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PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th September 2018 – Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (B) Education Sunday

My Dear Friends

This weekend we celebrate Education Sunday which is a day of celebration for all those involved in education. For over a century it has been part of an ecumenical celebration in which the Catholic Church participates. The Catholic Education Service's theme for Education Sunday 2018 is 'Ephphatha - Be Opened!'. Education Sunday is an opportunity for schools and parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It is also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities. On this special occasion we will hear a pastoral letter from our Bishop Alan to inform us of our new academy status for our school and to help us reflect on the importance of Catholic education. We also will welcome the children and staff from Sacred Heart School to the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Fr Graham

Prayer Walk to Pray for Peace in Southend – Today! (Sunday 9th September)

The walk will start straight after the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart. We will go clockwise "round the block" from the Church taking in Southchurch Road, Chase Road, Windermere Road and Southchurch Avenue before returning to Southchurch Road.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen. *St Francis of Assisi*

Hear Father Graham on BBC Essex radio – Today (Sunday 9th September)

A pre recorded interview with Fr Graham will be broadcast on BBC Essex (medium wave, 1530 kHz and FM, 95.3 MHz) at 6.40am and 7.40am. If you miss it, it will be available on the BBC I Player.

BBC Essex's Sunday Breakfast which is broadcast from 6.00am to 9.00am on Sundays will be hosted by Fr Dominic Howarth on Sundays 9th and 16th September.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Today (Sunday 9th September)

Please join us after Mass today for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee in the hall. This month we are raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support to acknowledge the amazing work they do for seriously ill patients. Each year they ask for volunteers to raise funds for their work, so we encourage you to support this event and you may be lucky to win a whole cake in our raffle! The raffle will include several whole cakes and red and white wine. We look forward to seeing you all.

St John Fisher - Bring and Buy – Today (Sunday 9th September)

Come and buy some bargains straight after Mass in aid of the Parish Maintenance Fund. Donations of good quality goods always welcome - please place them in the box under the repository table in the Church.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will reconvene this Wednesday at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. All are welcome!

Come and Pray for Vocations at our Deanery Holy Hour

This coming Wednesday (12th September) at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes (1 Cliffsea Grove, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 1NG). All are welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or want to pray for those who are. This event will include a Vocations testimony from Rev Mgr Canon Kevin Hale VG.

Friday 14th September – Change of Mass Time

The Mass at Sacred Heart this coming Friday (14th September) will be at 9.00am instead of the usual 12 noon. This is so that the children and staff from Sacred Heart School can join us for a special celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection.

Tea, Cake and Reflection Afternoon at St John Fisher Hall

The next meeting is on Friday 14th September at 3.00pm. Please read the Gospel for the 24th Sunday of the year - Mark 8: 27-35. See you there.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about your Faith?

If so, please join us for the

ALPHA Course followed by the ABC (About Becoming Catholic) Course

The Alpha Course will run from Thursday 4th October until Christmas and, for those wishing to become Catholic, **CONTINUE as the ABC Course** in the New Year until Easter 2019. New Catholics will be received into the Catholic Church at Easter 2019.

In our Alpha course we explore some of the really important questions of life and look at the basic questions of the Christian faith surrounding the person of Jesus Christ.

For those who are interested in becoming Catholic – they must attend the Alpha Course and the ABC course. All sessions will be on Thursday evenings in Sacred Heart Hall at 7.30pm (ie. straight after the 6.30pm Mass.)

If you are thinking of becoming a catholic, please complete an application form **up to question 6** and bring it to the first session on 4th October. Application forms are available in the Church porch or from the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

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 24th September 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.

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).

If you want to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Graham, please see him after Mass to arrange an appointment. (Appointment lists will not be at the back of the Church this year.)

In the meantime, please 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.

Parish Race Night - Saturday 29 September

A fun race night is being organised at St John Fisher. Come and watch Pigs, Camels, Dogs and Horses compete for that prized first place! You may be one of the lucky winners! Tickets cost £5 each and are now available. They can be reserved if you are unable to purchase one straight away. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Crisps will be supplied.

Please contact Charmaine 07800 642066 Karen 07939 268318 or Helen 07926 058977. All proceeds will be donated to the Parish Maintenance Fund.

Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st December – Appeal for Donations

Do you knit or sew clothes and gifts? Do you make jam? Do you pickle your own onions? If you do please consider making some extras and donating them to the Christmas Fayre.

We are also looking for donations of toys or gifts for the "Christmas stalls". Please donate what you can. At St John Fisher please give your donations to Charmaine, Karen, Helen or Malcolm. At Sacred Heart please give your donations in to the Sacristy.

