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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (B)

*My dear friends*

The Gospel today is the shortest gospel reading in the Sunday cycle. They recount a fairly unremarkable circumstance. When the Twelve, sent out by Jesus to preach repentance, return and report to him, he calls them to retire with him to a 'deserted place', away from the crowds. They escape by boat but the crowds get ahead of them. For Jesus, moved with pity, the crowds seem like 'sheep without a shepherd', so he begins to teach them. Christ is the true shepherd, as he reveals in St John's Gospel. We gather as Christ's flock to be renewed by faith in the true shepherd, and give thanks for the fidelity of the great majority of pastors in the Church who continue to shepherd us.

*Fr Graham*

### **Strawberry Themed Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart – Today Sunday (22nd July)**

Straight after the 11.00am Mass. Treat yourself to a strawberry scone and cream tea plus great raffle prizes.

### **Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart**

From Anne Ackery. A HUGE thank you to Angela Guy and Marisa Murphy who have led the Children's Liturgy throughout this year. They are our only Leaders! Despite our earlier pleas for volunteers, no one has committed to help out. With some support from Sophie, Amelia and Mamie, Angela and Marisa have shouldered the responsibility of preparing and leading the sessions – it is not an easy task. Without others to share the responsibility I am concerned that we may have to reduce the number of sessions that we offer in order to ease the pressure on Angela and Marisa. If you can help, please speak to Anne Ackery who will gladly give you more details. Meanwhile, THANK YOU ANGELA AND MARISA!

### **Do you want to take part in a Pantomime? Meeting today – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July!**

The Drama group would like to put on a Panto. Before this can happen, we need to get more people involved in a variety of ways. We need set builders, prop and costume makers among other things. Budding actors too of course. Interested to know more then come along to St John Fisher Hall on **Sunday 22nd July** from 4.00pm and find out what is required to make a perfect panto.

### **Parish AGM – This coming Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

At 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Statue of the Sacred Heart**

Thank you to the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Dagenham) for giving us the statue and paying for it to be delivered. The statue will stand at the front of the church as a witness to our local community. The statue depicts Jesus with his arms open wide as an invitation to all to experience his love and mercy. Let us pray that the presence of the statue will be encouragement to people to share his love with others.

We are now looking at how best to permanently fix the statue in place. If you have any skills (eg bricklaying or concreting) that could help with this, please contact Sue in the Parish Office. This picture shows how the statue looked in its previous location.



### **Children's Matinee: Paddington 2 (Cert. PG)**

Paddington is happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief.

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 20th July in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free Entry – Tickets from Robin Gibson or Paul Nicholson. Usual refreshments available.

### **Appeal from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)**

Next weekend we welcome speakers from the BCCS to tell us more about the work of the Society and make an Appeal.

## St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sales

We are taking a break over the summer months and we will resume on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September straight after the 9.00am Mass.

In the meantime we are collecting donations of good quality items for the Bring and Buy Sales. Please leave donations in the box under the St John Fisher Church repository. Please note that we are not allowed to accept electrical items. Please support the Bring and Buy Sales from which all money goes to the Maintenance Fund.

<b>Collections of Food and Toiletries</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Long life milk (semi skimmed or full fat)</b>

## St John Fisher – Sacred Heart Chapel

A very big thank you to Peter and his team for doing such an amazing job redecorating the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at St John Fisher. It is amazing and so warm. Well done and thank you.

## Applications to Catholic Schools – September 2019 intake

If you will be applying to a Catholic School for a place in the September 2019 intake you may want to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. This will only be issued to families known to your Parish Priest, who are practising Catholics and the child has been baptised. (The child's baptism certificate will need to be shown to the Priest when asking for the Certificate of Catholic Practice.) For the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is deemed to be a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2041 - 2042). Please watch future editions of this newsletter for details of how requests will be handled within this Parish.

In the meantime, please:

- Introduce yourself and your family to Fr Graham after Mass and mention that you will be asking for a Certificate of Catholic Practice.
- Ensure that you already have the child's baptism certificate. If you do not have it, please **URGENTLY** request a duplicate from the Parish of baptism. (You will need to have the Baptism Certificate with you when requesting a Certificate of Catholic Practice.)

## Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after the summer break and will reconvene on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

## Annual Coach Excursion to London's West End

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August leaving Sacred Heart Church at 8am (picking up at Saint John Fisher 8:10am) we head to Saint James' Church, Spanish Place for the joyous Sung Mass at 10:30am. There's time to grab a coffee before Mass and we are all welcome to join the parishioners of Saint James' for their coffee morning after Mass. Ten minutes walk from Marble Arch the rest of the day is yours – enjoy a long lunch in the many different restaurants offering cuisine from around the world, picnic in Hyde or Regents Park both ten to fifteen minutes walk away. If your penchant is for spectacular art and culture then The Wallace Collection (one of the best in London) is just around the corner from the church and free to enter. Whatever you decide to do I'm sure it will be a memorable day. We should arrive back in Southend at approximately 7pm. Adults £16 – Over 60s' £15 - Children Free (Thirteen places on a first come first served basis thereafter children must pay £15) To book your seats speak to Sandy or Liam after Mass or phone Liam 07952 954833 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

## Calais Light

Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop vegetables and sort refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais -the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this and volunteer with us. If you can't, please donate with compassion at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight). Next Trip 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

## **Summer Lourdes 2018 – the “virtual pilgrimage”**

From Tuesday 24th to Saturday 29th July the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will present short online videos allowing you to catch the flavour of the Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan. The homily from each Mass, interviews with pilgrims from all ages, and clips to help you pray and reflect will all be available. To find the links, go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or find BCYS on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. You can also watch “Lourdes TV” to see Mass at the Grotto (Tuesday 24th, 7.30am UK time); the Torchlight procession (Tuesday 24th, 8.00pm) and the Blessed Sacrament Procession (Wednesday 25th, 4.00pm) as well as Tour de France, starting from Lourdes (Friday 27th, 8am – 11am). The link is [www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes)

## **St. Peters Parish Lunch Time Special – Rock-n-Roll Party**

Saturday 22nd September - 12 noon to 4.30 pm at The New Mazenod Hall. Tickets- £8.50, which includes your meal of fish or chicken/chips. Children 6yrs & under free entry. Please bring your own drinks & nibbles. Music by DJ Michael with his fab sound system & Rock-n-Roll music. Dress up for the event if you wish. For Tickets please contact Bruno 01702 528766, Ian 07503 465249 or Ray 01702 525480

## **Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) Barleylands Walk**

BCCS is inviting supporters from all over the diocese to come and take part in the Barleylands, Billericay Fun Walk on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site, the longest being no more than 3 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. This community event starts with a BBQ at 12.00noon with walks due to start at 1.00pm & finish around 2.00pm, it is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for ‘bccs’. For a sponsorship form and more information, please go to [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or contact Alison on [arg.cardoness@googlemail.com](mailto:arg.cardoness@googlemail.com).

## **Essex Recusant Society Annual General Meeting**

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will hold its’ Annual General Meeting on Saturday 4 August at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, at 2.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a talk on ‘Family connections between Recusants in Essex ( the Petre Family) and Lancashire’ given by Mrs Patricia Paxon. All are welcome.

## **The Catholic Mothers Apostolate Retreat for Teen Girls and their Mums**

At Aylesford Priory on 27th October. A day dedicated to learning more about women’s issues, including what it means to be a Catholic woman; how to improve mother-daughter communication; how fertility affects our lives at every stage; and how to grow in the faith.

Mums and daughters will have plenty of time to talk through the issues together and build their relationship, as well as meet other Catholic mothers and daughters.

Tickets are £120 per mother-daughter pair, with an Early Bird rate of £100. Further details are available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmothers/177368>

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## **Money**

15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Offertory

£1030.94

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society.

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the families of Macie, Maxwell and Maddox Royal and Bella Kirby who were baptised last weekend.

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## **Ann Husk RIP**

Please pray for the repose of soul Ann Husk who died on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Her funeral service will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.15am at Sacred Heart.

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## **Sick Parishioners**

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfosina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Pamela Dobson, Helen Escott, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Joy May, Peter May, Sheila Norris, Mary Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens and Jenny Warren.

*If you wish your name to be added to this list, please complete and return a (green) “Consent Form – Sick and Housebound” available from the porch.*

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Helen Manzi, Ann Collen, Lilian Stubbs, Fr Patrick Taylor, Bernadette O’Malley, Mildred Powell, Joseph Hartley, Maria Taliana, Jeanette Gefaell, Anthony Stapleton, Adolphus Linton, Pamela Body, Carla Casas, Douglas Richards, Fr John Jones, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Constance Siveter, Jessie Wrampling, Gilberte Bradsell, Richard Ryan and Kathleen Wallen.

## Mass Text for 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 1)

**Entrance Antiphon** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Psalm** 22 response v1

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
- 2 He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
- 4 Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 6:30-34

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**Next Sunday's readings**

**2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18 response v16, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15**

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Vanda Horton and family</i>	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Pat Callaghan RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>1.00pm Baptism</b> <i>James Adey</i>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	St Bridget of Sweden	9.00am <i>Bridget Houlihan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	St James	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.</i>	10.00am <i>Agnes Biles RIP</i>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM	6.30pm <i>Deceased members of the Tan family</i>	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Feria	12 noon <i>Hetty Wise RIP</i>	
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Marcella and Jorge</i>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>4.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Ethan Clinton-Akuma</i> <b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Felix Clinton</i>	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Josephine Foy RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Aaliyah Morah</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>