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PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th March 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

My dear friends

In today's gospel is one of the most quoted passage in the Bible: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life". God loves us in his very real way. According to a Jewish legend, when God was about to create man, he consulted the angels about his throne: "Create him not," said the Angel of Justice, "For he will commit all kinds of wickedness against his fellowmen, he will be bad and cruel and dishonest and unrighteous. The Angel of Truth said, "Create him not, for he will be false and deceitful for his brothers and sisters and even to you." "Create him not," said the Angel of Holiness, "He will follow that which is impure in your sight and dishonour you to your face."

Then stepped forward the Angel of Mercy said, "Our Heavenly Father, create him, for he sins and turns from the path of right and truth and holiness, I'll take him tenderly by the hand and speak loving words to him and then lead him back to you," and God indeed created man following the counsel of the Angel of Mercy. And so today let us celebrate God's love which is without condition.

Father Graham

RCIA

The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th March, in Sacred Heart Hall, straight after the 6.30pm Mass.

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.

St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sale for the Parish Maintenance Fund – Today!

Go into the Hall after Mass today (Sunday 11th March) and grab yourself a bargain in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund

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 14th May 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.**

Some Future Dates.....

- ... Deanery Lenten Talks at Nazareth House – up to 22nd March (see later in the newsletter for details)
- ... Deanery Reconciliation Service – Friday 23rd March at 8.00pm at St Peter's, Eastwood. **(This is a change of time date.)**
- .. 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.

Deanery Lent Talks at Nazareth House (111 London Road, Westcliff) - Updated Information!

Thursday 15th March Fr Dominic Howarth on Formation of our young people- 'Abbotswick and beyond'.
Final talk Thursday 22nd March Brian Holt -President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese- 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship'.
Both talks begin at 7.30pm and the evenings conclude with devotions with priests available to hear confessions.

Appeal from the SVP

A local family need two single beds and a wardrobe. If you can help please ring Pete on 01702 300870

Sponsor John Smith for Cancer Research and Marie Curie

John will be at both Sacred Heart Masses this weekend with sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to sponsor him for Swimathon 2018 to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. You can also donate at:- www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Smith130.

Sacred Heart Easter Flower Appeal

This year we are asking parishioners to donate the flowers that will decorate Sacred Heart Church for Easter. We will be sticking to the traditional Easter colour scheme of yellow and white. If you wish to donate, please bring yellow and/or white flowers to the Church on Good Friday (straight after the Solemn Liturgy) or straight after Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday. Thank you.

Catholics Plan Mass-Rosary Prayer around the British Coast

On Sunday, April 29, at 3.00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act coming into effect. Organisers say the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the "present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace", and encourage a "re-flourishing of our Faith". The organisers said "We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God," If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>.

Craft Club at Sacred Heart!

Come along to Sacred Heart Hall on Friday afternoons from 12 noon to 3.00pm and bring your crafting project (knitting, crochet, card making etc). Sit, chat, have a cuppa, keep on crafting and enjoy! £2.00 admission per session. Tea/coffee and biscuits included. All proceeds to the Parish Maintenance Fund. If you have any queries, please ring Maddie on 07837 215757. All welcome – come along, bring your friends!

Children's Matinee: Hotel Transylvania (Cert. PG) – Friday 23rd March

Welcome to Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish five-stake resort, where monsters and their families can live it up and no humans are allowed. One special weekend, Dracula has invited all his best friends – Frankenstein and his wife, the Mummy, the Invisible Man, the Werewolf family, and more – to celebrate his beloved daughter Mavis's 118th birthday. For Dracula catering to all of these legendary monsters is no problem but the party really starts when one ordinary human stumbles into the hotel and changes everything!

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 23rd March in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free Entry – Tickets available from Robin Gibson. Usual refreshments available.

Charity Dinner In Aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund

Join us at the Ashiana Indian Restaurant on Wednesday 11th April for an evening of great food, friendship and fun. £15 per head all profits to benefit the Sacred Heart and Saint John Fisher Maintenance Fund. Please speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Next Edition of the Parish Magazine

To be published the weekend 24th and 25th March – This is your magazine and we solely survive with your submitted articles. The deadline for articles is Sunday 11th March.

