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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter**

My dear friends

We can all sense the real possibility of war between major powers in our world today. In this incredibly fragile atmosphere Pope Francis has called us to pray for peace, In his words he says:

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

*Father Graham*

**Mass-Rosary Prayer around the British Coast – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

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,"



*The Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach.*

If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>.

**Changes to Masses and Services this week**

There will not be a 9.00am Mass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Sacred Heart.

**First Holy Communion Children's Mass**

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

**Next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> April) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

We will welcome Paschal Ushe, who is currently a seminarian for the Brentwood Diocese, to speak at all Masses next weekend. There will be a second collection for the Promotion of Vocations in our Diocese.

**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.

**Sacred Heart Repository – Confirmation and First Holy Communion Gifts**

The Sacred Heart repository has a good selection of cards and gifts for children and young people who are being confirmed or making their First Holy Communion. Why not take a look and see what is available!

**St John Fisher - 'Sunday Munch' – Next Sunday**

We will be cooking sausages and serving them in rolls (fried onions optional) on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**St John Fisher - Red Mission Boxes**

Could you please bring your Missio Boxes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Prayer Vigil for Vocations**

At St George's, Shoeburyness on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

We are hoping to run a minibus to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> April	Tinned vegetables

## Ashiana Meal

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated, we raised £370 towards the Church Maintenance Fund. Again thank you for your generosity... Social Committee.

## Fish 'N' Chip Quiz

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Sacred Heart Church Hall, doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Come and enjoy a delicious Fish 'N' Chip supper a glass of wine and a mind tingling quiz. Tickets £8. Maximum size of teams is 8 – you do not need a team to participate, we will happily find you a team to join. All profits to the Parish Maintenance Fund.

## Sacred Heart Film Club Presents – Paddington 2 (Cert. PG)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Sacred Heart Church Hall, doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm screening. Paddington, now happily settled with the Brown family and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. Starring – Ben Wishaw, Hugh Grant & Hugh Bonneville. Free entry, usual refreshments available.

For quiz tickets or a lift to the film please see Liam or Sandy, ring 07952 954833 or email: [liam.rand@btopenworld.com](mailto:liam.rand@btopenworld.com)

## The Life of Christ – Open Air Epic Production at Wintershall

19 - 23 Jun 2018. Watch as hundreds of actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production set in stunning Surrey countryside. You will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors. The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable. Adult £20 - Concession (Senior citizen 65+) £18. Family (Two Adults and two children) £50 Student (19-25) £12.

We are looking to organise a group to take part in this amazing experience - if you are interested in coming, please let me know ASAP- once we get ideas of numbers we can work out transportation, form and costs involved. Contact me on 07789 555401 or 01702 462054. Thank you Phyllis.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mass for Migrants, Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – May, 11am, Southwark Cathedral

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.

## CAFOD Lent Fast Day Appeal

Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

## **REFRAME - a Catholic Voices initiative - Coming to the Diocese of Brentwood**

It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue...Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home.

Find out more about the programme by coming to an introductory Workshop day:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am – 3.00pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10.00am – 3.00pm at The Champion School, Hornchurch, RM11 3BX.

To book your place at a Workshop please contact Adele Angel on 07999 842057 or 01277 265257. Details about Catholic Voices are at [www.CatholicVoices.org.uk](http://www.CatholicVoices.org.uk)

## **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Charity Golf Day**

At The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are £55 per person and include bacon rolls & tea/coffee on arrival, 18 Hole Stableford Competition and a Golfers' Lunch. For tickets and further information, please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

## **Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s)**

Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Dates: 25-27 May 2018. Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

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## **Money**

8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Offertory

£1128.55

There will be a second collection next weekend for the promotion of vocations in our Diocese

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the family of Jake Wilson who was baptised last weekend.

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## **Maureen Hare RIP**

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

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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, 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 Jnr, 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.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: James Brannan, Eileen Morgan, Marie Gibbs, David Patterson, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney, Lina Lenpriere, Fr William Donelan, Michael John Kilkelly, Patrick McMenamin, Kathleen May, Michael Sullivan, Cyril Banks, Mary Hayes, Marlo Coda, Willie Dettmar, Michael Ryan, Ellen Wright, Teresa Skevitt, Olivia Green, Frances Bidwell, Thomas McCloskey, Kathleen Flashman, Henry Francis O'Ryan, Ronald Patchett and Dorothy Barwell.

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## **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.

## Mass Text for 15<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter

**Entrance Antiphon** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19

**Psalm** 4:2,4,7,9 response v 7

**Response:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

- 1 When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!
- 2 It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.
- 3 "What can bring us happiness?" many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
- 4 I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety

**Second Reading** 1 John 2: 1-5

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us alleluia! Alleluia.

**Gospel** Luke 24: 35-48

**Communion Antiphon** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia

**Next Sunday's readings**

Acts 4: 8-12 Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29 response v 22	1 John 3: 1-2 John 10: 11-18
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Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	5.30pm <i>Frank Baynes RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Third Sunday of Easter	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> (with the First Holy Communion Children) <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Helena and Anthony Divers RIP</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria	(no 9.00am Mass) <b>1.30pm Requiem Mass</b> <i>John Dermody RIP</i>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria		9.30am <i>John McCarry RIP</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)  12 noon <i>Pat Cooper RIP</i>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria	<b>10.40am – Funeral Service at Southend Crematorium</b> <i>Monty Wood RIP</i>	
		6.30pm <i>Intentions of Emily Ponto</i>	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Feria	9.00am <i>Kevin Cossey RIP</i>	
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Peter Kemp RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Cullum Mark Barton RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>St Donato</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.