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PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th May 2018 – Pentecost

My dear friends

Air gets everywhere – it fills our lungs, our rooms, our homes, and the whole world. What a fitting image it is, therefore, for the Holy Spirit, the “Breath of God” who fills all creation and gives to it the gifts and blessings of the living and true God. For the Spirit of God is the air that the Risen Lord breathes over us his disciples, and over the Church, and over the whole world that creation might be given new life: “Receive the Holy Spirit”. Hence, in the account of the Pentecostal descent of the Holy Spirit, notice that the Spirit “filled the entire house”, and then the apostles were “all filled with the Holy Spirit”, and then they fill the streets of Jerusalem where, speaking in the languages of the known world, they signify that the Spirit fills the inhabited world with God’s blessings. As the psalmist says, “the earth is full of God’s riches”. The message of Pentecost, therefore is that God fills the world with his riches, his manifold blessings and gifts, indeed, with his holy presence, and God desires that you and I should reap that harvest, and receive his blessings, and use his gifts.

Fr Graham

Confirmations

Please pray for our young people who will be Confirmed during the 11.00am Mass this weekend.

Changes to Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and Services this week. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

Next Weekend we welcome Fr Paul Roche to say the weekend Masses

Fr Paul Roche from the Vincentians will be joining us to say the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses next weekend and will make the annual Mission Appeal. St. Vincent de Paul the founder of The Vincentians (Congregation of the Mission) – is rightly remembered as the heroic figure who transformed Seventeenth Century French society, through Christian charity. He also had concern for foreign missions, and sent missionaries far and wide: Poland, Algeria, Italy, Tunisia, Madagascar, also Scotland and Ireland.

The Irish Province has always had a foreign mission. In our time missionaries went to Nigeria, and there began the Vincentian Congregation which is now larger than that of Ireland. They have also been engaged in Ethiopia and there the project most associated with them is a school for the deaf – a work in which they engaged in Ireland and Britain. Others worked in Kenya and also in the former Soviet Union. In London there are Vincentian Missionaries from Nigeria, The Philippines, Ethiopia, and Spain as well as Ireland. Fr Paul has worked as a missionary in both Nigerian and the Former USSR.

Stewards of the Gospel: Up-Date on the Process

Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to us all and it is now available on the diocesan website (<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>) by clicking anywhere on the Home page.

Fish 'N' Chip Quiz

An enormous thank you to everyone who attended, donated and helped make last Saturday's Quiz a most enjoyable event. We raised a marvellous £500.29. A very special thank you to Peter Slattery who dedicated a good deal of time creating the quiz. *Sandy & Liam Rand on behalf of the Social Committee.*

Parish Maintenance Fund Money Jars

If you took a jar before Easter now is the time to start returning them. There are empty jars in the porches of both churches should you wish to take one and fill with loose change over the next few months. Please see Sandy Rand after Mass or phone Sandy 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com for more information.

Congratulations to 200 Club Winners

Apologies for the delay in publication – please see the chart below for winners for the months February, March & April. Your winnings will be with you shortly.

2018	£30	£15	£10
FEBRUARY	Kieran Freel (176)	Jerry Davis (200)	Bill Spencer (54)
MARCH	Lucy Wake (72)	Jessie Smith (45)	Kieran Freel (176)
APRIL	Betty Gretton (140)	Janet McKenzie (10)	Ann Ackery (30)

Renewal of 200 Club 2018 / 2019

Envelopes with invoices for renewal will be at the back of both churches with either Sandy Rand or the new member of the team Sandy Stidston. If you owe a few pounds from last year that will be included in your new invoice clearly stated. The 200 Club will continue to support the Parish Magazine, however, any profit after the Parish Magazine's costs have been met will be automatically donated to the Sacred Heart & Saint John Fisher Maintenance Fund. If to date you have not supported to 200 Club or are new to the parish and would like to get involved there are still numbers available – You've got to be in it to win it! Please speak to Sandy Rand, Sandy Stidston or Liam Rand, ring Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.

Talking Before Mass

Pope Francis said this at a recent General Audience in Rome: 'When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.' Please bear the Holy Father's teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for our fellow parishioners who are praying. Please show a good example to those around you.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 26th May

The list has now closed. We will be in touch next week with the people who have put their name on the list.

Please Sponsor Catherine Sing in aid the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

On Monday 28th May, Catherine Sing will be running in the Vitality 10k London race on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children Society. She would like to ask for sponsorship for such a worthy charity. As some of you might already know, BCCS is entirely self-funded and every single pound that is raised for them would really make a difference in the lives of the children and families who BCCS assist. Donations can be made either in person, or via <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/yeetaksing1#>. There is a target of £250 but we would like to raise as much for BCCS as possible. Thank you for your kind support and donations.

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

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

Come along and have a laugh! At St John Fisher Hall and 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 or Tina 07771 628808 for tickets.

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.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax (payable on income over £11,850.00 in 2018-19). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a tax payer please notify Sue in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Additionally, if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in any tax year that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on your donations, it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

The Life of Christ – Open Air Epic Production at Wintershall – Trip by Minibus

On Wednesday 20th June. £18 or £20 per person, plus a small contribution for petrol. Limited spaces remaining. Please contact Phyllis on 01702 462054 or 07789 555401 for more information. Thank you.

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.

Are You Going into Hospital?

If you go to hospital, please let Fr Graham know and 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 their 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.

