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PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter

My dear friends

On this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember the dedication of this day by Saint John Paul II in honour of St. Faustina's vision of Christ, in which the Lord's heart radiated forth with divine mercy for the world. But what does mercy mean? It designates the suffering of the heart, a type of compassion, a deep, loving identification with people in their suffering. It is the characteristic of God, for God is love. Nothing in the world would exist if it were not, at every moment, loved into being by God—a great act of tender mercy. How is this love made manifest in us? Precisely through following God's commands and through forgiveness.

Father Graham

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Today – 8th April

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.

St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sale – Today – 8th April

During the Coffee Morning straight after the 9.00am Mass. Grab yourself a bargain in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund. New items every time! Last month we raised £85. Thank you for your support and please continue to donate and buy.

Sacred Heart Hall

The hall is being decorated from Monday (9th April) until next weekend and so will be "out of bounds" all week. Thank you to the Social Committee for raising the money to pay for this work.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after Easter and will reconvene on Wednesday 18th April at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Charity Dinner In Aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund – this coming Wednesday!

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

First Holy Communion Children's Mass

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

Gift Aid Envelopes

Members of the Gift Aid scheme are asked to collect their envelopes from the porch.

Thank you from Eileen Lovas' family

The family of Eileen Lovas would like to say thank you to all those who attended Eileen's funeral on 23rd March, and especially to all those who undertook different tasks both inside and outside the Church on the day. Also, thank you to all those who have arranged Masses for the repose of Eileen's soul.

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.**

St John Fisher - Red Mission Boxes

Could you please bring your Missio Boxes on the 22nd or 29th of April and collect a new one. Could you also, make sure that your names are written on the boxes, when you hand them in. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 26th May

We are hoping to run a minibus to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 26th May. The precise timings and cost will depend on how many people want to go. If you are interested, please add your name and contact details to the list in the porch.

St John Fisher - 'Sunday Munch'

We will be cooking sausages and serving them in rolls (fried onions optional) on Sunday 22nd April. If you would like to join us for a 'Sunday Munch' then please put your name on the list in the porch indicating the number of sausages required.. We will need to have this information by Sunday 15 April for catering purposes. Coffee and biscuits will be served as usual. We look forward to seeing you all.

Prayer Vigil for Vocations

At St George's, Shoeburyness on Saturday 21st April. Beginning with Mass at 10am and followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am. We will then finish with Benediction at 4pm. All are most warmly welcome to come and join us as we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th – 6 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	7 th - 8 th April	Tinned vegetables

Some Future Dates.....

... Rosary Prayer Around the British Coast – Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm at Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach
... 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.

Rediscovering Sabbath in our Lives - Quiet Day in Chelmsford – 22nd May

Mark 2. 27 The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of man Sabbath is more an attitude than a day of the week. Magdalen Houlihan retired from teaching and is engaged in promoting silent prayer and supporting those entering into the regular daily practice of this prayer of quiet. Tuesday 22nd May from 9.30am to 4.00pm at The House of Retreat, The Street, Pleshey, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 1HA. For further information and to book please visit www.retreathousepleshey.com or ring 01245 237251.

Mass for Migrants, Bank Holiday Monday 7th - May, 11am, Southwark Cathedral

For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan, and many priests and people from across London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire, this Mass is full of joy. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of the church.

Women's World Day of Prayer 'All God's Creation is Very Good' – NEW DATE!

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer was cancelled due to the bad weather and has now been rearranged for Friday 27th April. It will be at 10.30am at The Salvation Army, Clarence Street, Southend. Praying for Suriname. A Service for Everyone. Please come along and be part of a great wave of prayer encircling our globe.

Rosary Procession Vigil – Saturday 21st April

Mass will be at 9.00am at St. Patrick's Church, (21a Soho Square, London W1D 4NR) followed by a Rosary Procession, to Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, Whitfield Street, W1T 5BE. At approximately 11.30am we return to the Church for Benediction, followed by refreshments. For full details see poster on church notice board. For further details tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org. A mother who had a change of heart and kept her baby at one of our vigils contacted the counsellor to say that she is 'unable to express her gratitude.' Her baby was born in

Thy Kingdom Come

The Diocesan Vicariate of Evangelisation in supporting the effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 --- a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. It could not be easier for everyone, of all ages and levels of business, to help our own families, friends, parish, diocese and the nation to renew their friendship with Jesus. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. Meantime, you can log in to [_ https://www.thykingdomcome.global](https://www.thykingdomcome.global) for more information.

Money

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

£317.68

Monty Wood RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monty Wood who died recently. His funeral will be on Thursday 19th April at 10.40am at Southend Crematorium.

Maureen Hare RIP

Please pray for the repose of Maureen Hare who died on 21st March. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 27th April at 11.00am at St Georges and the English Martyrs, Shoeburyness.

John Dermody RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Dermody who died on 30th March. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th April at 1.30pm 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 Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 12th April at 2.00pm at St John Fisher.

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, 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, Jacky Lovett, "Dana" Danuta Luniewski, Barbara Ann McLoughlin, Joy May, Carol Middleton, James Moloney, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Emily Ponto, 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 and Jenny Warren.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Ada Hardman, Terence McCluskey, Martha Mary McHugo, Margaret Adams, Thomas Fogarty, Gary Read, Mabel Sullivan, Margaret Tweedie, Margaret Burns, Pamela Mary Latter, Alan John Mason, Sidney Jameson, Elizabeth Bury, Denis Campbell-Carr, William Barrett, Fr Thomas Adkins, John Izod, Christopher Webb, Minnie Pepper, William Mark, May Wallace, Eileen Bessingham, Nellie Burchell, Fr Patrick O'Donoghue, Kathleen Butler, Patrick Ryan and Ken Price.

Mass Text for 8th April – Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4: 32-35

Psalms 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24 response v 1

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

- 1 Let the sons of Israel say: "His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end."
Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end."
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me, happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon Bring you hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19
1 John 2: 1-5

Psalms 4:2,4,7,9 response v 7
Luke 24: 35-48

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 7th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 8th April	Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>	9.00am <i>John Lovett RIP</i>
		11.00am <i>Anne and John White RIP</i>	1.00pm Baptism <i>Jake Wilson</i>
		<i>2.30pm Devine Mercy Devotions and Confession at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea</i>	
Monday 9 th April	The Annunciation of the Lord	9.00am <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Tuesday 10 th April	Feria		9.30am <i>Intentions of Teresa Honeyands (mother of John)</i>
Wednesday 11 th April	St Stanislaus	<i>(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week)</i> 12 noon <i>Mary Cullen and Rachel Snowdon RIP</i>	
Thursday 12 th April	Feria	<i>No Mass tonight</i>	2.00pm Requiem Mass <i>Guisseppa (Joseph) Bellini RIP</i>
Friday 13 th April	St Martin	9.00am <i>Lila May Vickers RIP</i>	
		<i>1.00pm Requiem Mass at St Helen's, Westcliff Patrick Moroney RIP</i>	
Saturday 14th April	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions 4.00pm Baptism <i>Paige Flewitt</i>	9.00am <i>Christina Coath RIP</i>
Saturday 14th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Frank Baynes RIP</i>	
Sunday 15th April	Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>(with the First Holy Communion Children)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>Helena and Anthony Divers 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.

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.