

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 17th March 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent (c)

Dear Friends

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his death. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. Then a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.
Fr Graham

CAFOD Lent Fast Day – Second Collection This Weekend

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. Through CAFOD's global Church network – one of the largest networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Thank you.

Extraordinary Meetings to talk about the Diocesan Vision and Stewards of the Gospel Initiative

These will take place as follows:
Sunday 17th March in Sacred Heart Hall straight after the 11.00am Mass
Sunday 24th March in St John Fisher Hall straight after the 9.00am Mass

Weekday Masses At St John Fisher

We are pleased to announce that Fr Wojceich (of the Polish Catholic Mission) will be saying some week day Masses, in English, at St John Fisher. Fr Graham will continue to say the Wednesday and Saturday morning Masses. As is usual for weekday Masses, please check the newsletter each week for details.

Lent 2019

Stations of the Cross

There will be ample opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross in our parish during Lent. They will be on Saturday (straight after 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher) and on most Sundays (4.00pm at Sacred Heart). On Sunday 17th March we will join the community of St Luke's Anglican Church (St Luke's Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4AB) at 4.00pm for an ecumenical celebration of this devotion. On Sunday 7th April the community from St Luke's will join us at Sacred Heart.

Confession

Please make a special effort to go to Confession during Lent. Confessions are available at St John Fisher after the Saturday morning Mass and at Sacred Heart on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 10.45am. Additionally, confession will be available for half an hour before each of the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. There will be a Deanery Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm at St Helen's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, SS0 7JP.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Exposition will continue to be held at Sacred Heart on Thursday evenings straight after the 6.30pm Mass. During Lent it will also be held at St John Fisher, straight after the Wednesday 10.00am Mass.

Parish Lent House Groups

We will be holding Lent House Group meetings on weekdays during Lent from Monday 11th March as follows:

Mondays at 7.30pm in Swanage Road. Telephone 01702 615932.

Tuesdays at 5.00pm in Manner's Way. Telephone 07853 634064

Wednesdays at 7.00pm in Brunswick Road. Telephone 07837 215757

Thursdays 1.30pm in Beaufort Street. Telephone 07757 484187

Fridays at 2.00pm at St John Fisher Church Hall. (No need to telephone in advance.)

Please ring the telephone shown above for the exact location.

Deanery Lent Talks at Nazareth House (111 London Road, Westcliff)

These will take place in Nazareth House on Wednesdays at 7.30pm as follows:-

27th March – Mark Lambert, "the Culture of Life vs the Culture of Death"

3rd April – Fr Andrew Forys, "The healing power of Confession"

10th April – Fr Jeff Woolnough, "Mary at the foot of the Cross"

40Acts

If you who would like to receive a Lenten challenge via email each day during Lent, please register on the 40 Acts website 40acts.org.uk

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 13th May 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.**

Children's Matinee: Peter Rabbit (Cert. PG)

Peter Rabbit's feud with Mr. McGregor escalates to greater heights than ever before. Their fight to gain control of McGregor's coveted vegetable garden, and the affections of the warm-hearted animal lover who lives next door extends, to the Lake District and London. Also stars, Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cottontail.

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 29th March in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3.30pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free Entry – Tickets available from Robin Gibson or Paul Nicholson. Usual refreshments available.

Sacred Heart Breakfast Club – Saturday 23rd March

Come and enjoy Breakfast (cereal, full cooked breakfast, toast and marmalade, tea or coffee) and learn more about NSPCC. All proceeds will go to this compassionate charity. Breakfast is at 10.00am and the speech at 11.00am. Adults £5 and children £2.50. Tickets from Sandy Rand on 07875 124159.

Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present: Death Mountain!

On Saturday 18th May in St John Fisher Hall, we will be presenting 2 performances of our latest murder mystery. A matinee at 2.30pm and an evening performance at 7.00pm. There will be afternoon tea served for the matinee and a fish & chip supper for the evening. Tickets will be £7.50 to include the meal. Funds raised will be shared between the Parish and our own funds to be able to put on future performances. Please come along and test your detective skills! Tickets will be available from 5th April. Phone Tina Carroll 07771 628808 or Theresa 07956 628213

Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters

Thank you for all of the generous donations received so far. We now have enough of everything for the foreseeable future and so we ask that you hold off from bringing any more donations – we will let you know if and when we need more.

Southend Foodbank – Please Donate Now!

