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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (B)**

*My Dear Friends*

In our Gospel today the blind man Bartimaeus pleads with Jesus to heal him. Bartimaeus says "Master, let me see again," and Jesus cures him. Unlike the crowd, Jesus does not ignore the blind man or try to silence his cries. He stops, turns the eyes of all to the blind man, and, acknowledging his faith, restores his sight. The crowd too now sees; their eyes are opened to the meaning of this encounter of mercy, and they give praise to God. As we prepare to open our night shelter for the homeless may we too open our eyes and hearts to God's love for the poor and to the gift of healing that he offers to all who turn to him in faith.

*Fr Graham*

### **Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters**

We are pleased to say that we have enough volunteers to run the Night Shelter! Thank you to everyone who came forward to volunteer. We have a Core Group of people who are starting the detailed planning and getting in touch with volunteers. If you have not already done so, but would still like to volunteer, please complete and return a "Volunteer Information Form" available from the porch.

We will be running the Winter Night Shelter for 20 "guests" in Sacred Heart Hall on all Wednesday nights between 5<sup>th</sup> December through to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This is a total of 16 nights. The guests will be referred to us by HARP who will screen the guests to ensure that a Night Shelter is suitable for them. We will need a large number of volunteers to help with this including people to set up the hall, clear up the following morning, cook and serve a two course evening meal, interact with the guests throughout the evening, launder sleeping bag liners, pillow cases and towels, prepare and serve a simple (toast and hot drink) breakfast. Most importantly, we will need at least four people (at least one female and at least one male) each week to stay in the hall overnight - two staying awake and two having a sleep in turn.

There will be a meeting for all the volunteers for our Night Shelter at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

There is a briefing for volunteers for all of the Southend Night Shelters in the area on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm at Shoeburyness Baptist church.

In the meantime, we are starting to collect items that will be needed to run the Shelter and offer as much help to the guests as possible. The items we need are: new adult sized underwear, clean warm winter trousers, jumpers, coats, hats and scarves, toothbrushes, sanitary products for women and "hotel freebie" or travel size soap, deodorant, shower gel and toothpaste. Please place donations in the box at the back of the Church.

### **Indonesia Earthquake & Tsunami – Second Collection for CAFOD – This Weekend**

The latest official figures report that the death toll from the disaster is at least 1,581, an estimated 70,000 people have been made homeless, and 200,000 people are in need of urgent life-saving aid. The Indonesian authorities are warning that thousands more people could have perished after waves of up to 20 feet hit the city of Palu- which is home to more than 300,000 people. The priority now is to reach the worst affected communities, many of which have been cut off by landslides and road blockages. Gift aiders are asked to use a spare envelope from their box and if donating by cheque to make it out to "Sacred Heart Church" (this enables us to claim the Gift Aid for CAFOD).

### **November Prayers for the Faithful Departed**

Envelopes and forms are now available in the church porches if you wish to include your departed friends and loved ones in our November prayers. The first three names on your list will be read out at Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November. A donation is not required or requested: any donations will be treated as a Mass stipend for the Mass offered on All Souls Day (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November).

### **Blessing of the Graves**

This will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Sutton Road Cemetery. It will start at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross and be followed by the blessing of individual graves.

### **Rock and Roll Evening – next Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup> November)**

Come and join us for an evening of Rock and Roll music and dance from 7:15 pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and available after Mass or from Lynda Davis on 01702 300382. All proceeds for Parish Maintenance Fund.

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

The Course continues this Thursday at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Faith Study Group**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 1.30pm. For further details please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

### **First Holy Communion 2019**

For children in school year 3 and above. Application forms are available in the porch. The closing date for applications is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November (non catholic families will need to already be attending Alpha-ABC course). The first parent's meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. The parents' meeting is the start of the course and we will not accept any "late applications" after that date".

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

### **Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher**

There will no coffee and cake served on Sunday 4 November but coffee and biscuits will be available after Mass. Coffee/Tea and cakes will be sold at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1 December. We hope you will support this fun event to raise valuable funds for the Parish Maintenance fund.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> November at either 9.00am or 2.00pm. Please call the School Office on 01702 534546 to book your place. Thank you.

### **Congratulations to September's 100 Club Winners**

First prize Val Armitage, number 2, £30.00. Second prize, Sue Sullivan, number 137, £15.00. Third prize Maria Pereira, £10.00.

### **FOSH - Quiz Night**

Feeling clever then come along to our Quiz night, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 429691.

### **Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Appeal for Donations**

We are 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. 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 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

<b>Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> November	Long life fruit juice and squash
Winter Night Shelter	Every week	Women's sanitary products, toothbrushes, small "hotel freebie" or "travel size" soap, deodorant, shower gel & toothpaste. Adult sized, clean, hats, gloves, jumpers, trousers & coats.

