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PARISH NEWSLETTER
27th May 2018 – The Most Holy Trinity

My dear friends

Legend has it that St. Patrick was responsible for ridding the Emerald Isle of snakes; but more importantly, it is said that Patrick used the shamrock as a symbol to explain the Trinity to Unbelievers, how God is One God in Three Persons. "Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost". Patrick would hold up a shamrock and challenge his hearers, "Is it one leaf or three?" "It is both one leaf and three," was their reply. "And so it is with God," he would conclude. Of course, doctrines such as the Trinity can only be received by willing hearts, who have committed themselves to listen to whatever the Spirit reveals from the Scriptures. St. Patrick, no doubt, was careful not to confuse the people of Ireland with the false notion that there are three gods; but, his dependence upon the Holy Spirit to give him the illustration of the shamrock to illustrate the Trinity, gave him success in preaching the Gospel. Thank God for the testimony of Patrick of Ireland!

Fr Graham

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.

This weekend we welcome Fr Paul Roche to say the weekend Masses

Fr Paul Roche from the Vincentians is with us this weekend to say the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses and 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.

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.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall after Mass next Sunday to share homemade cakes, sausages rolls and filter coffee to help raise funds for the parish maintenance fund. We look forward to seeing you all.

Bring and Buy Sale at St John Fisher Next Sunday

During the coffee morning after the 9.00am Mass. Come, get some bargains and help with the Parish Maintenance Fund. See you there!

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.

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund – Second Collection Next Weekend

The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is part of the Diocesan Charity which helps and supports our retired and sick clergy. As a Charity we rely on the generosity of the Parishes and individual donations to keep the Fund in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by including a bequest in your Will; a Form of Bequest can be found on page 36 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory. Your generosity through donations, the annual collection and bequests is greatly appreciated.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 nd -3 rd June	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	26 th – 27 th May	Tinned vegetables

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.

Sion Community, Brentwood - Work and Pray

We invite you to come and join us for a few days between 18th - 29th June at our centre in Brentwood (Essex, CM15 9BX) and take the opportunity to spend some time with us in prayer and experience living in our Community, as well as helping us by doing a variety of manual jobs around the building and gardens. It would be great if you could come along, please contact: Mary on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011.

St Bernard's High School Open Morning – 21st June 2018, 10.30am until 12.30pm

Are you a qualified teacher with availability to teach at St Bernard's High School on an ad-hoc basis? Please come along to our Open Morning on Thursday 21st June for Tea and Cake, where you will be given the opportunity to see our school in action. Please contact Mrs H Bennett, Assistant Head Teacher either on T.01702 343583 or email hjb@stbernards.southend.sch.uk to advise that you will be attending or for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

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.

Appeal for Helpers to go to Lourdes with ACROSS

The following are urgently needed: Experienced helpers - especially male carers- for National Group departing 12th July and Male and Female helpers, experienced or not, for National Group 6th September. Both groups have a full complement of VIPs who can only travel to Lourdes if we get enough helpers. Pickups are arranged at nearby motorway service stations. Please share around anyone you know who may be interested and contact the office on 0203 542 1800 or email pilgrimages@across.org.uk. See website for more details www.across.org.uk.

The Gospel of Mark

On Wednesdays 20th and 27th June at 7.00pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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.

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>.

REFRAME, a Catholic Voices initiative

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 our Diocesan Workshop day on Saturday 2 June 10 am – 3 pm at The Campion School, Hornchurch book a place on <https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvgkyfyvi8shc5> or via e-mail to adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Money

20th May 2018 Offertory

£1162.94

There will be a Mission Appeal this weekend for the Vincentians

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Rosanna Chenneour who was baptised last weekend.

Fabian Kacica RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel Kacica who died recently. His Requiem Mass (in Polish) will be on Monday 4th June at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

Wendy Lombard RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wendy Lombard who died on 24th May. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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, Maria Scinto, 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: Alexander McCouat, Nora Conway, Mary Kirby, Barbara Wood, James Daly, Gilberto Rodrigues, James Whittingham, Violet Wood, Adele Castle, William Richmond, William Livermore, Sajia Christine Diab, Don Fell, Florence Fell, Santolo Alaia, Jane Watson, Nora O'Keefe and Hilda Vassie.

Mass Text for 27th May – The Most Holy Trinity - Divine Office Week 1

Entrance Antiphon **Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit for he has shown us his merciful love.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm 32:4-6, 18-20, 22 response v 12

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own

- 1 The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
- 2 By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.
- 3 The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
To rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
- 4 Our soul is waiting for the Lord, The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hopes in you.

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was and who is to come. Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba Father.

Next Sunday's readings

Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18 response v13. Hebrews 9:11-15. Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 28 th May	Feria	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday 29 th May	Feria		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 30 th May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today.</i>	10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 31 st May	Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood	6.30pm <i>Mark Brendon Sammon RIP</i>	
Friday 1 st June May	St Justin	12 noon <i>Bernadette Nicolson RIP</i>	
Saturday 2nd June	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>John Short RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 3rd June	The Body and Blood of Christ	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>John and Lisa White RIP</i>	9.00am <i>John Luke King 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.