

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th August 2019 – Twenty First Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

In today's Gospel reading Jesus answers the question about will only a few be saved. Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Fr Graham

Message from Fr Raphael

The peace of Christ be with you all. With a deep sense of gratitude, I write on behalf of the many young ones whose education you are supporting. May the joy and blessing, which the centurion received with Jesus' presence because he built a Synagogue for the people be upon you and your family (cf. Luke 7:1-10).

Special thanks go to Fr Graham for allowing to celebrate Masses in the parish to make the appeal and stay in his presbytery.

CAFOD Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart

Come and join us immediately following the 11am Mass this Sunday to support CAFOD and the wonderful work they do throughout the underdeveloped world.

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

Foodbank

Thank you for the recent anonymous monetary donations.

Coffee and cake - St John Fisher

We are having a break over August and so the next Coffee and Cake morning will be Sunday 1st September. We wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you soon.

Reminders About Rubbish in Sacred Heart Hall

When using the hall for a Parish activity, please ensure that any rubbish is put into the correct bag (pink for recycling or black for landfill) and that the bags are placed in the plastic box outside of the hall main door.

If you are using the hall for a private function, please take your rubbish away with you.

Appeal for help with putting the Sacred Heart Rubbish Out

The rubbish at Sacred Heart is collected on Thursdays and so the green wheelie bin and bags of rubbish need to be put out on Wednesdays. We need volunteers to do this please. If you are able to volunteer please contact the Parish Office (01702 465720). Thank you.

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.

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	31 st August – 1 st September	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	24 th -25 th August	Jam, pasta sauce, cuppa soup, juice and rice

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

The Wellspring Tearoom - St Teresa's Church Rochford

It has been wonderful to welcome parishioners across the deanery over the last few months and we hope you have enjoyed lunch in our friendly and welcoming tearoom. **Our August opening times are as follows: Tuesday 12 - 2pm Friday 10am - 3pm** We serve a wide range of lunches and delicious homemade cakes and operate on a pay what you can afford basis. The church is always open for quiet prayer too. You are all most welcome.

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!

Ever wanted to help the refugees in Calais but unsure how?

We run weekend convoys from Brentwood to volunteer with refugee charities there. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they're there - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them. Please think about this & volunteer. **Next Trips: 22- 24th Nov & 31 Jan-Feb 2.** Sign up for a convoy or donate with compassion at www.calaislight.com

Michael Dopp – Evangelisation Why/What/How?

on Friday 4th October, *Workshop* 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm & *Presentation*: 6.30 pm - 9 pm; Location: Cathedral Hall, Brentwood. Sign up: Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evangelisation-whywhathow-michael-dopp-tickets-66879385041> or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Content - What is Evangelization/New Evangelization; Why Evangelize? What holds us back (why we don't evangelize and how to overcome), Witness/Proclamation, Kerygma; Testimony, Genesis Model; Evangelization in a parish, parish renewal. Michael Dopp is dedicated to evangelization and mission projects all over the world. He has presented to 18 Diocese and over 50 parishes, he has led presentations for priests, deacons, university students, prayer groups, RCIA, sacramental preparation groups, adult faith formation, and more. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. We ask for a donation of £5 per person for one or both sessions.

Study Day on the Permanent Diaconate – Saturday 14th September

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11 Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA, from 9.30am to 1.00pm (preceded by Mass in the church at 9.0am).

Formation Course - A day about communication - Playing my part in the changing Church:

On Saturday 19th October from 10 am – 3 pm. Location: English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ. Sign up: Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/formation-course-communication-tickets-66996742059> or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. In these times of rapid change, how do we discover God's desires, communicate effectively with one another and work together with genuine hope? This day will help you: learn the basic skills of discernment; understand better the challenges that we face in times of change, develop some practical strategies for more effective communication and better collaboration. Ruth Holgate & Fr David Smolira, Jesuits from Farm Street will lead the day. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. The event is free.

Café Formation Day – Let it be

On Saturday 23 November from 10 am – 3 pm. Location: The Blessed Sacrament, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU. Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cafe-formation-day-tickets-66323010911> or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Day input from: DAVID PAYNE, Director of Catholic Faith Exploration. An engaging and inspirational day for Deacons, Catechists, Evangelisation and Ongoing Formation Teams, and those who want to grow in faith. Experience the series message of evangelisation with the CaFE team to answer questions. Each booked attendee receives a free course book! Places are limited, to book your seat register at Eventbrite as above. One place will be reserved for each parish until the 30.09.19. Event is free, confirmed booking for entry. An offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Health and Safety Advisor Vacancy – Diocese of Brentwood

This is a varied and interesting role providing support to the Diocese across a range of health and safety activities. We are looking for an experienced, qualified and proactive health and safety practitioner to promote a culture of ownership of health and safety and risk management throughout the Diocese. This will include working in close collaboration with Parishes to promote good practice in risk management and risk reduction, the provision of support and guidance for health and safety and facilitate local ownership of risk and safety issues.

The successful candidate will be accountable to the Diocesan Property Consultant and will assist in the ongoing development and implementation of the Diocese's health and safety management system in order to foster a proactive and compliant safety culture.

Details available from leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date 8th September.

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

BCYS Youth Gather, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019

The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

Money

Offertory 18th August 2019

£1114.43

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, Alfossina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Pamela Dobson, Patrick Doherty, Rick Egan, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Paul, 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: Sarah Major, Fr George Gresley, Bernard Blunden, Gordon Turner, Canon Vincent Cameron, Bartle Cahill, Douglas Bamber, Mollie Keeble, Catherine Joy, Frances Rogers, Jozef Debowy, Ronald Richardson, Dennis Sullivan, James McGovern, Sarah Potter, Maria Greener, June Nottage, Fr Bernard Collins, Edith Smythson, Eleanor Smith, Bernard Norris, Jane Hand, James McCormack and Angelina Notarianni.

Mass Text for 25th August 2019 – 21st Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Isaiah 66: 18 - 21

Psalms: 116 response Mark 16:15

Response: Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

1 O praise the Lord, all you nations. Acclaim him all you peoples!

2 Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

Second Reading Hebrews 12: 5 - 7, 11 - 13

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

Gospel Luke 13: 22 - 30

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Next Sunday's readings

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20,28-29 Psalm 67:4-7,10-11 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 24 th August	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Joyce Foy RIP</i>	
Sunday 25 th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Ronald Patchett RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 26 th August	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God	9.30am Mass <i>Mary Rand RIP</i>	No Mass today
Tuesday 27 th August	St Monica		10.0am Mass
Wednesday 28 th August	St Augustine	(No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today)	10.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Frances Harrington</i>
Thursday 29 th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist	9.30am Mass <i>Kevin Carroll RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday 30 th August	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward	9.30am Mass <i>Bertha McCarthy RIP</i>	No Mass today
Saturday 31 st August	St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Saturday 31 st August	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Edith Wakefield RIP</i>	
Sunday 1 st September	Twenty-Second Sunday in ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.0am Mass <i>Kevin O'Ryan RIP</i>	9.00am Mass (to include a Blessing for Tony and Beryl Evans for their Golden Wedding Anniversary) <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.