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PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th November 2018 – Thirty Third Sunday of the Year (B)

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood

Today is the Second World Day of the Poor; Pope Francis' words from this day last year continue to inspire us: "Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no "ifs" or "buts" or "maybes": they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters."

In that spirit, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is launched by Bishop Alan today, to serve Essex and East London. The word caritas means charity, in the fullest sense of Christian love, and our Diocesan Caritas exists to support and encourage everyone who is working to put Christ's love into action by supporting the ill, the poor and the marginalised. There is a new website (www.caritasbrentwood.org) and this is a great tool for people who want to be volunteers. Type in where you live and the kind of project where you would like to offer help, and the website will show you these projects in your area. Our Caritas is part of a national and international network, and once a year will bring together as many people as possible who are volunteering in the Diocese for a day of networking, sharing good practice, training and celebrating success. Bishop Alan says, "I am launching Caritas Diocese of Brentwood today full of hope about the difference it will make to all our work for social justice, in the name of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis asks us to 'go to the edges' and Caritas is full of projects which do just that. I encourage every parishioner to look at the website and to get involved in any way that they can."

Our Diocese has also been accredited as a Living Wage Employer; the Living Wage lifts families out of poverty, and if you are an employer, or can influence your company, please look into it (www.livingwage.org.uk)

Please keep this new initiative in your prayers.

Blessing of the Graves – Today (Sunday 18th November)

At Sutton Road Cemetery, starting at 3.00pm with prayers at the large cross and followed by the blessing of individual graves. At the same time, Fr Gerry Drummond will be blessing graves at The Lawn Cemetery, Hall Road, Rochford.

Official Blessing of the Statue of the Sacred Heart

This will take place straight after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday (25th November).

Craft Fayre at Sacred Heart – Next Saturday (24th November)

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

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters

We will be running the Winter Night Shelter for 20 "guests" in Sacred Heart Hall on all Wednesday nights from 5th December through to Wednesday 20th March 2019. If you think you can help, please complete a Volunteer Information Form available from the porch this includes support in a 'behind the scenes' role as well.

In the meantime, we are collecting 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 including socks, toothbrushes, sanitary products for women, "hotel freebie" or travel size soap, deodorant, shower gel and toothpaste etc. Warm **adult sized** jumpers, t-shirts, trousers etc and winter coats would be very welcome. Please put donations in a bag and place in the box at the back of the Church - please **label the bag "Winter Night Shelter"**.

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

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

We need help to have a one dish meal (eg lasagne or shepherd's pie) for around 28 people on three more evenings. They are Thursdays 22nd & 29th November and 13th December. The meals need to be ready to serve at 7.30pm and we have found the best way to do this is to cook at home and reheat at the hall. Please contact Theresa Donaghy 07956 628213 if you are able to support us. Many Thanks.

First Holy Communion 2019

The first parent's meeting is on this coming Monday 19th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. This 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 9th January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Parish Christmas Fayre – Saturday 1st December – Just a few more things...please!

Thank you so very much of all your kind donations for the Christmas Fayre, which is approaching fast. It is on Saturday 1st December from 12 noon to 4.00pm in St John Fisher Hall. We are very touched by your generosity. We are still looking for donations of new toys and gifts for the gift stall. Also, our Tombola would be grateful for any wine, spirits, beer, tins or jars you can offer. At St John Fisher, please place donations in the box provided. At Sacred Heart please hand donations in at the Sacristy. Thank you once again.

Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	3 rd – 4 th November	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	18 th – 19 th November 25 th – 26 th November	Long life fruit juice and squash
Winter Night Shelter	Every week	Small "hotel freebie" or "travel size" soap, deodorant, shower gel & toothpaste. New adult sized under wear. Warm adult sized jumpers, t-shirts, trousers etc and winter coats

Foodbank Collection at Tesco Prince Avenue – Saturday 1st December

We will be managing the collection between 11.00am and 1.00pm and, if you can help at the store at this time, please e-mail the parish office. If you can help at the Foodbank Warehouse any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm on that day, please email the Foodbank (warehouse@southend.foodbank.org.uk). Thank you.

Looking Ahead Towards and Planning for 2019

We would like to co-ordinate our Diary of Events for 2019.

If you would like to plan any events or fundraising activity during 2019, please send details (cause, date, time and location) to Sue in the Parish Office before Christmas.