The Foodbank is currently very low on supplies of food. Please consider donating some extra items during Lent. It is important that the Foodbank builds up its stock in the run up to the Easter Holiday. This is because children do not get a school dinner whilst on school holiday which, in turn, increases demand on the Foodbank.

Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	6 th and 7 th April	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	16 th and 17 th March 23 rd and 24 th March	Tinned potatoes and see the AdLent Calander leaflets in the porch for more suggestions.
Winter Night Shelter	Nothing currently needed (thank you for all of the donations so far!)	

“Being a Young Catholic Today”

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) are organising a National seminar, between 16th and 19th July at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, with the theme ‘Being a Young Catholic Today’.

It is aimed at the age group 16 years to 23years. It is free - the accommodation costs and travelling costs are covered by the KSC. Those interested, please contact me for an application form. Brian Dillon 01702 213140 or speak to Liam Rand 07952 954833

Some Future Dates.....

Palm Sunday – 14th April

Easter Sunday – 21st April

Parish AGM – Wednesday 1st May – 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall

Confirmations – 9th June

First Holy Communion Weekend - 22nd-23rd June

***** Our Catholic Schools *****

Lenten Service St. Thomas More High School

On Thursday 4th April at 7.00pm we welcome all parents, Governors, staff members and friends of the school to our annual Lenten Service. This year we will be presenting the way of the cross using an adaptation of a musical depiction of Our Lord’s journey to the cross portrayed through the eyes of Jesus’ beloved disciple Peter. The presentation is entitled, “Peter’s Passion” and was written by Bernadette Egan. This service is designed to bring us to prayer, deepening our Lenten observance and helping us to prepare our hearts for the commemoration of Jesus’ death and resurrection at Easter. Please try to come along and join with others in our community as we journey together towards Easter.

***** Around the Deanery, Diocese and Beyond *****

Lenten Talks at St Theresa’s Rochford – ‘The Ten Commandments Through the Eyes of the Catechism’

This is a series of talks hosted by St Teresa’s Church (109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, SS4 1RF) and led by Fr Gerry which will take place on Tuesdays 19th March, 26th March and 2nd April. Talks will commence at 8pm (following 7.30pm Mass.) Refreshments provided. All very welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) Vitality London 10K run

BCCS has places for this Run which is on Whitsun Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May. It has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London’s iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society

The Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will hold its next meeting on Saturday 30 March at 2.30pm at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EY. Mr Edward Walsh (Parish Archivist) will speak on ‘OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD - 100 YEARS OLD.’

Alumnae and the Orchard Trio present “A Musical Extravaganza”

Saturday 30th March 7.30pm at Benfleet Methodist Church (bottom of Vicarage Hill). Tel. 07900 477565 for tickets - £10 or £8 for concessions. Conducted by Hilary Pell, ‘Alumnae’ are predominantly formed of ex St. Bernard’s High School for Girls Chamber Choir members and will be joined by the Orchard Trio (piano, flute and oboe) for a night of classical, popular and gospel music plus songs from shows.

Is God Calling You to be a Priest?

There is a monthly vocations group for those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, time of prayer and some food. The sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. Tuesdays: 2/4; 7/5; 4/6; 2/7. Please contact Fr Mark Swires, Vocations Promoter for more information: vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Beginning Experience - Healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner

From 12th to 14th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrothe

rton@hotmail.co.uk

Fatima Devotion Day – Saturday 23rd March

At Our Lady Immaculate, 178 New Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AR from 9.55am to 5.00pm. Further information is available from the Parish Office on 01245 352898 or Moreen Healy on 01245 472773.

Brendon “Binny” Sammon RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan “Binny” Sammon who died on 1st March. His Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 20th March at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

Money

Sunday 10th March 2019 Offertory Collection

£1208.90

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, Alfossina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Pamela Dobson, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Sheila Norris, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens, Jenny Warren and Sally Wray.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Robert Meadows, Canon Martin Horkan, Samuel Coleman, Frederick Bragg, (baby) Marcus Chi Kit Lei, Mary Bedford, Esther McCarthy, Ursula Rowlands, Laura Church, Brian Curtis, Frank Persighetti, Keith Ryder, Manolito B. Manaig, Augustus Sharland, Fr Donal Donegan, Eileen Smith, Genowefa Browarska, Reginald Arthur Martin, Angela Goodall, John O’Leary, Fr Sidney Williams, William Denny, Stanley Byart, Tina Mangora, Michael McGuire, Geraldine Walsh, Elaine Walker, Frederick Lambard, Herbert Johnston, Kathleen Wildor, Elizabeth Linney and Richard Ardin.

