

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st July 2019 – Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

Today we hear about two of Jesus' friends, Mary and Martha. Mary and Martha are examples of how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command to love of God and neighbour. Martha is an example of how to love your neighbour. Mary is an example of how to listen and love God. These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom.

Mary, a woman, is a marginalised person in society and does not do what is expected of her. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time because a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Fr Graham

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you have any prayer intentions you would like Fr Graham to take to Lourdes this week, please hand them to him on a piece of paper.

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.

Welcome to Fr Bartosz

This week we welcome Fr Bartosz of the Polish Catholic Mission who will say the weekday Masses on Fr Graham's behalf.

Confession on Saturday 27th July

Apologies, but there will be no Saturday morning confessions on 27th July.

Bike Ride Update

The ride started off in the rain and drizzle but thankfully that didn't last. The route was changed this year and many others were saying that this route seemed to have more hills, so it wasn't just me! I must thank everyone for their support and sponsorship, so far.. The sponsor forms are still in the porch at both churches. I will be at all 3 Masses on the weekend of 27-28th July Thank you, 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.

St John Fisher – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came along last Saturday to help clear the grounds at St John Fisher. It was a wonderful team effort!

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after the summer holidays and will reconvene on Wednesday 11th September at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

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.

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	3 rd -4 th August	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	20 th -21 st July 27 th -28 th July	Rice and tinned tuna

Fire Exits

Will all users of our buildings please ensure that all fire exits are kept clear so that safe escape routes are maintained.

Parish Newsletter

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to parish@catholicsouthend.org.uk quoting "Request to receive newsletter via e-mail" in the subject box.

Some Future Dates.....

Thursday 15th August – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am and at St John Fisher at 7.30pm.

Friday 1st November – All Saints Day and Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am and at St John Fisher at 7.30pm.

Parish Mass Books, Hymn Books, etc.

If you have inadvertently taken home any of the books that belong in the church, please return them. A few seem to have gone missing.

Church Kneelers

To help avoid accidents and bruised legs, please ensure that kneelers are kept in the "down position". Thank you.

***** 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 27th 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, 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

Money

Offertory 14th July 2019

£1318.43

Apostleship of the Sea

£405.82

Mother Teresa's *Anyway* Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centred;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

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: Helena Kruttgen, Mary Thompson, Fr Edmund Dobson, Margaret Irene King, Dora Marcucci, Helen Manzi, Ann Collen, Lilian Stubbs, Fr Patrick Taylor, Bernadette O'Malley, Mildred Powell, Joseph Hartley, Maria Taliana, Jeanette Gefaell, Anthony Stapleton, Adolphus Linton, Pamela Body, Carla Casas, Douglas Richards, Philip Cass, Fr John Jones, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Constance Siveter, Jessie Wrampling and Gilberte Bradsell.

Mass Text for 21st July 2019 – 16th Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 1)

Entrance Antiphon See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord for it is good.

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 14:2-5 response v1

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

- 1 Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.
- 2 He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts now slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.
- 3 He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm forever.

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Communion Antiphon The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Next Sunday's readings

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8 response v3, Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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 Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Binny Sammon RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Joseph Cockrill</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Malcolm Campbell-Carr RIP</i>
Monday 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene	9.00am Mass <i>Cheng Khoon Tan RIP</i>	
Tuesday 23 rd July	St Bridget of Sweden		
Wednesday 24 th July	Feria	(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today)	10.00am Mass <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 25 th July	St James	6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Adrian Dann RIP</i>	
Friday 26 th July	Ss Joachim and Anne	12 noon Mass <i>Intentions of Felix Clinton</i>	2.30pm Tea, Cake and Reflection <i>In the hall</i>
Saturday 27 th July	Our Lady on Saturday	(Sorry – no confession available today) 1.00pm Wedding <i>Judyta Katarzyna and Daniel Kacica</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Sena and Don Carson</i>
Saturday 27 th July	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Hetty Wise RIP</i>	
Sunday 28 th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i> 12noon Baptism <i>Okikiadedluwa Adetosoye</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.

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