


Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th May 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear friends

In our Gospel today we hear Jesus' promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence at the Ascension so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, our readings remind us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Fr Graham

Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and Services this week. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – Thursday 30th May

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, on 30th May is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher. As it is half term week, the children and staff from Sacred Heart School will not be joining the Mass at Sacred Heart.

Southend Foodbank – URGENT Appeal for Food Donations

Thank you to everyone who responded to the emergency appeal last weekend. Donations are still desperately needed.

Demand on the Foodbank is rising steeply and donations of food are not keeping up with demand – the warehouse shelves are empty of some items. You can help in one of two ways:

1. Donate extra items through the collection bins at the back of Church (see list of priority items below)
2. Help on Saturday 15th June with the one day supermarket collection at Shoeburyness ASDA. Help is needed between 9.00am and 5.00pm at ASDA and at the Foodbank Warehouse (Belle Vue Baptist Church). If you can help with this please email admin@southend.foodbank.org.uk giving your name, contact details, time available and preference for helping in the Store or the Warehouse.

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	25 th -26 th May 8 th – 9 th June	Tinned meat meals (eg meat pie, chilli, curry) and long life milk.

Renewal of 200 Club 2019/2020

Envelopes with invoices for renewal will be at the back of both churches with Sandy & Liam Rand. The 200 Club will from now support the Sacred Heart & Saint John Fisher Maintenance Fund. If you have not been a member of the 200 Club in the past there are still numbers available. You've got to be in it to win it! liam.rand@btopwnworld.com or phone Liam 07952 954833.

Parish Magazine Relaunch

Weekend 1st and 2nd June our pocket sized magazine will hit the shelves. Three times a year, June, October & February will see our parish come to life in print. Price held at £1.

Mini Craft Fayre – Saturday 8th June

In Sacred Heart Hall from 12noon to 2.00pm. Cakes, plants and hand knits all a good prices. All proceeds to the Parish Maintenance Fund. Come and have a cup of tea and a cake and find the bargains!

Repository

Please take a look at the repository for a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts.

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

Friends of Sacred Heart School (FOSH) Events

Please support our Parish School at the following events:

Beatle Bingo Night Friday 14th June at 7.00pm

£5 an adult £3 a child, price includes pizza and chips. Prizes to be won! Open to everyone, you do not need to have children in the school to attend. Please see Michelle Truter-Banks 07982 429691.

Summer Fayre Sunday 30th June from 12noon to 3.00pm.

Entrance via Southchurch Road. 50p an adult children are free. BBQ, Cafe FOSH, Go Karts, Snowbar, Little Riders, Tin Can Alley and much more. Please come along and support our school.

Two Vacancies at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Qualified PE Teacher/Instructor or Sports Coach (closing date 7th June) and Learning Support Assistant (closing date 21st June). Details available from 01702 534546 or office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk

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

Corpus Christi Procession In Chelmsford

The Mid Essex Deanery invite you to join them, in taking part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford on Sunday 16th June at 3.00pm. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford, the Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests from the Mid Essex Deanery. The procession is accompanied by a marching band, catholic groups and organisations, first communion children, lay people and their families. Don't miss this extraordinary event, bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For further information please contact Des Kelly by email at kelly.clan@btinternet.com

Beacon Event – Trafalgar Square

We hope that you can come to Thy Kingdom Come London Beacon celebrations in Trafalgar Square on Pentecost Sunday on the 9th June. There are two parts to the day - Family fun: 12-4pm Children's activities incl. 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.

Sion Community Family events in June

D Weekend 7th - 9th June: Are you aged 11-14 years? Would you like to come along for a weekend full of fun, friends and faith! This is a chance to meet other young people just like yourself from all over the country and spend a few days building a friendship with Jesus.

Mount Sion Family Camp 28th - 30th June: Bring your tent and have a great weekend of fun, sharing, praying and socialising together. Experience our woodland prayer trail, worship, bookshop, cafeteria and more. All meals included.

Join us at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX. For information and to book contact us: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk

Study Day on the Apocalypse (Book of Revelation)

At the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1st June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30am. and ends at 3.00pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) Next Meeting

At The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 1st June at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Fr Michael Rear on 'Was the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham Saved?' All are welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) – Fundraising Abseil

BCCS is looking for 35 'Fearless Fundraisers' to join #TEAM35 and undertake an 80 metre free-fall abseil from the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford. The Abseil will take place on Friday 12th July between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. To secure a place, participants will need to pay a £50 non-refundable deposit and agree to raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship (before Gift Aid). For further information please see www.bccs.org.uk, email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or ring 01268 784544.

St Helens to St George's Sponsored Walk for (BCCS)

The annual parish to parish sponsored walk to raise funds for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society BCCS takes place on Saturday 29th June. We will gather at St Helens for 10.00am Mass, and set off afterwards around 10.45am for an approximate five and a half miles walk along the seafront to Shoeburyness where we will finish the walk with refreshments in the parish hall at St George's after midday. All participants will receive a certificate at the end from Julie of the BCCS. To take part, to receive registration and sponsor forms, and for more information, please contact Damian of the Knights of St Columba (07887 678741 / damian.dillon@btinternet.com). Registration is free, and any sponsorship raised will go direct to the BCCS.

St Joseph the Worker Church, Hutton – Golden Jubilee

Father Leslie Knight (Parish Priest) warmly invites all past parishioners to celebrate the Golden Jubilee (1969-2019) of the opening of the Church. Bishop Alan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6pm on Saturday 13 July. Reception in the Parish Hall to follow.

Money

19th May 2019 – Offertory

£1236.83

There will be a second collection next weekend for World Communications

Kathleen Taylor RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Taylor (ex Sacred Heart Parishioner) who died recently in Lincolnshire. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 5th June at 1.00pm at Sacred Heart.

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: Fr Charles Carless, Fr Austin Thorburn, Catherine Cooper, Angela Paolillo, Winifred Mills, Greg Foot, Wendy Lambard, Alexander McCouat, Nora Conway, Mary Kirby, Barbara Wood, James Daly, Gilberto Rodrigues, James Whittingham, Violet Wood, Adele Castle, William Richmond, William Livermore, Sajia Christine Diab, Don Fell, Florence Fell and Santolo Alaia.

Mass Text for 26th May 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29,

Psalm 66:2-3. 5-6, 8 response v4

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1 God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed it's light upon us.

So will you ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

2 Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the reverent him.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia.

Gospel John 14:23-29

Communion Antiphon If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 96:1-2, 6-7, 9 response vv1,9, Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20, John 17: 20-26

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 25 th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Intentions of Harriet Gore</i>	
Sunday 26 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Thomas, Angie and Tony Carroll RIP and deceased members of the Carroll family</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 27 th May	St Augustine of Canterbury	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Jenny and Ron</i>	
Tuesday 28 th May	Feria		
Wednesday 29 th May	Feria	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today</i>	10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 30 th May	The Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation	9.30am Mass <i>Mark Brendon Sammon RIP</i>	7.30pm Mass <i>Miki Lovas RIP</i>
Friday 31 st May	Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood	12noon Mass <i>Jim and Kathleen Connell RIP</i>	
Saturday 1 st June	St Justin	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Gwen Potter RIP</i>
Saturday 1 st June	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 2 nd June	Seventh Sunday of Easter	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Mamie Lawrie RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>John Luke King RIP and John Short RIP</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.