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PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd April 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

2018 marks the 55th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St John Fisher - 'Sunday Munch'

Our 'Sunday Munch' will be served in the hall after the 9.00am Mass today. Please join us for coffee and biscuits if you are not joining us for the 'Sunday Munch'. We look forward to seeing you all.

Rosary Prayer around the British Coast – Sunday 29th April – NEW START TIME!

On Sunday, April 29, 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>.

The timetable for the event is:

- 2.00-2.30pm Gather at Chalkwell Beach.
- 2.45pm Invocation of the Holy Spirit and Prayers of Protection
- 2.50pm Act of Contrition and Scripture Readings
- 3.00pm Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
- 3.30pm Litany of Our Lady
- 3.40pm Prayer invoking St. Joseph
- 3.50pm Litany invoking Saints of the British Isles



The Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach

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 - Red Mission Boxes

If you have not brought your Missio Box today, please bring it next weekend. Please make sure that your names are written on the boxes, when you hand them in. Thank you.

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.**

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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th – 6 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	21 st and 22 nd April	Tinned vegetables

Thank you from FOSH (Friends of Sacred Heart School)

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our quiz night. Together we raised £480.00.

Fish 'N' Chip Quiz

Saturday 12th 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 2nd 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

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 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.

The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage Triduum

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday. Brentwood Cathedral will host this event on 19th to 21st July 2018.

Mass for Migrants, Bank Holiday Monday 7th – 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

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 28th April 10.00am – 3.00pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS.

Saturday 2nd 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

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

At The Rayleigh Golf and Country Club, Hullbridge on Monday 11th 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

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 or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

One of the world's most spectacular events is due to take place in 2020 – the 42nd Oberammergau Passion Play – a performance that takes place every 10 years and celebrates the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is proposed to visit the Austrian Lake district for 5 days and 1 night in Oberammergau to see the Passion Play. Cost £1,239 includes half board accommodation, a full programme of tours, Passion play seats. If you are interested in taking part in this trip please phone Lee Robinson on 01277 652358 ASAP as this tour must be booked quickly.

Appeal from ACROSS for a Nurse to go to Lourdes

We urgently need a nurse to join our pilgrimage from 3rd – 12th May to make travel possible for the VIPs who have applied to travel on these dates. There is funding available and an experienced Across nurse on board for support so please share around anyone you know who may be interested and contact the office on 0203 542 1800. The nearest pick up point is Thurrock.

March for Life, Saturday 5th May

Family, friendly, life-fest starts at 9.30am at De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Children Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1.00pm march to Parliament Square for speakers, including Clare McCullough of the Good Counsel Network. The day ends at 4.15pm. See www.marchforlife.co.uk for more details.

London Community Gospel Choir at Brentwood Cathedral

The Choir will be performing at Brentwood Cathedral with The BIG Sing Essex Gospel Choir and featuring the children from St Peter's Catholic Primary School on Saturday 9th June at 7.00pm. The concert will include lively Gospel favourites to get you clapping and dancing as well as mellow soulful tracks to enjoy. Tickets cost £17 per person (£12 under 16's and over 65's) and are available from www.billetto.com or from the Cathedral Music Office on 01277 265 288 (cheques payable to The BIG Sing UK Ltd). www.big-sing.com.

Job Vacancies at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay

Cleaning operative and caretaker/cleaning operative. Details from Joanne Daniels on 07912 732632.

School Chaplain Vacancy, All Saints Catholic School, Dagenham

Details available at www.allsaintsschool.co.uk or by emailing office@allsaintsschool.co.uk.

Money

15th April 2018 Offertory

£1062.64

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Promotion of Vocations in our Diocese

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Paige Flewitt who was baptised last weekend.

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: John Pack, Edith Childs, John Frampton, Emma Smith, John James Morris, Matthew Christopher Dear, Brian David Wallis, Winifred Cox, Fr Michael Enright, Marie Potter, Remona Armstrong, Canon Thomas Smith, Olga Maybank, Veronica Parker, Maisie Hopkinson, Veronica May Parker, John Moore, Catherine Russell, Jake Tierney, Fr Simon Sullivan, Joan Parry, Fr Miles O'Reilly, Derek Goozee, Maria Compson, Ellen Catherine Richards, Rosa Smith, Robert Smith, Harold Carter, Sydney Cooper and John Norris.

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 22nd April – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Divine Office Week 4

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29 response v 22

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

2 I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes

3 Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10: 11-18

Communion Antiphon The good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 9:26-31, Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32 response v 26, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 21st April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 22nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am Callum Mark Burton RIP	9.00am <i>St Donato</i>
Monday 23 rd April	St George	9.00am <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Tuesday 24 th April	St Mellitus		9.30am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Wednesday 25 th April	St Mark	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>Bob Stephens RIP</i>	
Thursday 26 th April	Feria	6.30pm Catherine and Patrick Connellan RIP	
Friday 27 th April	Feria	9.00am <i>Millie Wake RIP</i>	
		11.00am Requiem Mass at St George's Shoebury <i>Maureen Hare RIP</i>	
Saturday 28th April	St Peter Chanel	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Lesley Googe RIP</i>
Saturday 28th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>James Sutherill RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Georgie Catherine Jones</i>	9.00am <i>Intentions of Sister Elizabeth Mary on the 25th Anniversary of her becoming a nun</i>
		Rosary Around the Coast Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach (at the end of Chalkwell Avenue) Gather at 2.00pm to 2.30pm for a 2.45pm start	

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.