

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st April 2019 – The Resurrection of the Lord

'Dear brothers and sisters,

The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen". Death, solitude and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak - it is the word of the resurrection. By the power of God's love, it "dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord and brings down the mighty". Happy Easter to all! *Pope Francis*

Easter collection

The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

Easter Bonnet Competition at St John Fisher – Next Sunday (28th April) during the Coffee Morning

Join us and be part of a colourful fun filled morning. Create your own hat, bright and beautiful as you, and win a prize. The younger generation can also compete with their skills. There will also be a Raffle and you can purchase Sausage in a roll (vegetarian option available) with tea or coffee for £3. Purchase your competition entry - £3.00 for adults or £1.00 Children after Sunday Mass or contact Phyllis (07789 555401) or Laura at St John Fisher.

Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	4 th -5 th May	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	20 th -21 st April 27 th – 28 th April	Tinned meat meals (eg meat pie, chilli, curry) and long life milk.

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

Jesus is calling on mankind to turn with devotion to His Divine Mercy as a preparation for his return in glory. Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, which would begin on Good Friday. He gave one intention to pray for each day of the Novena. Please join in prayer – leaflets are available from the porch this weekend.

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (161-181 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1NG) from 2.30pm on Sunday 28th April.

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.**

"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

Quiz in aid of CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal

At Sacred Heart Church Hall on Saturday 27th April at 7.00pm. £8 entry includes fish 'n' chips and of course the chance to pit your wits against the quizmaster. No more than eight to a team, if you're a couple or on your own we will form teams for you to join. Please come and support this very worthwhile cause and have a great evening to boot! Tickets available from Sandy or Liam Rand or phone Liam 07952 954833, Sandy 07975 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Fashion Show

Familiar faces flaunting the latest fashions on the catwalk with the opportunity of purchasing top quality affordable ladies clothing. To take place on Tuesday 30th April at Saint John Fisher Hall starting at 7:15pm. Entry costs £2.50 to include tea & coffee, the fashion show and the opportunity to browse a vast range of clothing supplied by Evie Bleu of Southchurch Road, Southend. All profits will be split equally between SVP & The Food Bank. Tickets available from Sandy Rand 07875 124159 or email liam.rand@btopenworld.com

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 now available from Tina 07771 628808 or Theresa 07956 628213.

Please Help Keep the Sacristy Reverent before Mass

In order to prepare spiritually for Mass, Clergy and altar servers need time for quiet reflection. Therefore people are respectfully asked to keep away from the Sacristy for the five minutes before Mass is due to start.

Some Future Dates.....

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

Confirmations – 9th June

First Holy Communion Weekend - 22nd-23rd June

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

Divine Mercy Sunday – 28th April

From 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (161-181 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1NG) to include Liturgy of the Word, Homily, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic, Exposition and the Chaplet, Benediction. Priests will be available to hear Confession.

Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy

The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April. Arrival from 10.30am for 11.00am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis. on 01277 658783 if you require further information. All are welcome.

An invitation from the Justice & Peace group at St George & The English Martyrs, Shoeburyness

The response of the Catholic community in the Southend area to both the Family Fast Day and the Cyclone Emergency appeals has been truly awe-inspiring. Yet many people are unsure what happens after the appeal.

What does CAFOD actually do with our donations? In how many countries does CAFOD work? How much did CAFOD spend on international development and emergency relief last year?

Richard Sloman, CAFOD project manager, (currently based in Bangladesh, previously in Palestine/Israel and Lebanon) will be answering these questions at St George`s Parish Hall, Ness Road, Shoeburyness at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 3rd May. In addition, he will deliver an illustrated presentation on CAFOD`s work in Palestine and the Middle East. All very welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. For further info please contact Brian Fitzgerald at bfitzg6306@sky.com

Work and Pray

Join the Sion Community for a few days from 6th - 10th May volunteering your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep of our large house and gardens. Each day will include community prayer and Mass at the cathedral. You can stay with us and experience a little of community life or come along on a daily basis. Meals provided (you can even take a turn in the kitchen if you would like to!). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mary: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or 01277 215011

March for Life UK – Saturday 11th May

Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). For more information visit marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773 501721/ 07885 505116

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 25th May

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go please contact Liam Rand on 07952 954833. Once we have an idea of numbers of people wanting to go, we will decide on transport options and be able to publish the cost.

Calais Light – Car Sharing Convoy

On 21- 23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories; offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com Choose Love!

