


Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th May 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

Dear friends

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday.

It is a day when it is good to thank God for the many priests that have been witnesses to the death and resurrection of Christ in our lives and who have handed on the Catholic faith. Through life in the parish, the priest is present to people at different moments in the journey of faith: the joy of baptism and marriage, the high points of first Holy Communion and Confirmation, the sadness of sickness and suffering, the shock of tragedy, the grief of death and in the daily routine of everyday life when prayers are led and many pastoral needs are to be completed. The Good Shepherd invites the priest to carry the wounded lamb on his shoulder and to model his life on Christ's own life.

Fr Graham

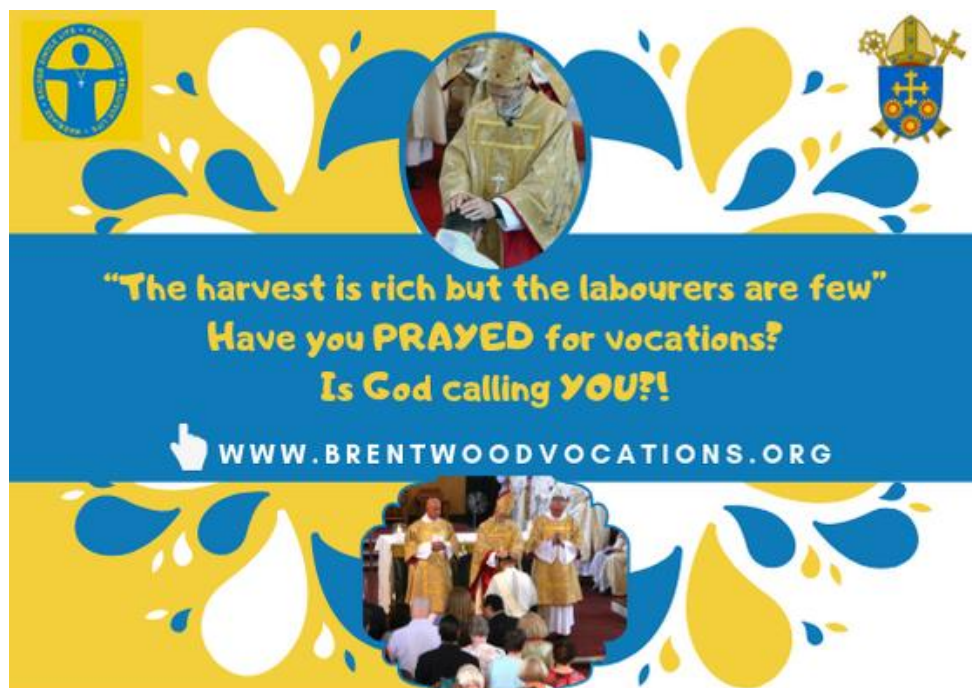
This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. It is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood.


God calls each of us to serve him in some particular way so it is important for us to promote a culture of vocations within the church. A person might be called to live a single life, to marriage, to religious life or to the priesthood.

Please give generously to the collection today towards the promotion of vocations. Please also pray in particular today for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for our current seminarians as they journey towards priesthood. They are Paschal Uche, Adrian Lowe, Michael Barwick, Tony Grant, Alexander Johnson, Damien Wade, Matúš Meleg and Jonathan Burden. Our new seminarian is Moses Itene who will start at Allen Hall in September. At the moment there are ten young men in the priesthood enquirers' group. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few"
Have you PRAYED for vocations?
Is God calling YOU?!

 WWW.BRENTWOODVOCATIONS.ORG

It's Official - We are now on Facebook!

Some of you may already know, but this is to officially inform you that we have started Facebook pages for both of our Churches. They are called "Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea" and St. John Fisher Catholic Church, Prittlewell". These Facebook pages are an ideal way of witnessing to our faith, not only with each other but also as a means of allowing the public to witness a Church that is alive and very much active in its beliefs and teachings; thus enabling our Lord Jesus Christ to always be seen and heard. And by "liking" and "sharing" our pages and posts we are also able to inform our parishioners of upcoming and important events. We invite you all to make full use of this opportunity to share the joy of our faith and to bring light to those who may be suffering alone and in darkness.

