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PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th October 2018 – Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year (B)

My Dear Friends

Today's Gospel presents a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God, but then at the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers. Today let us pray for family life that it may always be a witness to the divine plan revealed by Our Lord.

Fr Graham

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

There is a second collection today for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

St John Fisher Harvest Festival – Today (Sunday 7th October)

We have, as a parish, always supported the needs of the poor around the world and within our own community and have, at this time of year, given additional help to HARP, who provide food for the homeless in this area. The harvest donations help them to stock their cupboards for the forthcoming winter months. We invite you to donate 'one' item of non perishable food and place it in the Harvest Box in the porch. Please also join us for home made cakes, sausage rolls and coffee after Mass. All proceeds to CAFOD.

St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sale – Today (Sunday 7th October) After Mass

Come and get some bargains! Donations of good quality goods always welcome. Please place them in the box under the repository table in St John Fisher Church. We collected £68, on the September Sale, for the parish maintenance fund. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

This will recommence today (7th October) and is intended for children from Reception up to and including Year 2. Any younger children MUST be accompanied by an adult. At least up until Christmas, Children's Liturgy will take place only on the first two Sundays of the month (with an extra for Christingle in December). I am hopeful that after Christmas we will have more leaders so may be able to increase the frequency of the sessions. Parents/carers are welcome to accompany their children to the sessions as helpers.

Anne Ackery

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

Thank you to everyone who has delivered leaflets to advertise the Alpha Course. The Course continues this Thursday at 7.30om in Sacred Heart Hall.

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 are from a non catholic family then one or both of the parents will need to become a catholic and should have started the ALPHA Course last Thursday. The family will also be expected to regularly attend Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

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

Confirmation 2019

For young people in school year 10 or above. Application forms are now available in the porches. The initial meeting for parents and young people will be on Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Youth Choir at Sacred Heart

If you are school year 4 and up and interested in music and singing, come along to our Youth Choir practice on Sunday mornings at 10.15am in Sacred Heart hall. Any questions to Lucy Wake on 07975 506646.

Rosary at St. John Fisher during the month of October

We would like you to join us in praying the Rosary, following the Wednesday and Saturday morning Masses and on Sunday at 8.25am ie. before the Sunday Mass. Let us ask Our Blessed Lady to pray for us and our Universal church. Some leaflets about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network are available in the porch.

"This is our power: not to dominate or cry out more loudly, according to the logic of this world, but rather to exercise the gentle power of prayer"
Pope Francis

An Invitation to join us for Tea, Cake and Reflection

Every second and fourth Friday of the month in St John Fisher Hall from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Come and enjoy a cup of tea and cake with friends, talk about prayer, how and why? the readings for the following Sunday and our understanding of them. No commitment to participate - just enjoy the afternoon. Next meeting on Friday 12th of October please read, Mark 10:17-30. See you there!

Mary Ellen Rand RIP

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful community for their love, support and prayers during this very sad time. Our sincere thanks and love to Father Graham for all he has done for us before and after Mum's passing. We are truly blessed to know you all.
Sandy & Liam Rand

Sacred Heart School Reception Class Open Day

We are having an open day for prospective Reception Class parents to have a look around the school, see the classrooms and meet Mrs Nutman (Headteacher). Parents are welcome to join us on 7th November at either 9.00am or 2.00pm. Please call the School Office on 01702 534546 to book your place. 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).

If you want to request a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Graham, please see him after Mass next weekend 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.

Repository – Christmas Goods Now Available

Please see the repository for a selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, gifts etc. If you have a "special order" please see John at the Sacred Heart repository.

Rock and Roll Evening - Saturday 3rd November – St John Fisher Hall

Come and join us for an evening of Rock and Roll music and dance from 7:15 pm on Saturday 3rd November in St John Fisher Hall. Prizes awarded for best dancers and for best dressed. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £5, contact Lynda Davis tel: 01702 300382. All proceeds for Parish Maintenance Fund.

FOSH - Quiz Night

Feeling clever then come along to our Quiz night, Friday 9th November 7.00pm in the school hall. The price includes a jacket potato with either cheese, beans or tuna mayonnaise, but please bring your own drinks and nibbles. £5 an adult & child £3 (with a maximum of 8 in a team). You don't have to have children in the school to join in the fun, everyone is welcome. Please see Michelle Truter- Banks 07982 42969.

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters – How can we become involved?

