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PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th September 2018 – Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year (B)

My Dear Friends

In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realised his identity. Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. Are you ready to accept?
Fr Graham

This is Home Mission Sunday

There will be a second collection.

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 both 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.

Appeal for "Caterers" for the Alpha Course

We would like to be able to offer a meal to the people attending the Alpha Course. Are there any cooks out there who are willing to volunteer to cook a meal for one or more of the sessions? We are looking for "one-dish" meals for example lasagne or shepherd's pie. The cooking can either be done in Sacred Heart Hall kitchen or done at home and then warmed up at the Hall. The meals will be needed for twelve Thursday evenings starting on 4th October. If we get enough volunteers, we hope to set up a rota. If you can volunteer, please contact Theresa Donaghy on 01702 306893 or 07956 628213.

Advertising the Alpha Course

We have produced publicity leaflets for the ALPHA Course and need people to leaflet drop within the parish borders. We will be putting bundles of leaflets together corresponding to roads or buildings. You can take a bundle (or 2) that is convenient (your road or building or near where you work perhaps) for you to deliver. We intend to have the leaflets bundled and ready for next weekend.

Changes to Mass and Service Times

There are some changes to Mass and Service times next week. Please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Sorry but there will be no confessions available here on Saturday 22nd September – confession will be available on that date in neighbouring Parishes as follows:

10.00am to 10.30am – St Peter's, 59 Eastwood Road North, Eastwood, SS9 4BX.

6.30pm to 7.30pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) – Our Lady of Lourdes, 1 Cliffsea Grove, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1LN

Red Boxes at St. John Fisher

Please bring your Red Missio Box on the 23rd September or 30th September, and collect a new one. Please make sure that your name is written on the label when you hand it in. Thank you very much. Phyllis.

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.

First Holy Communion 2019

This is for children in school year 3 and above. Application forms are available in the porches. Before handing in the application form, you will need to attach the child's baptism certificate. If the child is not a baptised catholic, you will need to attach a copy of the catholic parent's baptism certificate. If you do not have the relevant baptism certificate, please obtain a duplicate from the parish of baptism.

If you are from a non catholic family then one or both of the parents will need to become a catholic. This is done by following the ALPHA and ABC course (detailed earlier in this newsletter) – the first session of which is on Thursday 4th October. The family will also be expected to regularly attend Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 11th November (but non catholic families will need to join the Alpha-ABC course on 4th October). The initial parent's meeting is on Monday 19th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

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.

Minutes of the Parish Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the AGM held in July are now available on the Parish website www.catholicsouthend.org.uk.

Meal at East Asian Restaurant – Tuesday 16th October

The Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group invite you to join us for our final fundraising bash for Milly Wake, our dear friend who passed away in February of last year. Any monies raised will go towards sending members of our parish to Lourdes. It's on Tuesday 16th October at East Asian Restaurant, in Alexandra Street in town at 7.30pm. The Knights of St. Columba are going to the same place 3 weeks earlier, so feel free to come to both as the food is so tasty, once is never enough! £15 per person for an "Eat as much as you Like" buffet. Drinks available at the bar, paid for separately. There will be a raffle on the night and we really hope you can make it. Please contact Marianna 07813 207497 or Madeleine 07837 215757 to book your place. We still have a few copies left of Milly's Book for £5 if you're looking for an early Christmas gift.

MacMillan Cancer Support - St John Fisher

Our grateful thanks for all your support and the very generous donations of money and cakes we received last Sunday. A fantastic total of £310 was raised for the very important work being undertaken by the MacMillan nurses. Thank you.

Parish Race Night - Saturday 29 September at St John Fisher Hall

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	6 th -7 th October	Coffee, teabags, sugar and toiletries.
Foodbank	15 th – 16 th September 22 nd - 23 rd September	Tinned potatoes or packet mash

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

The Knights of Saint Columba are organising a charity meal to support the work of the Sisters of Nazareth. At the East Asian Restaurant, 33 Alexandra Street, Southend SS1 1BW, at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm. Eat as much as you like buffet Asian cuisine (some English dishes available). £16 per person. Drinks extra available from the bar. Raffle, tickets sold on the night. Please book 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. 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

"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

Beginning Experience

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. From Friday 5th to Sunday 7th October at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell. Details from Freda 01322-838415, Sandra 01293-783965 or johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

Please Pray and Fast for the end of Abortion

Moves are afoot to bring in anti- Christian censorship zones around abortion centres in the UK. On Friday 28th September, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Money

9 th September 2018 Offertory	£1243.83
Catholic Education Service	£379.42

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

Mary Rand RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Rand (mother of Liam Rand) who died on 6th September. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 2nd October at 11.00am.

Mary Nyambe Mbomena RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Mbomena who died on 5th September. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 20th September at 10.15am at Sacred Heart.

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, Alfosina 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: Wilfrid Spearman, Fr Louis Heston, Jane and Vera Lloyd, Cecelia Rawnsley, Michael Gibbons, Bridget Childs, Catherine Wood, Fr John Bergin, Fr Anthony Mayston, Margaret Gibbons, Canon Frederick Gahaghan, Louisa Kirk, Rebecca Downey, Terry Daniels, Doreen Kylyn, Molly Counce, Jacoba Forbes, Olive Attrill, Amelia Ebbs, Terrence Melvin, Stephen Szentes, Gerard Cox, Alfred Victor Dunthorne and Bridget Wood.

Mass Text for 16th September 2018 – Twenty Fourth Sunday – B (Divine Office Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon Give peace O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Isiah 50:5-9

Psalm 114:1-6

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- 1 I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.
- 2 They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;
They caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me!
- 3 How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.
- 4 He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Next Sunday - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, Psalm 53:3-6, 8 response v 6. James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 15th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Emily Ponto RIP</i>	
Sunday 16th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Percival Ewing RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Teodor Caplin</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 17 th September	Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Alexandra Okolo</i>	
Tuesday 18 th September	Feria		
Wednesday 19 th September	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>)	10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 20 th September	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Comps	10.15am Requiem Mass <i>Mary Mbomena RIP</i> 6.30pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Friday 21 st September	St Matthew	12 noon Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
Saturday 22 nd September	Our Lady on Saturday	<i>Sorry – no confessions available today. See details earlier in the newsletter.</i>	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 22nd September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	
Sunday 23rd September	Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Ronald and Mary Patchett RIP</i>	9.00am <i>St Cosmo and St Damian</i>