### **Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present: An Armistice Centenary**

Please join us on Sunday 11th November as we tell the stories of some of those that gave their time and some their lives for our future. We will use songs, letters, sketches and atmosphere to remember and celebrate this very special anniversary. You will be able get actively involved in commemorating the lives of local men who gave their life during WW1. We will be serving an afternoon tea during the interval as well. Places will be limited as we are only doing one show. £5 per place with a raffle on the day. Profits will be split between Help for Heroes and the Parish Maintenance Fund. Tickets available after Mass or from Tina Carroll 07771 628808 or Theresa 07956 628213.

### **Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - The Wipers Times (Cert PG)**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Discovering a printing press in the ruins of Ypres, Belgium, Captain Roberts decides to publish a satirical magazine called The Wipers Times. Against all odds the magazine proved a huge success with the troops on the Western Front. A testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Roberts also managed to win the Military Cross for gallantry.

## **"Let it be done unto me according to your word" – Sessions at Nazareth House**

Join the Deanery Stewards of the Gospel Group for an exploration of Mary, past and present. Six sessions starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm start in the main hall. Each 25 minute film will be followed by a Q&A discussion. Entrance is free but donations towards of Nazareth House running costs would be welcome.

## **Invitation to Pan-African Annual Mass**

The Pan-African Annual Mass will be held on this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2PR. The Mass will be followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall. The Rt Rev Paul McAleenan, Chairman for the Bishops' Committee for Migrants will be the Main Celebrant. The various African Community Choirs will participate in this special Mass. Everyone is cordially invited to come to experience a taste in the inculturation of the liturgy.

## **Walsingham House at Abbotswick – service to commemorate loved ones in the month of November**

Those with relatives and friends commemorated at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a service of prayer on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. The names of those remembered here will be read out during the service, which will include hymns and scripture readings and will be followed by tea and cakes. Please email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or call 01277 373959 with any questions or just turn up on the night.

## **St Thomas More High School – Sixth Form Open Evening**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2019. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students.

## **St Bernard's High School Open Evening for Prospective Year 12**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. For prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School mixed Sixth Form in September 2019. Details from 01702 343583 or [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk).

## **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

If you are in school year 10 or above, come and join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We travel alongside the diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage, particularly those in wheelchairs. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Applications can be made at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) where you will also find more information about the trip. Likely travel dates will be 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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## **Money**

21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 Offertory

£1292.23

World Mission Day

£336.57

There will be a second collection for the CAFOD Indonesia Appeal this weekend

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## **Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations to the families of Jack McGregor who was baptised at Sacred Heart last weekend.

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## **John Mullally RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Mullally who died on 18<sup>th</sup> October. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

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## **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, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Paul Gunn, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, 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.

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## **Rest in Peace**

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: George Jarrett, John Doherty, Alfred Frank Bygrave, Patrick Roche, Patrick Callaghan, Lillian Daly-Hunter, Fr Bernard Clay, Margaret Smith, Fred Ablitt, Rosa Cascarino, Ivy Kerry, Eileen Murfitt, Joan Coltron, Dorothy Collins, Cyril Mogensen, Vanessa Budkley, Felix Leggett, Robert Parzelski Douglas Lack, William O'Leary, Patricia Robinson, Joan Gallagher, John Daly, Mgr Daniel Shanahan, Tadek Storek and Felisa Torres.

# Mass Text for 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 –Thirtieth Sunday – B

## (Divine Office Week 1)

**Entrance Antiphon** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9**

**Psalm 125 response v 3**

**What marvels the Lord has worked for us! Indeed we are glad.**

- 1 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.
- 2 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
- 3 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
- 4 The go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing:  
They come back, they come back, full of son, carrying their sheaves.

**Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6**

**Gospel Mark 10:56-42**

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**Next Sunday –Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Psalm 17:2-4, 47,51 response v2, Hebrews 7:23-28 , Mark 12:28-34**

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	(4.55pm Holy Rosary) <b>5.30pm</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> (10.35am Holy Rosary) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Angie and Thomas Carroll RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Henry Dowley</i>	(8.25am Holy Rosary) <b>9.00am</b> <i>Jim Clark RIP</i>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	9.00am <i>Intentions of Annie Cacho and family</i>	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Feria	10.00am <i>Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)</i>	10.00am (followed by the Holy Rosary) <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	<b>9.30am (with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School)</b> <i>Ronald Leggett RIP</i> <b>7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> <i>Alan Bush RIP</i>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	<b>12 noon Requiem Mass</b> <i>John Mullally RIP</i>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	St Martin de Porres	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Canon Brian Frost RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Bob Stephens RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thirty first Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> <b>11.00am</b> <i>Peter Spencer RIP</i>	9.00am <i>Dennis Collingwood RIP</i>