An introductory meeting with the co-ordinator of Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters is taking place at Sacred Heart Presbytery at 2.00pm on Monday 15th October. If you think you would like to become involved please come along to find out more. Please let Sue in the Parish Office know if you are planning to attend.

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". Our Tombola stall needs donations of wines and spirits and also a selection of beers.

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.

Craft Fayre at Sacred Heart – Saturday 24th November

Run by the Craft Group in Sacred Heart Hall on Saturday 24th November from 11.30am to 3.30pm. To include handmade crafts and Christmas gifts, a raffle, refreshments and homemade cakes. All welcome!

Appeal for Baby Hangers

The Craft Group are busy making items to sell for the Maintenance Fund and need some baby hangers on which to display hand knitted items. If you have any you no longer need, please give them to Theresa Igoe or June O'Driscoll at Sacred Heart or Karen at St John Fisher.

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. £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 and we really hope you can make it. Please contact Marianna 07813 207497 or Madeleine 07837 215757 to book your place, or see a member of the Prayer Group after Mass. Copies of Milly's Book still available for £5 if you're looking for a Christmas gift.

Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present 100 years since WW1

Sunday 11th November at 4.00pm in St John Fisher Hall. To honour those that gave their time and/or lives for our future. We will sing, remember and celebrate this very special anniversary. Details to follow.

Collections of Food and Toiletries

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	6 th -7 th October	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	13 th -14 th October	Tinned potatoes or packet mash

Please Sponsor Libby in aid of the Southend Foodbank

Libby Gracie from Sacred Heart and a Southend Foodbank warehouse volunteer is running her first 10k run along the seafront this Sunday. Any support, spiritually or financially greatly appreciated! https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/libby-gracie-494?utm_term=rvRgGjz7E or donations to the Foodbank PayPal account Natasha@southend.foodbank.org.uk.

"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 exploration of Mary, past and present. Six sessions starting on Monday 8th October – 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 of Nazareth House running costs would be welcome.

Spirituality Talks at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

From 10.30am to 12 noon on the following dates:

Saturday 20th October - "Sacraments of Mercy: the gracious presence of Christ" - Fr Martin Boland.

Saturday 17th November - "Life and healing: Spirituality of the Sacraments" - Mgr David Manson.

Saturday 1st December - "Advent Spirituality" - Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

For further details contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285

St Thomas More High School - Open Days

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2019 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils. Details at www.st-thomsmore.southend.sch.uk.

Money

30th September 2018 Offertory

£1035.53

There will be a second collection this weekend for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Prisoners' Sunday

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Lorenzo Lodge who was baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

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, 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: Ellen Alley, Gisela Eichwalder, Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue, Ronald Leggett, Santa Privetera, Canon Edward Heary, Simon Diab, Robert James, Patricia Singleton, Fr Harold Cahill, Ellen Chapman, Ellen Denny, Kathleen Rickard, Fr Alfred Clements, Emilie Giordmaina, John Sheridan, Patrick Griffin, Doris Ogden, Gloria Dermody, Nellie Schad, Jeanette Meadows, Margaret Meehan and Mary Dowsett.

Mass Text for 30th September 2018 –Twenty Sixth Sunday – B

(Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 27 response v5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

- 1 O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands, you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.
- 2 Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.
- 3 Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!
May you see you children's children. On Israel, peace.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Your word is truth, O lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is food to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next Sunday – Wisdom 7:7-11, Psalm 89:12-17 v 14, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 6th October	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Intentions of Patrick Amadi</i>	
Sunday 7th October	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Sophie Campbell</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 8 th October	St Osyth	9.00am <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Tuesday 9 th October	Feria		
Wednesday 10 th October	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (<i>in the hall</i>)	10.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Ann & Tony Christmas RIP</i>
Thursday 11 th October	St John XXIII	6.30pm Deceased members of the Patchett family 7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall	
Friday 12 th October	St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga	12 noon <i>Intentions of Patrick Okolo</i>	3.00pm Tea, Cakes and Reflection on Mark 10:17-30 (<i>in the hall</i>)
Saturday 13 th October	St Edward the Confessor	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Intentions of Adrian Smith</i>
Saturday 13th October	First Mass of Sunday	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) 5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 14th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) 11.00am (To include the baptism of Sebastian Balloch) <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptisms Aubree and Isabella Mumford	(8.25am Holy Rosary) 9.00am <i>Mr and Mrs W L Pearce and their deceased relatives and friends</i>