

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

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Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th September 2019 – Twenty Third Sunday of the Year (C)

Dear friends

In today's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasising very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

Fr Graham

Learning About the Catholic Faith – Introductory Session on 19th September!

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. Please pick up a card from the porch for more information.

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

University Student Group

Coffee and Cake – St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall after Mass today to share homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee. All proceeds will be for the refurbishment of the hall.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

Following the summer break, the Prayer Group reconvenes this coming Wednesday (11th September) at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend for prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

Applications to Catholic Schools for September 2020 Places

If you will be asking Fr Graham for a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CPP), please see him after Mass. He will give you a "contact details note" on which you are asked to write your contact details before giving it back to him. Fr Graham will then contact you within six weeks to arrange a time to meet with you to discuss the CPP.

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

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 23rd September 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. **Please note that in order for a child to be baptised, at least one of the parents must be a baptised catholic and a copy of the parent's baptism certificate must be attached to the application for the child's baptism. Parents are expected to attend a Preparation Course prior to the baptism of each of their children.**

Tea, Cake and Reflection afternoons at St John Fisher

Come and give thanks to Our Lord as we celebrate our first anniversary, on Wednesday 11th September at the 10am Mass at St John Fisher followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will then have a light lunch nearby, with cake! We are now reflecting on The Mass, with Bishop Robert Baron. Our next meeting will be on Friday 13th September at 2.30pm in St John Fisher Hall. See you there!

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart

Thanks to extra volunteers as leaders, this year we are able to offer Children's Liturgy every Sunday (except during school holidays and when it is a children's Mass). Children's Liturgy is intended for children from Reception to Year 2. Any child below that age MUST be accompanied by an adult.

May we take this opportunity to thank those who volunteer to run the Children's Liturgy - without them it couldn't happen.

Rock and Roll Evening - Saturday 5th October

Come and join us for an evening of Rock and Roll music and dance from 7:15 pm on Saturday 5th October in St John Fisher Hall. Prizes awarded for best dancers and for best dressed. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £5, contact Madeline Carey-Herman tel: 07837 215757 or Lynda Davis tel: 01702 300382. All proceeds for Parish Funds.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd November in St John Fisher Hall

It may seem a little early to think about Christmas, but the festive season is not too far away. We are planning another Christmas Fayre, after the success of last year, and are looking for donations of new toys and gifts for the Christmas stalls. Also, donations of wines, spirits and beers for the Tombola stall. You were all so amazingly generous and supportive of the event in 2018 and we hope you will be again this year. Thank you. At St John Fisher, please place donations in the box in the porch. At Sacred Heart please place donations in the box at the back of the Church.

Message from Peter Slattery

As you are aware on 14th July, I completed the London to Southend bike ride. Thinking that if I get £500.00 sponsorship, I would be happy. Well, please see the totals below:-

£100.00 Basildon Night Shelter
£280.00 Children's Society
£336.00 Partially Sighted Society Havering
£1132.00 Parish church Maintenance Fund
£1848.00 Grand Total

I want to thank everyone for their extraordinary generosity in finance and support. The total sum raised is only amazing and it's all thanks to each and every one of you.

200 Club Winners

First Prize - number 57 - Karen Mig - £30.00
Second Prize - number 36 - Martin Sullivan - £15.00
Third prize - number 70 - Charmaine Arnold - £10.00
Chosen Sunday morning before the 11am service.

Havens Hospice

We will be having a second collection towards the building of the new Havens Hospice over the weekend of 16th-17th November.

Message from Beryl and Tony Evans

Thank you to Fr Graham for the blessing and those who made last Sunday such a memorable day for us. Also thank you for the cards and good wishes. Beryl & Tony Evans.

Collections of items for HARP and the Southend Foodbank

	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	5 th -6 th October	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	7 th – 8 th September 14 th -15 th September 21 st -22 nd September	Jam, pasta sauce, cuppa soup, juice and rice

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

Thank you from the Friends of Nazareth House

A big thank you to all who attended the Charity Meal on 25th August, to those who so generously donated and to those who bought raffle tickets. The sum raised was £1200 which is a good start to the project "Restoration of the church at Nazareth House".

Friends of Nazareth House Coffee Morning and Bric-a-Brac Sale

The Friends of Nazareth House welcomes all to a coffee morning and Bric-a-Brac sale at Nazareth House Hall on the 21st September, from 10.45am to 12.30pm. Money raised will contribute to the repair of the chapel ceiling and roof. New volunteers are very welcome and donations of home made cakes would be appreciated.

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* 2.30pm - 5.00pm & *Presentation* 6.30pm - 9 .00pm; 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. 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 10.00am to 3.00pm. 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.

Beginning Experience Weekend

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Works of Mercy

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on Saturday 14th September at St. Patrick's Church, 21a Soho Square W1D 4NR. We begin with 9.00am Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.40am. We begin our Rosary Procession at 9.50am following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to Marie Stopes abortion centre, Whitfield Street, W1T 5BE, where we pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.11.30am to the church for Benediction followed by refreshments. Full details from 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Healing Mass of Resurrection, Tuesday 17th September, Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs

Starting at 7.00pm with Divine Mercy chaplet, followed by Mass at 7.30pm then family tree prayers with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for healing

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

Study Day on the Book of Genesis

The 'Year of the God who Speaks', which runs from 2019-2020, is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales. Bishop Alan Williams will open the Year at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30am on Saturday 12th October. This will be followed by the launch of our renewed evangelisation website www.whatgoodnews.org. The main part of the day will be dedicated to two talks by Fr Adrian Graffy entitled 'Beginning with Genesis', which will provide a fresh reading of the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis. The day will conclude at 3,00pm. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. Copies of the newly-published 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' will be on sale at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

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 1st September

£1308.75

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service

There will be a second collection next weekend for Home Mission Day

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: Audrey West, William Beechey, Betty Shipman, Peter Kevin Connor, Patricia Rodgers, Chun Fong Wong, Francis Farrell, Mgr Michael Wilson, Patrick Grout, May Bell, Susanne Mitchell, Doreen (Dee) Sharon Merry, Fr Charles Johnson, Lilian Steel, Albert Curet, Christine Johnston, Dennis Whitbread, Shirley Corboy, Lilian Pearson, Antonia Wickens, Arthur Bruen, Harold Turner, Michael Lack and William Young.

Mass Text – 8th September 2019 – 23rd Sunday of the Year (Divine Office Week 4)

Entrance Antiphon you are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 response v1

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

- 1 You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.
- 2 You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers by evening it withers and fades.
- 3 Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.
- 4 In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

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 14:25-33

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Next Sunday's readings

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 response Luke 15:18, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 7 th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Allan Tejada RIP</i>	
Sunday 8 th September	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.00am Mass <i>Percy Ewing RIP</i> 12 noon Baptism <i>Liam Kangwa</i>	9.00am <i>Shirley Corboy RIP</i>
Monday 9 th September	St Peter Claver	9.30am Mass <i>Deceased parents and sister of Helen Wyckmans</i>	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 10 th September	Feria		10.00am Mass
Wednesday 11 th September	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group <i>(in the hall)</i>	10.00am Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Intentions of Beryl and Tony Evans for their 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>
Thursday 12 th September	The Most Holy Name of Mary	6.30pm Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Intentions of Mark Davis</i>	No Mass today
Friday 13 th September	St John Chrysostom	9.30am Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mass (with the children and staff from Sacred Heart School) <i>Donors of the High Altar of the Church</i>	1.30pm Mass 2.30pm Tea, Cake and Reflection <i>(in the hall)</i> on "The Mass" with Bishop Robert Barron.
Saturday 14 th September	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions 1.00pm Wedding <i>Ammie Humphrey and Gavin Moloney</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Daniel Marino Perico RIP</i>
Saturday 14 th September	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Vivencia Tejada RIP</i>	
Sunday 15 th September	Twenty Fourth Sunday in ordinary Time	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 11.0am Mass <i>Intentions of Immaculate Ishioky</i>	9.00am Mass (to include the baptism of Ayana Mathe) <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.