

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 28th July 2019 – Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

In our Gospel today we hear the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness and for deliverance.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us?

Fr Graham

Changes to Mass Times this Week

As previously announced, all weekday Masses at Sacred Heart during this week will be at 9.30am. [The Mass at St John Fisher on Wednesday will remain at 10.00am.](#)

Learning About the Catholic Faith

We are starting a new programme about the Catholic faith in our parish. It is called Sycamore.

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Each session involves a short film and some time for discussion. There's no pressure and no commitment. You can be yourself without any fear of being judged. There's a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship, some great conversation, and some delicious food. Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested then there is a 'come and see' session on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart hall.

"An amazing experience... The questions asked were incredibly relevant... Interesting and thought-provoking discussions... It's a great programme!"
University Student Group

St John Fisher Bring and Buy

Thank you all for your support. We raised a very healthy £48, for the Parish Maintenance fund, on the 14th July. Our next Bring and Buy will be on the 2nd November, getting ready for Christmas. Please continue to donate good quality goods. Well Done!!

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.

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.

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	27 th -28 th July 10 TH -11 TH August	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 *****

BCCS Barleylands (Billericay) Fun Walk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting families to join us at the Barleylands Fun Walk on Sunday 8th September 2019 to increase awareness of our work. This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site in Billericay, the longest being no more than 2 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children & toddlers. There will be stalls serving cakes/biscuits and ice-cream available from 12 noon and the community walk will start at 12.45pm and finish around 2.00pm. This is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together & have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for 'bccs'. For a sponsorship form and more information, please go to <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events> or contact Julie on jabbott@bccs.org.uk. Look out for our 'bccs' pitch at the start line and come and say hello!

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

Foundation Governors & Trustees – St Thomas More High School

It is that time again when we begin to look forward to next academic year and we are looking to recruit Catholic individuals who share our passion and mission for Catholic education, that might consider serving at a local level as a Foundation Governor of St Thomas More High School or at Trust Level as a Trustee of the Assisi Catholic Trust. If you think you have the skills (particularly safeguarding, finance, human resources or legal background), dedication and motivation we would love to have you on board. Please do speak to either your Parish Priest or contact Mrs Gemma Ackred, Headteacher at St Thomas More High School and Chief Accounting officer for The Assisi Catholic Trust (gackred@assiscatholictrust.com) to find out more about the roles we have available. I really hope many of you will consider your potential to serve our schools in this way and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Money

Offertory 21st July 2019

£1182.41

Gerda Kelly RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerda Kelly who died recently. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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: Richard Ryan, Kathleen Wallen, Angelina Flint, Gerard Dockery, Elizabeth Waugh, Joan Serjeant, Fr John Harding, Lillian Wilson, Thomas Carthew, William Rutherford, Brian Clifford, Flora Ridley, Josephine Foy, Mike Smith, Helene Isaacs, Evelyne Peel, Bridget McTernan, John Popplewell, Doris Cootes, Fr Michael O'Sullivan, Helen Carpenter, Michelle Alaia, Paul Gilbert, Ann Devit and Addolorata Bellini.

Mass Text for 28th July 2019 – 17th Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8 response v3

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

- 1 I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
- 2 I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.
- 3 The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my goes.
- 4 You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all he did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Communion Antiphon Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Next Sunday's readings

Ecclesiasticus 1:2, 2:21-23, Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 response v1, Colossians 3:1-9, 9-11, Luke 12:13-21

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 29 th July	St Marth	9.30am Mass <i>Josephine Foy RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 30 th July	Feria		10.00am Mass
Wednesday 31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today)	10.0am Mass <i>Lola Collingwood RIP</i>
Thursday 1 st August	St Alphonsus Liguori	9.30am Mass <i>Kevin Carroll RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday 2 nd August	Feria	9.30am Mass <i>Joseph Wise RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Saturday 3 rd August	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Winifred Granger RIP</i>
Saturday 3 rd August	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	
Sunday 4 th August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Letecia Moalam RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Donald Mills</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.