We will then be holding a Planning meeting on Monday 7th January at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Hall to which everyone involved in running events is welcome.

Congratulations to October's 200 Club Winners

First prize Lucy Wake, number 72, £30.00. Second prize, Ron and Jenny, number 31, £15.00. Third prize Pat Lovell, number 12, £10.00.

Thank you from Bill Spencer

Bill would like to thank everyone very much for the lovely presents, cards and money given to him for his 80th birthday.

Church Cleaners at St John Fisher

Thank you to Pat and Peter who have recently retired from the St John Fisher Church Cleaners Rota. They helped keep the Church clean for many years – thank you to you both!

We now need to recruit some new cleaners – this will hopefully involve only two hours per month. Please see Helen or Karen if you think you can help.

***** Catholic Schools *****

St Thomas More High School – Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 22nd 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.

***** Around the Deanery and Diocese *****

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 29th 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 or call 01277 373959 with any questions or just turn up on the night.

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 where you will also find more information about the trip. Likely travel dates will be 20th – 27th July 2019.

Social, Digital and Print media designer for the BCYS and Caritas

We are recruiting for this new role, which also includes updating and refreshing our websites (familiarity with Wordpress is essential). Part time (12 hours/week), £14/hour. Full details at www.bcys.net/vacancy-media - deadline for applications is 30th November 2018.

The Deanery Orchestra Christmas Concert

At 7.30pm on Saturday 8th December at St. Augustine's Church, St. Augustine's Avenue, Thorpe Bay, SS1 3JH. Tickets are £5 each (16 and under FREE) and include refreshments, mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets may be reserved by calling/texting 07922 554343, or purchased at the door on the evening. The concert will be a wonderful selection of Christmas and popular music.

The Gospel of Luke

On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7.00pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Money

11th November 2018 Offertory

£1183.05

There will be a second collection next weekend for National Youth Sunday.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the family of Jensen Brown 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, 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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Henry Mahoney, Gladys Deed, Victor Ravinet, Mary Corbett, Fr Terry Howes, Maria Hayward, Sid Sullivan, Mary Griffiths, Fr James Allis, Bernard Arther Payne, Donal Quinn, John Boland, Daniel Mills, Agnes Allen, Kathleen Catton, Cecil O'Callaghan, Phyllis Banks, Joan Davis, Joan Clark, Edmund Butt, Rose Henry, John Robert Bell, Joan O'Neill, Kathleen Morton, Doris Manning, Robert Coundon, Terence Callaghan, Winifred Smith, Fr John Harden, Peter Spencer, Joyce Emily Keningale, Grace Yale, Brendan Horan, Mary Frances Grecourt, Cyril Hull, Vera Bracken, Jack Milton, Chrissie Healy, Jane Pattison, Doris Stanley, Leslie Francis, Thomas O'Sullivan, Kathleen Fearne, Peter Murphy, Stefania Miedzinska and Clarence Godfrey.

Mass Text for 18th November 2018 –Thirty Second Sunday – B

(Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon The Lord said@ I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading Daniel 12:1-13

Psalm 15:5, 8-11 response v1

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

- 1 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight; sine he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
- 2 And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.
- 3 You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand happiness for ever.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Next weekend's readings

Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm (2:1-2, 5 response v1, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 17th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm(to include the baptism of Noah Nash) <i>Wally, Maggie and Dermot Smith RIP</i>	
Sunday 18th November	Thirty Third Sunday of the Year	9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> 11.00am <i>Don and Florence RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
		Blessing of the Graves 3.00pm at Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend 3.00pm at The Lawn Cemetery, Hall Road, Rochford	
Monday 19th November	Feria	9.00am <i>Cheng Khoon Tan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 20th November	Feria		
Wednesday 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 22nd November	St Cecilia	10.00am Mass for Deceased Clergy At Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Westcliff, SS1 1PP	
		6.30pm <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i> 7.30pm – The Alpha Course in the Hall	
Friday 23rd November	Feria	12 noon <i>Intentions of Yvonne and Richard Windsor</i>	
Saturday 24th November	St Andrew Dung Lac	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Rev Stephen McGuinness RIP</i>
Saturday 24th November	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 25th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.00am Polish Mass 11.00am (<i>followed by the Blessing of the Sacred Heart Statue</i>) <i>Mike Smith RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Isabella Bass</i>	9.00am <i>Lola Collingwood RIP</i>

