


Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th January 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

Dear friends

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second sign of who he really is which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to make holy its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

At the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John moved men to repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the flesh and was recognized outwardly like unto ourselves, he was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its place in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

Fr Graham

Sacred Heart Winter Night Shelter

Thank you for all of your donations. We have enough items for the time being so no more are needed at this time. Every blessing, Liam Rand.

Collections of items		
Foodbank	18 th -19 th January	Tinned/long life puddings
Night Shelter	Nothing currently needed thank you.	

Confirmation 2020 – Initial Meeting this coming Monday!

For young people in school year 10 or above. Application forms are still available in the porches. Applicants will need to attach their Baptism Certificate to the application form – if you do not have it, please request a copy from the Parish of Baptism as soon as possible. **The initial meeting for parents and young people will be on Monday 13th January at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall.**

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 20th January 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.

ABC (About Becoming Catholic)

The Course continues on Thursday from 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall ie. Straight after the 6.30pm Mass and Benediction.

Coffee and Cake – St John Fisher.

We hope you will be able to join us in the hall, after Mass, to share homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee. All proceeds will be for the refurbishment of our hall.

Sacred Heart Facebook Page

Please be aware the Sunday morning Mass Entrance Procession will be filmed and posted on Sacred Heart's Facebook page. In line with the Diocesan Safeguarding guidelines, if you or your children do not wish to be filmed, please speak to either Anne Ackery (Safeguarding Representative) or Fr Graham.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Timeline study programme takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Please join us in the hall at St. John Fisher, starting with tea and cake at 2.00pm on the following dates.

Friday 17th January

Friday 14th February

Friday 28th February

Friday 13th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 3rd April

Friday 24th April

Friday 15th May

Friday 22nd May

Friday 12th June

Friday 26th June

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances;
To seek Him, is the greatest adventure"
-St. Augustine

Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players – Pantomime

We are looking forward to sharing our Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk' with you all.

We will be performing it on 3 occasions: Friday 24th January at 7.30pm, Saturday 25th January at 7.30pm and Sunday 26th January at 3.00pm at St John Fisher Hall. The Sunday performance is sold out and there are only a few tickets left for the Friday and Saturday performances. Tickets will cost £7 for adults & £3 for children. You are invited to bring your own drinks & nibbles. Call Shem 07305743587 for tickets.

Please make sure you check your tickets and attend the correct performance as tickets will not be transferable as there is no guaranteed spare space

Litter at Sacred Heart

Lots of litter has appeared in the front garden and car park area at Sacred Heart. If you could spare some time to clear it away, we would be very grateful. Litter picker, plastic gloves and bin bags are available from the Sacred Heart sacristy.

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary - 29th March 2020

We are currently working on how to mark this special day within our Parish. We also plan to take part in the 33 Day Retreat of prayer beginning on 21st February and ending on the 'Feast of the Annunciation' on 25th March (www.behold2020.com/prayer). We will publish the details soon.

Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2020

Copies of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory for 2020 are now available from the Repository at a cost of £2.80.

Lent "Walk with Me"

Shoebury Parish will soon be ordering Lent Walk with Me. Anyone who would like a copy {cost £1 each} please let Mike Warren know and he will coordinate an order. Contact Mike 07986 970553 2018mwarren@gmail.com.

Donation of £40.00 to the Christmas Collection

If you are a Gift Aider and, over the weekend of 28th-29th December, made a donation of £40.00 to the "Christmas Day" collection please can you get in touch with Sue in the Parish Office. (The Gift Aid number was missing on the Gift Aid envelope and so we don't know which Gift Aider to ascribe the donation to.)

Some Future Dates.....

Ash Wednesday – 26th February – Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am and St John Fisher at 7.30pm

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary – Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday – 5th April.

Easter Sunday – 12th April

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

Spirituality Morning – "The Spirituality of St John Henry Newman"

Saturday 18th January – 10.30am-12.00noon- Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT.
Speaker: Msgr David Manson Tel. 01277 265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Health and Safety Coordinator Vacancy for the Diocese of Brentwood

£25,000 - £30,000pa for a 35 hour week. Based in Brentwood with regular travel throughout the Diocese. Further information and a full job description can be obtained by contacting HR on 01277 265253 or by email recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is 26th January 2020 and interviews are expected to be held week commencing 3rd February 2020.

Talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe

St Thomas More school would like to invite those from the local parishes to come and hear Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday 13th February at 7pm, at St. Thomas More School. We hope that those in our local community will come and hear this inspiring and informative talk – it is open to all. Please can you let Mr. Griffin know by e-mail: Pgriffin@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk if you would like to attend. There will also be opportunity for refreshments.

Annual Lourdes Mass

This will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 3.00 pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26th to 31st July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the porch or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood or 01732 886885

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy including homemade cakes to Support World Day of Prayer

Coffee/concert given by Elizabeth Upsher and pupils to be held on Saturday 8th February from 10.30am to 12 noon at St Clements Church, Leigh Broadway SS9 1AR. Everyone welcome - no entry charge.

#FrDominic5000at50

Fr Dominic Howarth is turning 50 in September, and to mark the moment he is solo cycling 5000km between now and then – all without leaving Walsingham House at Abbotswick! He is raising money for the BCCS, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House and all the details are at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50> where you can donate online. Or send cheques payable to "Fr D Howarth" to FrDominic5000at50, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Essex CM14 5SH.

Andrew Glen RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Glen who died recently. His funeral will be at Southend Crematorium on Wednesday 5th February at 1.20pm.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 5th January 2020

£1077.12

The "Crib Offerings" for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) continue until Sunday 2nd February 2020. **Members of the Gift Aid Scheme are asked to use the "Second Collection" envelope dated 1st February 2020.**

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; Valerie Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfonsina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Paul, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Peter Murphy, Sheila Norris, Fr Liam O'Driscoll, David Raglan, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Christine Sach, Maria Scinto, 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: Kate Clarke, Alfred Cook, Zoe Smith, Ernest Cootes, Catherine Mallon, Albert Blackwell, Walter Dennis, Canon Francis Dobson, Marjorie Scott, Winifred Hawkins, Sydney Dubern, Michael Cashen, Katherine Benson, Elsie Rowe, Lilian Sullivan, Georgina Walker, Ivy Jenkins, Sheila Scott, Michael Murray, Violet Seaman, Elizabeth Ravinet, Fr Basil Pearson, Lilian McIvor, Violet Stokely, Christine Sammon, Jeanne Davenas, Fr Kenneth Green, Teresa Millard and Richard Ismail.

12th January 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 28:1-4, 9-10, response v11

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- 1 O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power:
Give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.
- 2 The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
- 3 The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Communion Antiphon Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Next weekend's readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6, Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10 response vv 8,9, 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 11 th January	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Intentions of Colin and Alda Murrell</i>	
Sunday 12 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass (to include the Presentation to the Parish of the First Holy Communion children) <i>John and Lilian Sullivan RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 13 th January	St Hilary	9.30am <i>Geraldine Stephens RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 14 th January	Feria		
Wednesday 15 th January	Feria		10.00am Mass <i>Teresa Marjorie Honeyands (mother of John Honeyands) RIP</i>
Thursday 16 th January	Feria	6.30m Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Friday 17 th January	St Anthony, Abbot	9.30am Mass <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	1.30pm Mass 2.00pm Bible Study Group in the hall
Saturday 18 th January	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Intentions of Dawn and Alec Banyard</i>
Saturday 18 th January	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 19 th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Dr Simon Diab and Najla Anayssi RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>Geraldine Scraggs RIP</i>

The Angelus will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.

Rosary - The Holy Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.