FOSH - Quiz Night

Feeling clever then come along to our Quiz night, Friday 16th March at 7.30pm in the school hall. The price includes either a hotdog, hamburger or fish finger sandwich, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. £7 an adult & child £3 (with a maximum of 8 in a team). You don't have to have children in the school to join in the fun, everyone is welcome. Please see Michelle Truter- Banks 07982 429691.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	31 st March – 1 st April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	10 th -11 th March 17 th and 18 th March	Tinned vegetables.

Teacher Vacancies at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Required from September 2018. Applications welcome from NQT or experienced teachers. An application pack is available from office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk or 01702 534546. The closing date is 26th March and interviews will take place during week commencing 30th April.

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent!

For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, look at www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood. To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>. To find out more about all our opportunities for young people go to www.bcys.net

Money

Offertory – Sunday 4th March 2018

£964.37

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Aurion McKenzie who was baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

Jane Barker RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Barker who died on 15th February. Her Requiem Mass will be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 14th March at 2.00pm.

John Stewart RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Stewart who died on 29th January. His funeral will be on Thursday 15th March at Southend Crematorium at 2.40pm.

Christina Coath RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christina Coath who died on 14th February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 22nd March at 12 noon at St John Fisher.

Eileen Lovas RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Lovas who died on 11th February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 23rd March at 10.45am at Sacred Heart.

Lesley Googe RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lesley Googe who died on 22nd February. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 26th March at 10.00am at St John Fisher.

Eydokia Miszczak (known as Alla Micsha) RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alla Micsha who died on 7th March. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 27th March at 10.00am at Sacred Heart.

Patrick Moroney RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Moroney who died on 16th February. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 13th April at 1.00pm at St Helen's, Westcliff.

Guisseppa (Joseph) Bellini RIP

Please pray for the soul of Guisseppa Bellini who died on 26th February. His funeral details are not yet known.

Roman Oraczko RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roman Oraczko who died recently. His Requiem Mass took place at Sacred Heart on 9th March.

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, Ann Cummings, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, John Dermody, Richard Dixon, Pam Dobson, Helen Escott, (baby) Harleigh Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Katie Fitzpatrick, Dorothy George, Paul Gunn, Anthony Herman, Joseph Honeyands, Katie Honeyands, Ann Husk, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Alex Jackson, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Tony Lee, Elaine Liddon, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Ron Newman, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Joy May, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, 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: Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon, Alice Clark, Marguerite Fogarty, Fr Edmund Meyer, Fr Maurice Roche, Mary Welsh, Charles Fell, Henry Husk, Ann Connolly, Ethel Ridley, Robert O'Sullivan, Jennifer Linton, Ryan Gordon, Ruth Garsed, Marjorie King, Charles Hurley, Harry Castle, Nellie Starkey, Fr William Luby, John Halls, Sian Vassie, John Bryan, Irene Boast, Eric Hayter, Robert Meadows, Canon Martin Horkan, Samuel Coleman, Frederick Bragg and (baby) Marcus Chi Kit Lei.

Mass Text for 11th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16. 19-23

Psalm 136 response v6

Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

- 1 By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.
- 2 For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
"Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs."
- 3 O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
- 4 O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel Acclamation Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel John 3: 14-21

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 50:3-4 12-15 response v 12	Hebrews 5: 7-9 John 12: 20-30
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Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 10th March	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 11th March	Fourth Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Intentions of the Cacho family</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am (to include the Second Scrutiny of our RCIA candidates) <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>
Monday 12 th March	Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of the Patchet family</i>	
		7.30pm Deanery Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart	
Tuesday 13 th March	Feria		9.30am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Wednesday 14 th March	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>) 2.00pm Requiem Mass <i>Jane Barker RIP</i>	
Thursday 15 th March	Feria	2.40pm Funeral Service at Southend Crematorium <i>John Stewart RIP</i>	
		6.30pm (<i>followed by RCIA in the hall</i>) <i>Intentions of Yvonne and Felix</i>	
		7.30pm Deanery Lent Talk at Nazareth House 'The Pastoral Formation of our Young People Abbotswick and Beyond...' – Fr Dominic Howarth.	
Friday 16 th March	Feria	9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Saturday 17th March	St Patrick	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross <i>Antonio Di Mambro RIP</i>
Saturday 17th March	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Thomas Foy RIP</i>	
Sunday 18th March	Fifth Sunday of lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am (<i>including the Third Scrutiny of our RCIA candidates</i>) <i>People of the Parish</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Isaac Ruston</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am <i>David McEwan 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.