Collections of Food and Toiletries		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd September	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	8 th – 9 th September 15 th – 16 th September 22 nd - 23 rd September	Tinned potatoes or packet mash

Some Future Dates.....

All Saints Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday 1st November. Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 9.30am and at St John Fisher at 7.30pm.

Saturday 1st December – Parish Christmas Fayre in St John Fisher Hall.

Christmas Sing-a-Long - Sunday 9th December at 7.30pm in St John Fisher Hall.

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Charity Meal in aid of Nazareth House - Tuesday 25th September

The Knights of Saint Columba are organising a charity meal to support the exemplary work of the Sisters of Nazareth. The meal will take place at the East Asian Restaurant, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend SS1 1BW, 7pm for 7:30pm. Eat as much as you like buffet style Asian cuisine (some English dishes available) - £16 per person. Drinks extra available from the bar. Spectacular raffle, tickets sold on the night. Please book your place by contacting – Liam Rand 07952 954833 – Mark Moulding 01702 344965 – Sandy Rand 07875 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

“Let it be done unto me according to your word” – Sessions at Nazareth House

"Mary once gave us the Saviour of the World, today she helps us to be filled with the Spirit of God". Join the Deanery Stewards of the Gospel Group for an inspiring TV quality exploration of Mary, past and present. Filmed on location in Walsingham, the Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Montserrat, Lourdes and Knock. Six sessions starting on Monday 8th October at Nazareth House – 7:30pm start in the main hall. Each film is around 25 minutes long to be followed by a Q&A discussion. Input from experts such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Mgr John Armitage, Dr Sarah Boss, Fr Jim McManus and Sr Catherine Droste. Entrance is free but donations towards the running costs of Nazareth House would be welcome.

Foundation Governors Needed for St Bernard’s High School

St Bernard’s High School are looking to recruit new Foundation Governors. Meetings are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 5.15pm and Governors are asked to commit to 3 full meetings per year plus sit on 2 Committees which each meet 3 times a year. Further details at [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/School Information/](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/SchoolInformation/) or via e-mail to sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

Mass in Honour of Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20th September at 9.15am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

“An Intelligent Person's Guide to Catholicism” at Brentwood Cathedral

Are you 18-35? Do you have an enquiring mind? Do you want to think more deeply about who God is and what the death and resurrection of Christ means? If so then *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Catholicism* is for you. Starting on Wednesday 19th September. Details at www.cathedral-brentwood.org

Money

2nd September 2018 Offertory

£1177.22

There will be a second collection this weekend in aid of the Catholic Education Service.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Dexter Hadjicostas who was baptised last weekend.

Mary Rand RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Rand (mother of Liam Rand) who died on 6th September. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Valerie Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Pamela Dobson, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Joy May, Peter May, Sheila Norris, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens and Jenny Warren.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Peter Kevin Connor, Patricia Rodgers, Chun Fong Wong, Francis Farrell, Mgr Michael Wilson, Patrick Grout, May Bell, Susanne Mitchell, Doreen (Dee) Sharon Merry, Fr Charles Johnson, Lilian Steel, Albert Curet, Christine Johnston, Dennis Whitbread, Shirley Corboy, Lilian Pearson, Antonia Wickens, Harold Turner, Michael Lack, William Young, Fr Theophilus Borer, Abp George Beck, Canon James Hemming, William Ashford, Deacon Arthur Woods and Angela Clark.

Mass Text for 9th September 2018 – Twenty Third Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Isiah 35:4-7

Psalms 145:7-10 response v1

My soul gives praise to the Lord.

- 1 It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
- 2 It is the Lord who gave sight to the blind, who raised up those who are bowed down,
The Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.
- 3 The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark Mark 7:31-37

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday's readings, Isiah 50:5-9, Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9 response v9.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 8th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Fr Kingsley</i>	
Sunday 9th September	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Kevin O'Ryan RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Monday 10 th September	Feria	9.00am <i>Helen Wyckmans RIP</i>	
Tuesday 11 th September	Feria		
Wednesday 12 th September	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>)	10.00am <i>Fr Nicholas Kavanagh RIP</i>
		7.30pm Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations <i>At Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>1 Cliffsea Grove, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 1NG</i>	
Thursday 13 th September	St John Chrysostom	6.30pm <i>Donors of the high altar of the Church</i>	
Friday 14 th September	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross	9.00am (with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School) <i>Anne Rebicsek RIP</i>	
Saturday 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Saturday 15th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Emily Ponto RIP</i>	
Sunday 16th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Percy Ewing RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Teodor Caplin</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>