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PARISH NEWSLETTER
18th March 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

My dear friends

Today's Gospel sets the scene for the forthcoming drama of Holy Week. Jesus is, in effect, telling his disciples both that his work of preaching is over and also – something difficult to grasp – that a final cosmic battle with Satan is about to begin. This battle will involve his death, but that death will be unimaginably fruitful in defeating evil and granting his followers access to eternal life. As He tells us in this Gospel passage, by being 'lifted up from the earth', in other words by dying on the cross, he will draw everyone, Jew and gentile, to himself.

Father Graham

Easter 2018

Second Deanery Lent Reconciliation Service

Friday 23rd March at 8.00pm at St Peter's, 59 Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4BX.

Passion (Palm) Sunday – 25th March

Mass 5.30pm (Saturday) at Sacred Heart

Mass 9.00am at St John Fisher followed, in the hall, by the Passion Play performed by pupils from St Bernard's High School

Polish Mass 9.00am at Sacred Heart

Mass 11.00am at Sacred Heart

Stations of the Cross 4.00pm at Sacred Heart

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 26th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St John Fisher

(no 6.30.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart)

Polish Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at Sacred Heart

Good Friday – 3rd April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart

Children's Stations of the Cross 10.00am at Sacred Heart

Polish Solemn Liturgy 2.00pm at St John Fisher

Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at Sacred Heart

Passion Service 7.30pm at St John Fisher

Holy Saturday – 4th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart

(no 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher)

Polish Blessing of Easter Food at 9.00am at St John Fisher

Polish Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm at St John Fisher

Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm at Sacred Heart (no 5.30pm Mass)

Easter Sunday – 5th April

Mass 9.00 am at St John Fisher

Polish Mass 9.00am at Sacred Heart

Mass 11.00 am at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Repository

The Repository has a good selection of gifts and cards for Easter as well as items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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

The final talk will be on Thursday 22nd March - Brian Holt -President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese- 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship'. The talk begins at 7.30pm and the evening concludes with devotions with priests available to hear confessions.

RCIA

The next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd March, in Sacred Heart Church, straight after the 6.30pm Mass. This will be a rehearsal for the Easter Vigil Mass.

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.**

Appeal from the SVP

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

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

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	31 st March – 1 st April	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	17 th and 18 th March 24 th and 25 th March	Tinned vegetables.

Admin Manager Vacancy – Holy Family Parish, Benfleet

Person required for paid position of Admin Manager in the offices of Holy Family Parish, Benfleet. 20 hours per week and timing of work can be negotiated. If you – or any of your family/friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Eduard Fartan on [01268 792082](tel:01268792082) or the office on [01268 799649](tel:01268799649) – or send an email to priest@holyfamily-church.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role. Closing date for CVs/applications is Tuesday 3rd April.

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

A Day with Mary – Saturday 7th April at Canvey

A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. From 10.00am to 5.30pm on Saturday 7th April at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs, 224 Long Road, Canvey Island SS8 0JS. Please bring a packed lunch.

God, Philosophy, Science - An Inspirational Talk for Lent

By Rev. Dr Andrew Pinsent, Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre of Science and Religion at Oxford University. Organised by the Catholic Parishes of Burnham-on-Crouch and Maldon. At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5JX at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st March.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 4th March 2018

£964.37

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 Gooze RIP

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

Eydokia Mischak (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.

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, Lynn Chua, 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 Jnr, 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: Mary Bedford, Esther McCarthy, Ursula Rowlands, Laura Church, Brian Curtis, Frank Persighetti, Keith Ryder, Augustus Sharland, Fr Donal Donegan, Eileen Smith, Genowefa Browarska, Reginald Arthur Martin, Angela Goodall, John O'Leary, Fr Sidney Williams, William Denny, Stanley Byart, Tina Mangora, Michael McGuire, Geraldine Walsh, Elaine Walker, Frederick Lambard, Herbert Johnston, Kathleen Wildor, Elizabeth Linney, Richard Ardin, Anne Parker, George Frederick Richards, David Joseph Scinto and Manolito B. Manaig.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 17th March	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Thomas Foy RIP</i>	
Sunday 18th March	Fifth Sunday in Lent	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am (including the Third Scrutiny of our RCIA candidates) <i>People of the Parish</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Isaac Piper</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am <i>David McEwan RIP</i>
Monday 19 th March	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am <i>In thanksgiving</i>	
Tuesday 20 th March	Feria		9.30am <i>Intentions of Elizabeth Cowell</i>
Wednesday 21 st March	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>Carmen Micallef RIP</i>	
Thursday 22 nd March	Feria	6.30pm (followed by RCIA rehearsal in the Church) <i>Angie and Thomas Carroll RIP</i>	12 noon Requiem Mass <i>Christina Coath RIP</i>
		7.30pm Deanery Lent Talk at Nazareth House Brian Holt -President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese- 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship'	
Friday 23 rd March	Feria	10.45am Requiem Mass <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Saturday 24th March	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross <i>Pat Davison RIP</i>
Saturday 24th March	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Kevin Cossey RIP</i>	
Sunday 25th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Manolito B. Manaig RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.00am followed, in the hall, by the Passion Play performed by pupils from St Bernard's High School <i>Edward Gillham 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.

Mass Text for 18th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Entrance Antiphon Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you oh God, are my strength.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 50:3-4, 12-154 response v12

Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

- 1 Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
- 2 A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
- 3 Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel Acclamation Glory to you, I Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel John 12: 20-30

Communion Antiphon Amen, Amen I assay to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: 21

Philippians 2: 6-11
Mark 14: 1-15: 47