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PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd June 2018 – The Body and Blood of Christ

My dear friends

I know that some find it difficult to believe that bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus. I can understand your doubts. We don't see any change in the bread or wine.

There is no difference in the taste; the bread still tastes like bread and the wine still tastes like wine. It is going against logic to say that the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus despite no change in appearance. It is then that we need to add faith as Paul says, in the Christian life we go by faith and not by sight. We need to be humble and open to God performing a miracle every day in this church, the miracle of the Eucharist. Jesus is really with us in the Eucharist. Jesus comes to us in every Mass under the form of bread and wine. The Eucharist is a celebration of the love of Jesus for us, his blood shed for us in love and his body scourged, crowned with thorns and crucified for us. The wine poured and the bread broken is the love of Jesus for us, body and blood given for us. When we receive Jesus, Jesus is in us and we are with Jesus.

Say to Jesus that you believe he is really present in the Blessed Sacrament and gradually grow from merely believing, to loving Jesus, and being loved by Jesus. May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of our church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish, and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.

Fr Graham

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund – Second Collection This 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 is greatly appreciated.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher - Today

Please join us in the hall after Mass today 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 – Today!

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

Faith Study Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th June at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

Celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day

Join Father Graham on Saturday 9th June immediately following the 5.30pm Mass, where the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated, with a few drinks in the Presbytery Garden. Wine, cheese and good conversation will be served, hopefully with the gentle caress of a warm summer's day. But in the event the weather should try to spoil the party we will retreat to the hall. A small donation on the night would help the parish cover some of the costs - thank you. Father Graham and the Social Committee look forward to your attendance.

New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Under the new GDPR regulations we are required to keep any information we hold about people confidential and secure as well as obtain permission from people to hold certain information about them. As part of this we now need to obtain permission from people who wish to appear on the list of Sick Parishioners published in the newsletter – consequently, the list is not shown in this edition of the newsletter. If you wish your name to be listed in future editions of the newsletter, please complete and return to the Sacred Heart Presbytery a (green) "Consent Form – Sick and Housebound" which is available from the porch.

A copy of the "Privacy Notice for the Diocese of Brentwood" is available in the porch

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 May's 200 Club Winners

The draw took place on Sunday 27th May during the Sacred Heart Coffee Morning. 1st Prize – No. 78 – Jonathan McLoughlin - £30; 2nd Prize – No. 39 – Gladys Pope - £15; 3rd Prize – No. 38 – Kath Brennan - £10.

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.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	2 nd -3 rd June	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	9 th – 10 th June	Tinned vegetables

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents: Early Man (Cert PG)

Wednesday 6th June at Sacred Heart Church Hall, the doors open at 6:30pm for 7pm screening. Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures and woolly mammoths roamed the earth, Early Man tells the story of Dug, along with sidekick Hognob as they unite his tribe against a mighty enemy Lord Nooth and his Bronze Age City to save their home. Another fantastic film from Nick Park. Free entry, usual refreshments available. **If you require a lift to this event please contact Sandy or Liam Rand – Tel: 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com. We would be only too happy to pick you up and return you home if getting to the venue is difficult.**

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.

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.

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.

Part time School Chaplain Vacancy Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green

Details from <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/Vacancies.shtml>, 020 8504 3419 ext 170 or sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net.

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.

Day of Reflection for Single Men

A day of reflection for single men aged 35-55 who wish to explore if they have a calling to the priesthood. Saturday 9th June 9.30am – 3.30pm. St. John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, GU5 0QX. For more details contact the Fr. Graham Smith on Fr.gjdsmith@gmail.com or on 01702 465720.

Deanery Orchestra Summer Concert

7.30pm Saturday 23rd June at The New Mazenod Hall, St. Peter's Church, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4BX. Tickets £5 each (16 and under FREE). Please bring and enjoy your own food and drink. Tickets may be reserved by calling 07810 707910, visiting our website <https://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com>, or purchased at the door on the evening. The concert will be a wonderful selection of popular Detective Themes and Classical music.

Money

27 th May 2018 Offertory	£1012.93
Mission Appeal this weekend for the Vincentians	£575.71
There will be a second collection this weekend for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund	

Fabian Kacica RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fabian 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

The list has been removed so that we can comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations – please see the item on the first page of this newsletter.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Estelle Bruen, Fr Donald Clover, Bertram Davis, Patricia Dalton, Bernadette Maguire, Canon Eric Goldingay, Robert Lawson, Kathleen Flashman, John Short, Canon Jerome Deady, Br John Petit, Ernest Colbert, Mary King, John Rawsley, Frederick Barnes, Rosa Johnson, Gladys Carthew, Kathleen Wicking, Leslie Fitzpatrick, Rosa Sorrentino, Enid Yin (Forster), Nellie White, Jim Burns, Margaret Barnes, George Bliss, Ellen Watkins, Fr Edmund Tyler, Reginald Childs, Skye O'Hart and Emma Rigluth.

Mass Text for 3 June 2018 – The Body and Blood of Christ (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Exodus 24: 3-8

Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18 response v13

Response: The cup of Salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name

- 1 How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
- 2 O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
- 3 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next Sunday's readings

Genesis 3: 9-15, Psalm 80:3-8, 10-11 response v2, 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1, Mark 3: 20-35

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 4 th June	Feria	9.00am <i>Franco Giudici RIP</i> 12 noon Requiem Mass (In Polish) <i>Fabian Kacica RIP</i>	
Tuesday 5 th June	St Boniface		<i>No Mass</i>
Wednesday 6 th June	Feria	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today.</i>	10.00am <i>Mgr George Tutto RIP</i>
Thursday 7 th June	Feria	6.30pm <i>Monty Wood RIP</i>	
Friday 8 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12 noon <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Saturday 9th June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Private Intentions</i>
Saturday 9th June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 10th June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am (First Holy Communion Children's Mass – to include the Baptism and Reception of some of the children) <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Chris Coath 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.