Collections of items for HARP and the Southend Foodbank

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st -2 nd June	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	18 th -19 th May 25 th -26 th May	Tinned meat meals (eg meat pie, chilli, curry) and long life milk.

Baptism Preparation Course – This Coming Monday!

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.

Weekday Masses at St John Fisher

In addition to the two weekday Masses celebrated by Fr Graham this week (Wednesday at 10.00am and Saturday at 9.00am), Fr Wojciech will be saying Mass (in English) at 10.00am on Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

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.

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

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.

Teacher Vacancy at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Southend-on-Sea

Details from 01702 534546 or office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk. Closing date 13th May 2019. Interviews during week commencing 13th May 2019.

Teacher Vacancies at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea
Details available from 01702 475689 or office @ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk. Closing date: 13th May 2019. Interview date: Tuesday 14th May/Wednesday 15th May

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.

Beacon Event – Trafalgar Square

We hope that you can come to Thy Kingdom Come London Beacon celebrations in Trafalgar Square on Pentecost Sunday, 9th June. There are two parts to the day - Family fun: 12-4pm Children's activities including storytelling, balloon artists, street performers, crafts, face painting, dance, music & prayer workshops. The Diocese of Brentwood are hosting a prayer tent. Pentecost service: 4-6pm - praise, worship, witness, word & prayer. The nearest tube is Charing Cross. Between now and the event we really encourage you to pray for five friends, family members, or colleagues, for them to come to the transforming love of God through Jesus Christ.

Money

5th May 2019 – Offertory

£1257.36

There will be a second collection this 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. His funeral will take place on Monday 20th May at 12.20pm at South Essex Crematorium.

Elsie Clayton RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elsie Clayton who died on Thursday 2nd May. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 16th May at 3.00pm at St Helens Church, 27 Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7JP.

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: Mr Roach, Frank Hickman, Margaret Lyons, Albert David Tanner, Tommy Ryan, Michael Saunders, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes, Christina McNally, Madge McMahan, Mary Naumann, Mary Harty, Michael Kelleher, Nellie O'Leary, Angela (Angie) Carroll, Thomas Costello, Patrick Curtin, Francis Foy, James Fowler, Gladys Simpson, Margaret Wakefield, Duncan McLean, Pater Halley, Eileen Mary Skelley, Fabian Kacica, Albert Morley, Philip Eade, Thomas Collins, Bridie Denny, Edward Robeson and William Stanley.

Mass Text for 12th May 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 99:1-3, 5 response v3

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

2 Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

3 Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel John 10:27-30

Communion Antiphon The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 14:21-27, Psalm 144:8-13 response v1, Apocalypse 21:1-5, John 13:31-35

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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 <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am Mass <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Loki Bott</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 13 th May	St Erconwald	9.00am Mass <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Tuesday 14 th May	St Matthias		10.00am Mass
Wednesday 15 th May	Feria	<i>10.00am Stella Dawson</i> <i>Child Friendly Prayer Group</i> <i>in the hall</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Sadru Bhanj RIP</i>
Thursday 16 th May	Feria		10.00am Mass <i>Fr Gerard Burke RIP</i>
		3.00pm Requiem Mass – Elsie Clayton RIP at St Helen’s Catholic Church, 27 Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea	
		6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	
Friday 17 th May	Feria	12noon Mass <i>Intentions of Eva Clinton- Ekuma</i>	
Saturday 18 th May	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of the Goddard family</i>
Saturday 18 th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Sunday 19 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am Mass (First Holy Communion Children’s Mass to include the baptism and Confirmation of Chole and Baptism of Violet) <i>Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</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.

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.