



Sacred Heart
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PARISH NEWSLETTER
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My dear friends

Jesus in today's gospel passage tells us "What I command you, is to love one another". We, as members of the church, as disciples of Jesus, are chosen to be friends of Jesus, if we do what we are commanded by God. We are not to be called servants, because we know what God wants. But what does what God want us to do? To love one another! So simple, but how do we live this out? We must love each other in the church. There can be no room for distinctions of race or caste or gender. Even if people sin or misunderstand the faith somewhat, we are to love them, not despise them as second-rate. *Fr Graham*

Change to Weekday Mass from This Week

With effect from this week 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 St John Fisher

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 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 today to support the Maintenance Fund. We look forward to seeing you all.

St John Fisher -Bring and Buy after Mass TODAY!

Get a bargain or two in aid of The Parish Maintenance Fund. We made £65 last month. Thank you for your support.

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!

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.**

Thank you from John Smith

John Smith wishes to thank everyone who supported his participation in the Swimathon 2018 for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. The total raised including internet and paper sponsorship was £481.

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.

'Sunday Munch' - St John Fisher

Our thanks to everyone who supported the Sunday Munch. A total of £133.90 was raised for the Maintenance Fund. Well done!

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th - 6 th May	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	12 th - 13 th May	Tinned vegetables

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. For tickets please see Liam or Sandy, ring 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players Present- Two One Act Comedy Plays

Come along and have a laugh! At St John Fisher Hall and will be on Saturday 26th May at 7.30pm and on Sunday 27th May at 4.30pm. Bring along your own drinks and nibbles. Price for the tickets £5. There will be a raffle during the interval. All Proceeds to the Parish Maintenance Fund. Contact Theresa 07956 628213 for tickets.

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.

SHIPS – Stewards of the Gospel Host Impromptu Prayer Support

Wednesday 9th May at Saint Helens, Westcliff, between 7.00pm and 10.00pm. The evening will include Mass, a shared Fayre in the hall to present all related groups (SVP, KCS and Shoebury Justice & Peace Group) from our Deanery. The evening will conclude with Adoration, intercessions and a simple Benediction with Father Joseph. Please direct all enquiries to Andrew Downey 07722 043074.

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 on Saturday 2nd June from 10.00am to 3.00pm at The Champion School, Hornchurch, RM11 3BX. To book your place 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) Fundraising Events

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.

Tandem Skydive at Headcorn Airfield in Kent on Saturday 7th July. Applications are invited from adventurous people who would like to experience the excitement of a 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump and can commit to raising £500 for bccs.

For more information about either event, to book for the Golf Day or get an application pack for the Skydive, please contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413 / 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 with the 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. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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

Exhibition on the Titanic and the Canonisation of Father Thomas Byles

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? Just look for the driveway to the right of the Fire Station and go up the path to the Church. You will find a friendly smile and warm welcome waiting for you. Refreshments will be served.

Money

29th April 2018 Offertory

£1178.55

There will be a second collection next weekend for World Communications Day

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Georgie Jones who was baptised last weekend.

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: Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, James Collins, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Marie Gaymer, Thomas Henry Martin, Angela Sutton, Aleksander Slusarkzyk, William Sweeney, Alexander McGill, Catherine Parkin, Joan Abel, Evelyn Davies, Mary McAlenan, Emily Harris, William Powell, Canon Brian Grady, Vernon Pinto, Mr Roach, Frank Hickman, Margaret Lyons, Albert David Tanner, Tommy Ryan and Michael Saunders.

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.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 5 th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Bernadette Dunne RIP</i>	
Sunday 6 th May	Fourth 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>
Monday 7 th May	Feria	9.00am <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	
Tuesday 8 th May	Feria		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 9 th May	Feria	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am <i>John and Sandra Izod RIP</i>
Thursday 10 th May Holyday of Obligation	The Ascension of the Lord	9.30am (<i>with the children and staff from Sacred Heart Primary School</i>) <i>Bernadette Nicholson RIP</i>	7.30pm <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Friday 11 th May	Feria	12 noon <i>Mary Naumann RIP</i>	
Saturday 12th May	St John Houghton	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 12th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 13th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Angie, Thomas and Tony Carroll RIP</i> 1.30pm Baptism <i>Reuben Watford</i>	9.00am <i>Guisseppa Palombo 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 6th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Divine Office Week 2

Entrance Antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm 97:1-4

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation
- 2 The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.
- 3 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel John 15: 9-17

Communion Antiphon **If you love me, keep my commandments says the lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 1:15-17. Psalm 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 response v19. John 4:11-16. John 17:11-19 .