

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th July 2019 – Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

In today's Gospel Jesus tell the Apostles in very strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, then he immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

Fr Graham

Next Sunday (14th July) is Sea Sunday

There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee after Mass next Sunday (14th July). 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.

Bring and Buy Sale St John Fisher

We are back on 14th of July after 9 o'clock Mass, in the Hall. Please support us by donating Good Quality Goods, no electrical items, (due to health and safety issues). Any goods donated can be left under the repository table in the church. Thank you. All proceeds will go to the Parish Maintenance Fund. ***Come and bag some bargains during your coffee morning. See you there !!!!***

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 15th July 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.

Hospital Chaplaincy - Message from Fr Gerry

Sadly, increasing numbers of Catholics are not receiving the Last Rites. In many instances the persons family is lapsed and are therefore are unaware of the importance of this Sacrament. I know this is a sensitive subject but please do speak to your family about wanting the Last Rites and explain how important it is to you. Also can I remind you that I am the Chaplain at Southend Hospital and, if you wish me to visit yourself or a family member, please feel free to email me at fgerryd@gmail.com or call 07919 416263.

Off the Streets using Sacred Heart Hall

From this weekend, a local charity called "Off the Streets" will be using Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday afternoons as a drop in centre for local homeless people. They are planning some valuable work with their guests including education and assistance with moving into accommodation.

Applications to Catholic Schools for September 2020 Places

If you will be applying to a catholic school for a September 2020 place, you may want to approach Fr Graham for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CPP). Please note that the process for requesting a CPP from Fr Graham will be announced in the newsletter in the Autumn – please watch the newsletter at that time for details. Please wait until then before approaching Fr Graham or the Parish Office for a CPP.

In the meantime, please remember that you will need the child's baptism certificate as part of the school application process – if you do not have it, please request a copy from the church of baptism as soon as possible.

Message from Charles and Margaret Kintu

Dear Father and all the Parishioners of Sacred Heart & St John Fisher,

We would like to extend our deep felt thanks to you for all the help you gave us when we lost our daughter Maria. We feel we don't have the appropriate words to convey our thanks apart from praying for you. May the good Lord bless you and reward you. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

Maria was laid to rest next to her grand parents on the 27th May 2019 in a funeral service mass held at the ancestral home. We are flying back to UK next Monday to arrive on Tuesday.

God bless you and we hope to see you soon,

Yours, *Charles & Margaret Kintu*

Collections of items for HARP and the Southend Foodbank

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	6 th -7 th July	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	13 th -14 th July 20 th -21 st July	Tinned fish and tinned potatoes. No baked beans thank you – the Foodbank already has a large stock of them.

Appeal for help with the St John Fisher Grounds – next Saturday - 13th July

There is some gardening that needs doing in the grounds of St John Fisher. Please come along after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday 13th July to help clear weeds and give the garden a general tidy up. Please bring your own tools and gloves. It would also be helpful if people could take the green waste Southend Tip afterwards.

Children's Matinee: Despicable Me 3 (cert. U)

After he is fired from the Anti-Villain League for failing to take down the latest bad guy to threaten humanity, Gru finds himself in the midst of a major identity crisis. But when a mysterious stranger shows up to inform Gru that he has a long-lost twin brother-a brother who desperately wishes to follow in his twin's despicable footsteps-one former super-villain will rediscover just how good it feels to be bad.

Come and enjoy the fun on Friday 12th July in Sacred Heart Church Hall – Doors open at 3.00pm for a 4.00pm screening. Free Entry – No tickets required. Usual refreshments available.

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - Fisherman's Friends (Cert 12)

Saturday 20th July June at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He becomes the ultimate fish out of water as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means. . Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

June 200 Club Results

Congratulations to our June winners! 1st prize £30 - Julie Clarke number 25. 2nd prize £15- JEAN Dillon number 32. 3rd prize £10 - Maria Peters number 76.

Repairs to two Statues at St John Fisher Church

Two statues from St John Fisher Church have just been repaired at a total cost of £550.00 Thank you to the anonymous donor who gave £100.00 towards the cost.

Faith Study Group

The Faith Group will be taking a break over the Summer holidays. It will resume in September as usual. Wishing everyone a wonderful Summer.

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

Friends of Sacred Heart School (FOSH) Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fayre – it raised £2500.00.

St. Thomas More High School - Open Evening - Year 7 Places in September 2020

On Thursday 11th July from 6.00pm to 9.00pm - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils. The Headteacher's talk will begin at 7.00pm. Prospective sixth form students for September 2020 are also welcome, although there will be an open evening for students currently in year 10 on Thursday 21st November 2019.

Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2020 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening. If you are unable to come to the open evening, please obtain a supplementary information form which can be downloaded from WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK

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

LEAP – The Energy and Money Saving Service

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council are offering local residents a completely FREE OF CHARGE service called LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership). LEAP can help you to save money and keep your home warm and cosy. You may be eligible for the LEAP service if one of the following apply to you:

- You have a low income or receive certain benefits
- You have a long term illness or disability.

Call now on Freephone 0800 060 7567 (from 8.45am – 7.00pm Monday to Friday, and 9.00am-12noon on Saturdays) to book your free home visit, or apply online: www.applyforleap.org.uk

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

On Saturday 20th July Rt Rev Thomas McMahan Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood will be leading our Helpers of God's Precious Infants peaceful, prayerful procession and vigil to reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion.

Please come along and support our Bishop Emeritus in his courageous witness for life. The vigil will start at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 557-559 High Road, Woodford Green, IG8 0RB. We begin with 9.00am Mass, then begin our Rosary Procession at 9.45am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, 88 Russell Road, IG9 5QB, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.12.00 to the church, for refreshments at 12.30pm. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

St. Vincent De Paul Society Administrative Assistant Vacancy

The SVP is seeking to recruit a full time permanent Administrative Assistant for the Young Vincentians Team at National Office, London. Closing date: Friday 12th July 2019. Interviews: W/C 22nd July 2019. For more details & an application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website www.svp.org.uk or email the Young Vincentians Programme Manager : moirad@svp.org.uk

Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman was announced this week. This great theologian and man of outstanding faith and virtue will be recognised as a saint by Pope Francis on 13th October.

Would you like to attend the canonisation? The plan is to stay outside Rome at the villa Palazzola (see <https://www.palazzola.it/>) Planned departure date will be Friday 11th and returning on Monday 14th October. The present cost is £250 for return flights with bags to Rome Ciampino and, staying at Palazzola, £315 for a standard room and £68 more per person in an en-suite. That includes 3 nights full board and coaches into Rome. Further details to be confirmed in due course.

This will be an incredible experience but please remember that Rome will be very busy with pilgrims and therefore, you will need to be mobile, healthy and fit especially as we will be travelling into Rome. Please contact Clergy House on 01277 265235 or email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com to register your interest by Wednesday 10th July.

Money

30th June 2019 – Offertory

£1258.97

Peter's Pence

£220.77

There is a second collection next weekend for Apostleship of the Sea.

Kathleen Callaghan RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Callaghan who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 18th July at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; Valerie Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, 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, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Sheila Norris, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens, Penny Stiles, 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 Patrick Carthy, William Howard, Edward More, Brigid Callanan, John Bishop, Paul Stanley, Margaret O'Connor, Elizabeth (Betty) Powell, Canon Thomas Barrett, Valerie Savage, Daniel McCarren, Julia Dods, Leonila Pisarello, Ernest Cootes, Eric Barber, Zeid Manna, James Coenen, Natasha Sandell, Fr Peter Brady, Peter Lawson, Canon Francis Gilbert, George Seeny, Vera Holroyd, Ellen Watson, Peter Griffin, Philip Stephen Pitt, Leslie Skingle, Kate Waters, Mary Clark, Fr Walter Walsh, Margaret Rowe and Henrietta Morgan.

Mass Text for 7th July 2019 – 14th Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth: your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 65 1-7, 16, 20 response v 1

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth

- 1 Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'
- 2 'Before you all the earth shall bow: shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.
- 3 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.
- 4 Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed by God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. I call you friends, says the Lord because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Communion Antiphon Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Next Sunday's readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Psalm 68:14,17,30-31, 33-34, 36-37 response v 33, Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 20:25-37

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 6 th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 7 th July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Gerald Carroll RIP and deceased members of the Carroll family</i> 12.30pm Baptisms <i>Kalan and Karis Kanaa</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Mary and Thomas Cotter RIP</i>
Monday 8 th July	Feria	9.00am Mass <i>Denise McDonagh RIP</i>	
Tuesday 9 th July	Feria		
Wednesday 10 th July	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group in the hall	10.00am Mass <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 11 th July	St Benedict	6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Annie Husk RIP</i>	
Friday 12 th July	Feria	12 noon Mass <i>Alfredo Guitierrez RIP</i>	<i>2.30pm Tea, Cake and Reflection in the hall</i>
Saturday 13 th July	St Henry	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Gilda and Alan Brett</i>
Saturday 13 th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Sunday 14 th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Bernard Parsad RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Cecilia Juson</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

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.
The Angelus is recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.