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 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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Fundraising Events

Ladies' Day Luncheon on Thursday 21st June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot Ladies' Day. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

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.

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

St Helens to St George's Sponsored Walk for the BCCS and CAFOD 'Share the Journey'

The annual parish to parish sponsored walk to raise funds for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) takes place on Saturday 2nd June. We will gather at St Helens for 10.00am Mass, and set off at around 10.45am with Father Joseph for a five and a half miles walk along the seafront to Shoeburyness. where we will finish the walk with refreshments in the parish hall at St George's after midday. All participants will receive a certificate at the end from Julie of the BCCS. To take part, to receive registration and sponsor forms, and for more information, please contact Damian of the Knights of St Columba (07887 678741 / damian.dillon@btinternet.com). Registration is free, and any sponsorship raised will go direct to the BCCS. This year we will be combining the walk with the CAFOD Share the Journey campaign to show solidarity with refugees to count the miles we walk collectively, and to sign a card to go to the Prime Minister calling for agreements to be made at the United Nations for refugees and migration. Visit cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey for more information. We hope you can join us to support these two causes this year.

Bro Mike Warren (07986 970553 2018mwarren@gmail.com), Brian Dillon and Damien Dillon of Council 192 KSC will be walking. Every penny goes to help needy children. Please give generously. Sponsor forms for Mike Warren are in Sacred Heart and St John Fisher porches.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666.

Appeal for Nurses and Helpers to go to Lourdes with ACROSS

The following are urgently needed: Nurse for the 7th - 16th June pilgrimage (fully funded by the group); A Nurse and experienced helpers - especially female carers - for National Group departing 31st May: Experienced helpers - especially male carers- for National Group departing 12th July. There may be funding available so please share around anyone you know who may be interested and contact the office on 0203 542 1800.

St Antony's Church Forest Gate Restoration and Decoration

We are looking for coloured pictures that anyone may have from celebrations held in St Antony's Church, (weddings, baptisms, First Holy Communion, etc.,) before the refurbishment took place (pre 1968). If you do have any pictures (please ask family and friends who lived in the parish) as the Architect would be very interested in looking at them. If you can help please contact Marie Browne on 020 8472 0433 (Ext 2002) or email forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org Thank you.

Voluntary Regional Treasurer for the SVP

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood Diocese is seeking a voluntary Treasurer at regional level to serve on their Central Council. The Treasurer would not have to undertake visits or any other aspect of Society work ,but would be responsible for maintaining the Council accounts, overseeing Gift Aid and filing a quarterly report to National Office. Meetings of the Central Council take place quarterly in Brentwood. If anyone is interested in giving some of their time in this way and would like further information, please email Elaine Heyworth on ElaineH@svp.org.uk by latest Sunday 10th June 2018.

Vacancy for Site Supervisor at St Bonaventure's School Forest Gate

Application Forms are available on the school website <http://www.stbons.org/site-supervisor>

School Chaplain Vacancy - Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green

Details at <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies.shtml>.

Money

13 th May 2018 Offertory	£1096.28
World Communications Day	£187.47

There will be a Mission Appeal next weekend for the Vincentians

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Reuben Watford who was baptised last weekend.

Ephraim Ncube RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ephraim Ncube who died on 21st April. His funeral service will be on Monday 21st May at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

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: Frederick Fowler, Pauline Rushton, Kathleen Penna, Joan Bartlett, Canon Thomas Clarke, Margaret O'Shea, Audrey Menzies, Ivy Meadows, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Mary Cornish, Patrick Chambers, Mgr William O'Grady, May Stearn, Michael McKeown, Matthew Middleton-McIver, Leslie Holliday, William Lancaster, Thomas Carroll, Vincent Paul Bailey, Norah Horgan, Fr Henry Pearl, Bridget Fandall, Edward Fitt, Simon Peters, Harry Shipman, David Brooker, Bridget Mason, Fr Charles Carless, Fr Austin Thorburn, Catherine Cooper, Angela Paolillo, Winifred Mills and Greg Foot.

Mass Text for 20th May – Pentecost – Divine Office Week 4

Entrance Antiphon The spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said,, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 response v 30

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

- 1 Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How may are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.
- 2 You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.
- 3 May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Sequence

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Please join in with the sequence:

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| 1 | <i>Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give.</i> | 6 | <i>If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.</i> |
| 2 | <i>Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!</i> | 7 | <i>Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away.</i> |
| 3 | <i>Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow</i> | 8 | <i>Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.</i> |
| 4 | <i>Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.</i> | 9 | <i>Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:</i> |
| 5 | <i>Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:</i> | 10 | <i>Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high:
Give us joys that never end.</i> |

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel John 30:19-23

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke of the marvels of God alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9. Psalm = Daniel 3:52-56 response v52. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. John 3:16-18

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 19th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</i>	
Sunday 20th May	Pentecost	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am (To include the Confirmation of some of our young people) <i>Intentions of the Confirmation Candidates</i> 1.00pm Baptism <i>Rosanna Chenneour</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 21 st May	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	9.00am <i>Lilian MacAuley RIP</i> 12 noon Funeral Service <i>Ephraim Ncube RIP</i>	
Tuesday 22 nd May	Feria		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 23 rd May	Feria	10.00am - Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 24 ^h May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Light	6.30pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Friday 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable	12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Saturday 26th May	St Philip Neri	No Confessions today	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 26th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 27th May	The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Blessed Trinity</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.