



Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
29th April 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

My dear friends

This Sunday many people from this deanery and from our diocese will gather at 2.45pm on Chalkwell beach near the Crowstone monument to pray the rosary. Why? The organisers say the day is aimed at a “re-flourishing of the faith, for the grace to build a culture of life and for true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations”. Last month Pope Francis sent his blessing to those taking part in the event. The nuncio, Archbishop Edward Adams, said he assured participants of his “spiritual closeness” and placed them “under the protection of Our Lady”. Of course many people will not be able to attend because they are at home. The prayers of the sick and housebound, wherever they are, will be of great value. In the end, prayer is prayer. It doesn’t matter where you are but St Louis Marie de Montfort said: “When people say the rosary together it is far more formidable to the Devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking.” Please join us if you can.

Fr Graham

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

Sacred Heart Church will be open from 2.00pm for those unable to get to the beach but wish to join in with the Rosary.



*The Crowstone,
Chalkwell Beach*



First Holy Communion Programme Parent’s Meeting – Monday 30th April

The final Parent’s Meeting for this year’s Programme is this Monday (30th April) at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. As this is the last meeting before the First Holy Communion Masses it is very important that all the children are represented.

Local Elections on Thursday 3rd May – Sacred Heart Hall

Sacred Heart Hall is being used as a Polling Station for the local election this coming Thursday. The evening Mass will still go ahead, but there may be a little more pressure on the car park than usual.

Change to Weekday Mass Times from 7th May 2018

With effect from week commencing 7th May the normal pattern for weekday Mass times will change to:

Monday	9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart
Tuesday	No Mass (This is a return to how it was for many years up to 2016.)
Wednesday	10.00am Mass at St John Fisher
Thursday	6.30pm at Sacred Heart (Thursday 10th May is a Holy Day of Obligation so Masses on that day will be at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher).
Friday	12 noon at Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.00am at Sacred Heart

Contact with Fr Graham and “Secretary” Sue for St John Fisher Parishioners

From Wednesday 9th May, for a trial period, Fr Graham and Sue will be in the St John Fisher Church meeting room from 9.00am to 9.50am on Wednesday mornings (immediately prior to the new 10.00am Mass). This will be for people who want to talk to Fr Graham, book Masses, talk about St John Fisher Hall bookings or other administrative matters.

Please help us Keep the Sacristy Reverent before Mass

In order to prepare spiritually for Mass, Clergy and altar servers need time for quiet reflection. Therefore people are respectfully asked to keep away from the Sacristy for the five minutes before a Mass is due to start.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee in the hall after Mass next Sunday to support the Maintenance Fund. We look forward to seeing you all.

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!

Faith Study Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd May at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

St John Fisher - Red Mission Boxes

If you have not already done so, please hand in your Red Box this weekend and exchange it for a new one.

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.**

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th – 6 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	28 th and 29 th April	Tinned vegetables

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.

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 Whishaw, 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@bopenworld.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.

Parish Newsletter

For those who wish to receive it electronically, the newsletter can be sent via e-mail. If you would like to receive it in this format, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

Catholic Marriage Convalidation

If you got married in a civil ceremony and would like to investigate having your marriage fully recognised by the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr Graham.

Fire Exits

Will all users of our buildings please ensure that all fire exits are kept clear so that safe escape routes are maintained.

Parish Mass Books, Hymn Books, etc.

If you have inadvertently taken home any of the books that belong in the church, please return them. A few seem to have gone missing.

Church Kneelers

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

Parking at St John Fisher

When parking at St John Fisher, please ensure that you do not park outside the Church fire escape ramp or in front of the Presbytery garage.

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555.

Parish Sick List

The Parish Sick list has grown very long over the last few years. If you know of someone who can now come off of the list, please let Sue in the Parish Office know. Thank you.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

If you are aware of someone who is lonely and/or housebound (either at Sacred Heart or St John Fisher), and in need of a visit please give the names and contact details on a piece of paper to either Fr Graham or phone 01702 300870.

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.

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 – Definite Date

Date 6th September 2020, 5 days in Austrian Lake District, half board 1 day and 1 night in Oberammergau £1,239. Cost includes Flights, 4 tours in Austria, Passion Play, 3 course meal in the interval. Bookings made through Lee Robinson 01277 652358. All details of this tour can be found on www.tailored-travel.co.uk quote mhrp201

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.

Catholics and the Bible – Study Day at Gidea Park

On Saturday 26th May from 11.00am until 3.00pm at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The speaker will be Hungarian biblical scholar Fr Levente Balazs Martos, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. The study day will commemorate 75 years since the promulgation of the encyclical of Pius XII, Divino Afflante Spiritu, on the Church and the Bible. The afternoon will be dedicated to a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy and Fleur Dorrell from the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The event is free of charge. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.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.

Cleaner Vacancies at St Thomas More High School

Details available from www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or 01702 344933

Exhibition on the Titanic and the Canonisation of Father Thomas Byles, at St Helen's Catholic Church, Chipping Ongar

In conjunction with the first Ongar Town Festival, there will be an exhibition on the Titanic and the canonisation of Father Thomas Byles, on Sunday 6th May from 10.30am to 5.00pm at St Helen's Church Ongar. Why not visit our beautiful little church where Fr Byles was Parish Priest from 1905 until his fateful death on 14th April 1912 while sailing on the infamous ship, the Titanic? Come and learn more about Father Byles and read about how we have started the process leading (hopefully) to his canonisation as a Saint. See the stained-glass window and the wooden door that are dedicated to his bravery and personal sacrifice on that fateful voyage. Just look for the driveway to the right of the Fire Station and venture up the path to the entrance to the Church. There, you will find a friendly smile and warm welcome waiting for you. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard (weather permitting) or in the church. We look forward to seeing you at St Helen's Church and in sharing our wonderful heritage in Ongar with the wider community

Money

22nd April 2018 Offertory

£1054.82

Promotion of Vocations in our Diocese

£445.58

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: Willian Grout, Marie Therese Pinto, Florence Holland, Alfred Linvell, James Daly, Irina Misauskiene, Winifred Porter, Walter Pearce, Hugh Quirk, William Tate, Maria Cook, Marguerite Marshall, Terence Dear, Maud Coe, Amalia Greenfield, Alfred Delamere, Marco Sandi, Charles Ogden, Anne Sutton, Thomas Denny, Martha Collins, Pasquale Pacitto, Evelyn Dale, Ethel Chesham, Michael Wilson, Victor Miller, Zack Eaton-Griffin, Sabina Lake, Teresa Robinson and Oliva Smith.

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 29th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Divine Office Week 1

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 21:26-28, 30-32 response v 26

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

- 1 My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever!
- 2 All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
- 3 And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

Communion Antiphon I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. Psalm 97:1-4. 1 John 4: 7-10. John 15: 9-17

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 28th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29th April	Fourth 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 2.00 to 2.30pm for a 2.45pm start <i>(Sacred Heart Church will be open from 2.00pm for those who can't make it to the beach.)</i>	
Monday 30 th April	St Pius V	9.00am <i>Bernadette Nicholson RIP</i>	
Tuesday 1 st May	St Joseph the Worker		9.30am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Wednesday 2 nd May	St Athanasius	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall) 12 noon <i>Intentions of Mike Smith</i>	
Thursday 3 rd May	SS Philip and James	6.30pm <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Friday 4 th May	Feria	9.00am <i>Monty Wood RIP</i>	
Saturday 5th May	The English Martyrs	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Fr Gordon Cordy RIP</i>
Saturday 5th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Bernadette Dunne RIP</i>	
Sunday 6th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Oscar Twine</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</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.