Brentwood Diocese's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

Sharing Hope in Crisis Seminar

This seminar is designed to help you know what to say—and what not to say—to someone facing difficulty and to compassionately share the love of Jesus Christ with those who need it most. It is on Saturday 18th May from 9.00am – 4.30pm at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to cover costs. Please book your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-seminar-tickets-58994806053 or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Come and Sing Compline by Candlelight

A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St. Luke based on the liturgy used for centuries by monastic communities. A serene and contemplative end to the bustle of the day in psalmody and hymnody at Corpus Christi, Collier Row, RM5 2AP on 18th October, 2019 Come and sing with us (Rehearsal time 7.30 p.m.) or join us for the service (9 p.m.) Rehearsal Time: 7.30 p.m. Musical director James Davy Retiring Collection. For further information or to book if singing please contact Shirley Timmins by e mail to shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302.

Mass for Migrants

Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the home counties for this Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am. All welcome!

St Helen's Parish, Westcliff-on-Sea is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in May with the following events:

Theme: "We remember, we celebrate, we believe"

On Friday 24th May there will be a Holy Mass at 5:30pm followed by a special dinner with Bishop Alan Williams at 7pm in celebration of all the couples who were married at St. Helen's Church over the years – everyone welcome! Please contact the office on 01702 342324 for tickets.

On Saturday 25th May from 6 to 8:15pm there will be a concert featuring beautiful songs, instrumentals and dance by talented young people from Brentwood Diocesan schools and churches. No tickets required but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Coffee and cake will be available in the hall during the interval.

On Sunday 26th May there will be an International Food Festival starting at 12:30pm with a cultural show at 3pm. Adult £8/ Children £3 (please contact the office on 01702 342324).

Catholic Charity seeks Trustees with Professional Skills

Caritas Anchor House (CAH) serves some of the most vulnerable people in East London, including rough sleepers and homeless people. As some Trustees' terms end this year, CAH is seeking Catholic Trustees with professional expertise in marketing, finance or property, to help guide and support the CAH Management Team in their vital work. Full details can be found at: <https://reachvolunteering.org.uk/opp/marketing-trustee-14>; or email trusteeworks@reachvolunteering.org.uk for more information.

Money

Sunday 14th April Offertory Collection

£1054.34

The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

Susan Minns RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Minns who died recently. Her funeral will be on Thursday 9th May at 2.20pm at Southend Crematorium.

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, 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: Olivia Green, Frances Bidwell, Thomas McCloskey, Kathleen Flashman, Henry Francis O'Ryan, Ronald Patchett, Dorothy Barwell, John Pack, Edith Childs, John Frampton, Emma Smith, John James Morris, Matthew Christopher Dear, Brian David Wallis, Winifred Cox, Fr Michael Enright, Marie Potter, Remona Armstrong, Ephraim Ncube, Canon Thomas Smith, Olga Maybank, Veronica Parker, Maisie Hopkinson, Veronica May Parker, John Moore, Catherine Russell, Jake Tierney, Fr Simon Sullivan, Joan Parry, Fr Miles O'Reilly, Derek Goozee, Maria Compson, Ellen Catherine Richards, Rosa Smith and Robert Smith.

Mass Text for 21st April 2019 – The Resurrection of the Lord (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon I have risen, and I am with you alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalms 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v 24

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end'.
- 2 The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
- 3 The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Communion Antiphon Christ our Passover has been sacrificed alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27 response v1, Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 20 th April	The Easter Vigil	<i>(no 5.30pm Mass)</i> 8.00pm the Easter Vigil <i>Intentions of the RCIA candidates</i>	
Sunday 21 st April	The Resurrection of the Lord	<i>(9.00am Polish Mass)</i> 11.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 22 nd April	Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am Mass <i>Mary and Victor Cornish RIP</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter		8.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 24 th April	Wednesday	<i>10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group in the hall</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Miki Lovas RIP</i>
Thursday 25 th April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	6.30pm Mass <i>Chrissy Howells RIP</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 26 th April	Friday within the Octave of Easter	9.00am Mass <i>Annie Husk RIP</i>	1.30pm Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 27 th April	Saturday with the Octave of Easter	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Jean and Reg Butcher</i>
Saturday 27 th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Mary Rand RIP</i>	
Sunday 28 th April	Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	<i>(9.00am Polish Mass)</i> 11.00am Mass <i>Paul Gunn RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

The Angelus will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses from next weekend.

Rosary - The Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is also said at Sacred Heart after 9.00am weekday masses and 6.30pm when there is evening Mass.