

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th July 2019 – Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

The parable of the Good Samaritan is found only in Luke's Gospel. Jesus tells the story of a man who is attacked by bandits and is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along and moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along who is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbour. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Fr Graham

This 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 today (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

After Mass today (14th July) in the Hall. All proceeds will go to the Parish Maintenance Fund. ***Come and bag some bargains during your coffee morning. See you there !!!!***

Baptism Preparation Course – this coming Monday (15th July)

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.

Peter is doing the London to Southend Bike Ride in aid of the Maintenance Fund

I did not complete the London – Southend Bike Ride last year and I missed doing it. So, I promised myself to make sure I'd take part next year. Which is on Sunday (14th July). Anyway, I have managed to do some practice, but I WILL be at the start line 8.30am on Sunday 14th July along with the other lunatics erm cyclists.

Sponsorship - That's the word! I am seeking sponsorship for the Maintenance Fund

I was at John Fisher and Sacred Heart last weekend and will be at the 5.30pm Mass on this weekend. But I have left sponsor Forms in the porch of both churches. I thank you in advance for any penny or pound you can sponsor me for. God Bless.

Peter

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.

Change in Week Day Mass Times for the Summer

Please note that for the period Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August inclusive, weekday Masses said by Fr Graham will all be at 9.30am. The only exception to this will be on Thursday 15th August (which is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation) when Masses will be at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher.

Hospital Chaplaincy - Message from Fr Gerry

Sadly, increasing numbers of Catholics are not receiving the Last Rites. In many instances the person's 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 frgerryd@gmail.com or call 07919 416263.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This takes place from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th July.

If you have any prayer requests you would like Fr Graham to take to Lourdes, please write them down and get them to him in an envelope.

The Pilgrimage will feature on Lourdes TV (www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/) at 22.00 (UK time) on Monday 22nd July when we are part of the Marian (Torchlight) procession and at 09.30 (UK time) on Tuesday 23rd July, when we celebrate Mass at the Grotto. In addition, each day from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July the BCYS (Brentwood Catholic Youth Service) will be offering "Virtual Pilgrimage" clips and highlights from Lourdes, including homilies from Bishop Alan and priests of the Diocese. You will find all these on the website www.bcys.net.

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.

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.

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).

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

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society)

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Grange, Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY at 2.30 pm on Saturday 27 July. This will be followed by a talk on 'Blessed John Beche, the last Abbot of Colchester' by Jennie Guthrie-Stevens of the Colchester Catholic Heritage Society. Non-members most welcome.

Healing Mass of Resurrection (Family Tree), Tuesday 23rd July, Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs

This will be on Tuesday the 23rd of July, starting at 7.00pm with Divine Mercy chaplet. Mass will start at 7.30pm and be followed by family tree prayers and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Those who wish to do so are invited to sketch out their family lines on paper and place this on the altar, otherwise just come and submit them in your hearts. All are welcome

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 McMahon 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

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

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

Money

30th June 2019 – Offertory

£1251.09

There is a second collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea

Kathleen Callaghan RIP

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

Baby Angelo Goncalves Tavaresde Oliveira RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Baby Angelo Goncalves Tavaresde Oliveira RIP who died recently.

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, Alfosina 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: Mary Pearson, Fr John Watson, John Brown, Patrick Bruen, Anna Trevisan, George Crickitt, Eileen Piddington, Annie Husk, Edward Hazeldene, Arthur Jennings, Raymond Pinder, Canon Daniel Harnett, Antonio Trevisan, Mary Daly, John Sarson, Ray Coath, Shaun Charles Kelleher, Annie Banance and Eileen Read.

Mass Text for 14th July 2019 – 15th Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm 69:14,17,30-31, 33-34, 36-37 response v 33

Response: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

- 1 This is my prayer for your, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.
- 2 As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, IO God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
- 3 The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;
For the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
- 4 For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those³ who love his name shll dwell there.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Communion Antiphon The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest of her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Kind and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Next Sunday's readings

Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 14:2-5 response v1, Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 13 th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Sunday 14 th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am Mass <i>Bernard Parsad RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptisms <i>Cecilia Juson</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15 th July	St Bonaventure	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Kymberly Okolo</i>	
Tuesday 16 th July	Feria		
Wednesday 17 th July	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group in the hall	10.00am Mass <i>Philip Stephen and Annie Pitt RIP</i>
Thursday 18 th July	Feria	11.00am Funeral Service <i>Kathleen Callaghan RIP</i> 6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	
Friday 19 th July	Feria	12 noon Mass <i>John Francis Wise RIP</i>	
Saturday 20 th July	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Sena and Don Carson</i>
Saturday 20 th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Margaret Irene King RIP</i>	
Sunday 21 st July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am Mass <i>Binny Sammon RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Joseph Cockrill</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Malcolm Campbell-Carr RIP</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.