Mass Text for 17th March 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent (C) (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms: 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 response v1. **The Lord is my light and my help**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?
- 2 O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: “Seek his face.”
- 3 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.
- 4 I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

Second Reading Phillipians 3:17-41

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard: “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!” Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 response v8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 16 th March	First Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass <i>Intentions of Vanda Horton</i>	
Sunday 17 th March	Second Sunday of Lent (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass <i>Annie Husk RIP</i>	8.30am Confessions 9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>(11.30am Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite)</i>
		4.00pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross At St Luke's Anglican Church, St Luke's Rd, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4AB	
Monday 18 th March	Feria	9.00am Mass <i>Barbara Bridle RIP</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
		7.30pm Lent House Group, Swanage Road	
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 20 th March	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i>	10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Intentions of Veronica Grant</i>
		12 noon Requiem Mass <i>Brendon Sammon RIP</i>	
		7.00pm Lent House Group, Brunswick Road	
Thursday 21 st March	Feria		10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
		1.30pm Lent House Group, Beaufort Street	
		6.30pm Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	
Friday 22 nd March	Feria	12 noon Mass <i>Charles Spinks RIP</i>	1.30pm Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
		2.00pm Lent House Group In St John Fisher Hall <i>(7.00pm Polish Mass and Stations of the Cross)</i>	
Saturday 23 rd March	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross <i>Evelyn Ryan RIP</i>
Saturday 23 rd March	First Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass (to include the First Scrutiny of our RCIA candidates) <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 24 th March	Third Sunday of Lent (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass (with our First Holy Communion Children) <i>William Ford RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Anthony Doyle</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Gention Marku</i>

Additional Activity for Lent 2019

Sunday 17 March	4.00pm - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Luke's Anglican Church
Monday 18 March	7.30pm - Lent House Group - Swanage Road
Tuesday 19 March	5.00pm - Lent House Group - Manner's Way
Wednesday 20 March	10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at St John Fisher (immediately following the 10.00am Mass) 7.00pm - Lent House Group - Brunswick Road
Thursday 21 March	1.30pm - Lent House Group - Beaufort Road
Friday 22 March	2.00pm - Lent House Group in St John Fisher Hall
Saturday 23 March	9.30am Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher (immediately following the 9.00am Mass)
Sunday 24 March	4.00pm - Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart
Monday 25 March	7.30pm - Lent House Group - Swanage Road
Tuesday 26 March	5.00pm - Lent House Group - Manner's Way
Wednesday 27 March	10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at St John Fisher (immediately following the 10.00am Mass) 7.00pm - Lent House Group - Brunswick Road 7.30pm - Deanery Lent Talk - Nazareth House
Thursday 28 March	1.30pm - Lent House Group - Beaufort Road
Friday 29 March	2.00pm - Lent House Group in St John Fisher Hall
Saturday 30 March	9.30am Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher (immediately following the 9.00am Mass)
Sunday 31 March	4.00pm - Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart
Monday 1 April	7.30pm - Lent House Group - Swanage Road
Tuesday 2 April	5.00pm - Lent House Group - Manner's Way
Wednesday 3 April	10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at St John Fisher (immediately following the 10.00am Mass) 7.00pm - Lent House Group - Brunswick Road 7.30pm - Deanery Lent Talk - Nazareth House
Thursday 4 April	1.30pm - Lent House Group - Beaufort Road
Friday 5 April	2.00pm - Lent House Group in St John Fisher Hall
Saturday 6 April	9.30am Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher (immediately following the 9.00am Mass)
Sunday 7 April	4.00pm - Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart (with the community from St Luke's)
Monday 8 April	7.30pm - Lent House Group - Swanage Road
Tuesday 9 April	5.00pm - Lent House Group - Manner's Way
Wednesday 10 April	10.30am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at St John Fisher (immediately following the 10.00am Mass) 7.00pm - Lent House Group - Brunswick Road 7.30pm - Deanery Lent Talk - Nazareth House 7.30pm - Deanery Reconciliation Service at St Helen's Westcliff
Thursday 11 April	1.30pm - Lent House Group - Beaufort Road
Friday 12 April	2.00pm - Lent House Group in St John Fisher Hall
Saturday 13 April	9.30am Stations of the Cross at St John Fisher (immediately following the 9.00am Mass)
Sunday 14 April	4.00pm - Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart