargains and help with the Parish Maintenance Fund. See you there!

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

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

### **RCIA**

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

### **Faith Study Group**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

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

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

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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...

## Shroud of Turin Exhibition – Our Lady Immaculate Church, Chelmsford

An exhibition about the Shroud of Turin, including a full sized replica of the Shroud, will take place at Our Lady immaculate Church, Chelmsford from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March. The exhibition opens with Mass at 7.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Each day there are confessions, Stations of the Cross and Mass. The week culminates with Mass at 12noon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The exhibition will remain in place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The church is open from 7am until 8pm each day. If you would like to know more about this, please contact the parish office on 01245 352898, or simply come along to church that week. Everyone is very welcome.

Fr Graham plans to visit the Exhibition on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk)). Alternatively, if you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time during that day, please email [warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk).

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> January 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Tinned vegetables</b>

## St John Fisher Children's Liturgy

The next sessions will be on Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## Appeal for Help to Clear Litter at Sacred Heart

Lots of litter has appeared in the front garden area at Sacred Heart. If you can spare some time to help clear it up, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

## Gift Aid

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax (payable on income over £11,500.00 in 2017-18). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a tax payer please notify Sue in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donations, it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

## Deanery Lent Talks at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff SS1 1PP

All talks are on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and will end with devotions and Benediction. Priests will be available to hear confessions. The Theme is 'The Ministries to which we are called'.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - "The Pastoral Care of the Sick and the Dying" - Fr. Gerry Drummond, Parish Priest of Rochford and Hockley and Catholic Chaplain to Southend Hospital.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - 'Be it done unto me...' - Brian Holt, President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - 'Here I am Lord' - Fr. Graham Smith, Parish Priest of Southend and Prittlewell and Diocesan Director of Vocations

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - 'The Pastoral Formation of our Young People Abbotswick and Beyond...' – Speaker to be confirmed.

## Women's World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning

A fundraising Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am at The Bridgwater Drive Church, Hilltop Building, (corner of Cockethurst Close and Bridgwater Drive). There is ample parking and the no. 20 bus stops nearby. This is to raise funds to cover the expenses for the World Day of Prayer service in March. All welcome. Further details from Sandy Stidston tel 01702 467188.

## Healing Mass at Kelvedon – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm

All are welcome to this Healing Mass celebrated by Fr Eamon Power. At St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels, Church Street, Kelvedon CO5 9AH. More details from Angie Hart [mahart66@outlook.com](mailto:mahart66@outlook.com)

## Praise and Worship Evening - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

At the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

## **Mass for Deceased Altar Servers**

At St Vincent de Paul Church, Becontree on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Altar Servers in the Diocese. All welcome. Please email to [becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:becontree@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by 28<sup>th</sup> February if you and your priest wish to attend.

## **Mass for the Sick at Brentwood Cathedral**

At 3.00pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Evening for Young People - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you want to know more about SiLent please visit [www.millionminutes.org/brentwood](http://www.millionminutes.org/brentwood)

## **Spirituality Seminars at Cathedral House, Brentwood**

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

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

Contact [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277 265285.

## **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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

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## **Money**

Offertory – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

£994.06

There is a second collection this weekend for Racial Justice Sunday.

The parish has just paid the annual buildings and contents insurance premium for our buildings. The total cost was £6381.93 ie. around six weeks' worth of offertory contributions!

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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, 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, 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.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Agnes Stendon, Fr John O'Sullivan, Ghislaine Orpwood, Fr John Hibbert, Albert Benson, Lilian Barber, Joyce Bettis, Mario Anselmi, Albert Holroyd, Mary Cotter, Carol Wain, Bishop Patrick Casey, Alphonsus McCarthy, Helen Turner, James Gaile, Fr Arthur Perrot Field, Alice Cullum, Thomas Gordon Foy, Mary Byrne, Robert Ojah, Annie Worrow, Margaret Ann Culkin, Kathleen Coundon, Marjorie Cooper, Terrence Byrne, Robert King, Monica Fitzpatrick, Elsie Morgan, Bernard G Parsad, Fr Joseph Burns, Anne Cotgrove, Freda Marsh, Margaret Laycock and Deryck Oliver.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Donaldo Jacinto Di Souza RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	9.00am <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria		9.30am <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group ( <i>in the hall</i> ) 12noon <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Feria	6.30pm <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	9.00am (To include Blessing of Candles) <i>Madeleine Maginn RIP and her surviving husband and children</i>	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	St Anne Line	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of John Edward Pitt</i>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	First Mass of Sunday	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Catherine Hickey RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Mollie Keeble RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <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 28<sup>th</sup> January – Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

**Entrance Antiphon** Save us, I Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

**Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 response v9** Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

- 1 Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
- 2 Come in; let us kneel and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand
- 3 O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work."

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 1: 21-28

**Communion Antiphon** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Next Sunday's Readings	
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 Psalm 146:1-6 response v3	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23 Mark 1: 29-39