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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*Dear friends*

In our Gospel today, John the Baptist calls Jesus "The Lamb of God" . Why? Jesus is the lamb who by his death delivered the world from sin, as the original paschal lamb's blood delivered the Jews from the destroying angel. Jesus is also the servant of God described in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who "bore the sins of many and made intercession for transgressors" Jesus is the eternally existing one who is to die as the Paschal lamb and suffering servant for the sins of men and women.

*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.

<b>Collections of items</b>		
Foodbank	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> January	Tinned/long life puddings
Night Shelter	<b>Nothing currently needed thank you.</b>	

### **Baptism Preparation Course – This Monday Night!**

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 this coming Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CAFOD - Zimbabwe and Zambia Food Crisis - Second Collection Next Weekend**

There is a humanitarian emergency unfolding in Zimbabwe and Zambia. Hunger on a massive scale is looming across both countries because of a crippling drought, and spiralling food prices.

The situation is complex. Verity Johnson, CAFOD's Country Representative for Zimbabwe, based in Harare, said: "Years of economic turmoil and climate change, as well as the recent Cyclone Idai, are pushing families to the brink of starvation. Last year's harvests failed, largely due to extreme weather, from droughts that lasted for months on end, to flooding which wiped out whole villages. The cost of food has risen exponentially, and there are severe bread shortages across the country. Where it can be found, a loaf of bread in Zimbabwe now costs up to fifteen times more than it did a year ago. In the struggle to feed their children, parents are going without themselves. The prolonged drought means dams have failed to fill. Wells and rivers are drying up, leaving communities with no option but to walk tens of kilometres to reach water."

CAFOD's local Church aid experts are on the frontline of this crisis, reaching remote communities with lifesaving aid - food and clean, safe water. Families have told them that they are on the brink of starvation. Nomalita (aged 49) told our emergency team, "I am a widow, I live with my three children and grandchildren. I can only give my family a single meal of porridge a day". In the coming weeks, CAFOD will be working to scale up their emergency response and reach more families. Your donation will be a lifeline for our sisters and brothers in urgent need of the basics of life.

There will be a second collection next weekend. Members of the Gift Aid scheme are asked to use a spare envelope. If donating by cheque, make it out to "Sacred Heart church". This ensures that we are able to claim any related Gift Aid and send it to CAFOD.

### **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.

## **Table Top Sale – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February Sacred Heart Hall - 11.00am to 2.00pm**

All welcome – free admission. Tea, coffee, cakes, plants, gifts, wool, Avon items available.

## **Metrobank Credit Card found in St John Fisher Car Park**

If you think this could be yours please speak to Karen or ring Sue in the Parish Office from Monday morning.

## **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 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June

## **St John Fisher – Red Missio Boxes**

I will be collecting your boxes, after the 9.00am Mass on the following Sundays: 26<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February. In return, you will receive a new Red box. Please make sure you fill in your name and address on the labels before handing them in. I am also asking you to consider filling in a Gift Aid declaration. If you can this will increase your donations by 25%. Thank you very much – *Phyllis Short*

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February and ending on the 'Feast of the Annunciation' on 25<sup>th</sup> March ([www.behold2020.com/prayer](http://www.behold2020.com/prayer)). We will publish the details soon.

There will be a Deanery Celebration at 3.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX. It will consist of A Liturgy of Marian Hymns, Readings, Homily & Benediction – Refreshments served afterwards.

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

## **Lent Talks - Four Gospels - One Jesus... In the year of 'The God who speaks'.**

At St Saint Peter's, Eastwood Road North, Leigh on Sea SS9 4BX. All presentations begin at 8.00pm and conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction. Confession will be available. Tea and Coffee available along with a with Lenten Bookstall.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - The Gospel according to Mark. – Fr Paul Fox

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - The Gospel according to Matthew - Fr Gerry Drummond

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - The Gospel according to Luke –Fr Eduard Fartan

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - The Gospel according to John - Fr Graham Smith

## **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 from 01277 265253 or email [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and interviews are expected to be held week commencing 3rd February 2020.

## **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage**

26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July, flying from Southend Airport. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the porch or you can contact Tangney Tours, directly: [www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood) or 01732 886885

## Talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe

Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices will talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday 13th February at 7pm, at St. Thomas More School. All welcome! Please can you let Mr. Griffin know by e-mail: [Pgriffin@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Vespers in the Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm

To celebrate the presentation of the Royal School of Music Bishops' and Deans' Awards gained by singers in the Dioceses of Brentwood and Chelmsford during 2019. Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Stephen Cottrell will both be present. The music will be provided by the Choir of Brentwood Cathedral. Do join us – all are welcome. The Deans' and Bishops' Award examinations are open to singers of all ages in Church or School Choirs, or individual singers in the Diocese of Brentwood and Chelmsford. Further information can be obtained from the Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT, Tel: 01277 265288 E-mail: [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or see the RSCM Website at [rscm-eel.org.uk](http://rscm-eel.org.uk)

## Pilgrimage to Knock

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 25th May 2020, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £649.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia - email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) or phone 01268 762278.

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## Valerie (Val) Armitage RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Val Armitage who died on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February at 1.20pm.

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## Money

Offertory – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

£1352.05

There is a second collection this weekend for Pax Christi

There is a second collection next weekend for the CAFOD Zimbabwe and Zambia Food Crisis Appeal

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

**envelope dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.**

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## Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfossina 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.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Canon Charles Kuypers, Charles Portsmouth, Robert Birks, Evelyn Ryan, Emma Sanders, Noreen Brelsford, Michael Kelleher, Patrick Browne, Robert Kavanagh, Syzmon Bogdanowicz, Wilfred McCarthy, Bishop Bernard Ward, Joan Herbert, Ethel Allen, Beatrice Marshall, Helen Parker, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Catherine Jack, Vera Wildor, John Dillon, William (Ken) Rand, Kenneth Roy Clark, Muriel Kathleen Cornish, Agnes Stendon, Fr John O'Sullivan and Ghislaine Orpwood.

## 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Divine Office Week 3)

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Psalm:** 39:2, 4, 7-10 response vv 8,9

**Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

1 I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

2 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim Instead, here I am.

3 In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

4 Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Next weekend's readings:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14 response v1, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass (To include the Presentation of some of our Confirmation Candidates)</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(9.00am Polish Mass) <b>11.00am Mass (To include the Presentation of some of our Confirmation Candidates)</b> <i>Dr Simon Diab and Najla Anayssi RIP</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Geraldine Scraggs RIP</i>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Feria	<b>9.30am</b> <i>Intentions of Fr Kingsley</i>	<i>Sorry -no Mass today</i>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Feria		<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Feria	6.30pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<i>Sorry -no Mass today</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Mieczysław Wajda RIP</i>	<i>Sorry -no Mass today</i>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	The Conversion of St Paul	<i>Sorry - no confessions today</i>	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> <i>Evelyn Ryan and Beryl Jones RIP</i>	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(9.00am Polish Mass) <b>11.00am Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Daniel Marino Perico 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.