

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th May 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

Dear friends

In today's Gospel, the disciples are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but the disciples do not recognise him. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish.

We find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, “the work of human hands”—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus speaks to Simon Peter who denied Jesus three times. This conversation with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. Jesus says to him “Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep.” As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service.

Fr Graham

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher – Today (Sunday 5th May)

Please join us in the hall for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee after Mass today. All funds raised will be for the refurbishment of the hall and new toilets. Please do make every effort to support this project so that we can continue to come together as a community to share social events.

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray in a particular way for Vocations. There will be a second collection for the work of promoting vocations in the Diocese.

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th May at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. Deacon Gary Dench, who is soon to be ordained to the priesthood will join us and give us some input. Please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

Collections of items for HARP and the Southend Foodbank

| | Dates | Priority Items |
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| HARP | 4 th -5 th May | Instant mash and microwave rice pouches |
| Foodbank | 11 th - 12 th May 18 th -19 th May | Tinned meat meals (eg meat pie, chilli, curry) and long life milk. |

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. 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.

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 for the matinee and a fish & chip supper for the evening. Tickets are £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.

Are you a UK taxpayer? Would you like, at no cost to you, to increase the value of your offertory donations?

If the answer to both of these questions is yes, and you join the Gift Aid scheme, the UK government will give us an extra 25 pence for every pound you donate. Application forms are available in the porch. Please get completed forms to the Parish Office at Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Catholic Newspapers

Apologies that the Catholic Newspapers were not available last weekend. There was a problem with the distribution and they only arrived here on Monday.

Weekday Masses at St John Fisher

Apologies, but Fr Wojciech is away this week and so won't be able to say any Masses at St John Fisher. Fr Graham will say the usual Wednesday 10.00am Mass and Saturday 9.00am Mass.

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.

Tea, Coffee and Reflection Afternoons at St John Fisher Hall

We meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2.30pm. The next meeting will be on Friday 10th May when we will be reflecting on the first reading and the gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We will also explore our prayer life and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet to Our Lady. Come and join us!

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - Bohemian Rhapsody (Cert 12)

Saturday 11th May at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. This film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

DBS Forms – Sacred Heart

A reminder to those who haven't yet returned their DBS forms to please return them to Anne Ackery as soon as possible. Also, anyone who has a DBS form and has decided not to volunteer, could they please return the forms to Anne. Thank you.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you all who participated and helped with our Easter Bonnet Celebrations! We raised £198, for the renovation of our hall, including a donation from the Syro Malabar community, it was a real pleasure to welcome them, including children, to our celebrations.

There are two raffle prizes to be claimed, blue number 3 and blue number 11. Please speak to Laura or Phyllis to collect them.

There was a lot of joy in our community that afternoon. Thank you for that.

Easter Flowers at Sacred Heart

Thank you to everyone who either donated money or flowers for the Easter flower display.

Some Future Dates.....

Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension of the Lord – Thursday 30th May

Confirmations – 9th June

First Holy Communion Weekend - 22nd-23rd June

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

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

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.

Mass for Migrants – Monday 6th May at Westminster Cathedral

Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, this 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 on Bank Holiday Monday (6th May) at 10.30am. There will be a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am. All welcome!

A Day of Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 18th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

London to Brighton Bike Ride

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the on 15th September. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'BCCS'. For more information, please visit our website www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413.

Vocations Weekend for Young Women

From 24th to 26th May in Liverpool and organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Money

20th April 2019 – Offertory

£1079.88

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Promotion of Vocations within the Diocese.

George Wake RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Wake (father of Pete Wake) who died on 25th April. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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, 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: Victor Miller, Zack Eaton-Griffin, Sabina Lake, Teresa Robinson, Oliva Smith, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, James Collins, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Marie Gaymer, Thomas Henry Martin, Angela Sutton, Aleksander Slusarkzyk, William Sweeney, Alexander McGill, Catherine Parkin, Joan Abel, Evelyn Davies, Mary McAlenan, Emily Harris, William Powell, Canon Brian Grady and Vernon Pinto.

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.

Mass Text for 5th May 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter (Divine Office Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 response v3

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

1 I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

2 Sing praises to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

3 The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-13,

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia.

Gospel John 21:1-19

Communion Antiphon The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52, Psalm 99:1-3, 5 response v3, Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17, John 10:27-30

| Masses and Services | | Sacred Heart | St John Fisher |
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| Saturday 4 th May | First Mass of Sunday | 5.30pm Mass <i>Brendan Sammon RIP</i> | |
| Sunday 5 th May | Third Sunday of Easter | (9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i> <i>and Navis Mary RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Oliver Hawker</i> | 9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Monday 6 th May | St John Payne | 9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | |
| Tuesday 7 th May | Feria | | |
| Wednesday 8 th May | Feria | <i>10.00am Stella Dawson</i> <i>Child Friendly Prayer Group</i> <i>in the hall</i> | 10.00am Mass <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i> |
| Thursday 9 th May | Feria | 6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Mary Naumann RIP</i> | |
| | | 2.20pm Funeral Service for Susan Minns Southend Crematorium | |
| Friday 10 th May | Feria | 12 noon Mass <i>Intentions of Dr Hypolite Nwigbo</i> | |
| Saturday 11 th May | Feria | 10.00am to 10.45am Confessions | 9.00am Mass <i>Patrick Hayes RIP</i> |
| Saturday 11 th May | First Mass of Sunday | 5.30pm Mass <i>John Izod RIP</i> | |
| Sunday 12 th May | Fourth Sunday of Easter | (9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Loki Bott</i> | 9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> |

The Regina Caeli will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.

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 at 6.00pm when there is evening Mass.