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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**

### **CAFOD - Zimbabwe and Zambia Food Crisis - Second Collection This 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 this 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.

### **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>		
HARP	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tea, coffee and sugar
Night Shelter	<b>Nothing currently needed thank you.</b>	

### **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 next weekend, 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.

### **Sponsored Walk in aid of the Redecoration of St John Fisher Hall**

Calling all parishioners! I have planned to do a sponsored 8.2mile walk in aid of the repairs for St John Fisher Church Hall. This walk will be on Sunday 16th February and start from the church after the 9am mass (aiming to leave at 10.30am) going to Thorpe Bay Yacht Club then heading back to the Saxon King for a celebratory drink. There will be sponsorship forms at the back of the church for anyone who would like to participate and you don't have to do the full miles this can be whatever you feel comfortable with. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Thank you.            Jenny Wilson (Choir)

## **SVP New Year Party**

The SVP are holding their new year party on February 23rd at 3pm. If you are over 60, or alone, or would just like to come for some sandwiches, cake and tea and the usual chat please let me know by leaving a message on 01702 300870.

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

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

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

I will be collecting your boxes, after the 9.00am Mass today and next Sunday (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. If you have any difficulties in attending Mass on those days, please bring them in the following Sunday. 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*

## **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.

## **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.

## **Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2020**

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

## **Some Future Dates.....**

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

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Palm Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Easter Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April

## **\*\*\* 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

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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-thomasmoresouthend.sch.uk](mailto:Pgriffin@st-thomasmoresouthend.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.

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 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. Please send cheques payable to "Fr D Howarth" to FrDominic5000at50, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Essex CM14 5SH, or donate on line at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50).

## Pilgrimage to Knock

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Events at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

**Lenten Reflection and Revision Retreat, 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March.** In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. 8.00pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to 3.00pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. Meals included. Cost £35. See [www.bcys.net/events/lenten-retreat-2020/](http://www.bcys.net/events/lenten-retreat-2020/) for details

**Adult Quiet Retreat.** Enjoy the peace, prayer and stillness for a long weekend this summer; Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August (5pm) to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August (11am). Optional programme including Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and social time; accommodation and all meals provided; single en-suite £225; twin en-suite £150 per person. Bursary for anyone in financial hardship. Full details from [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net), and on the website [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly!

**Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, in the grounds.** The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org); individuals can register on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group and have parental consent).

## Diocesan Youth Mass Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 8pm, Brentwood Cathedral.

Anyone age 14+ is very welcome; this Mass includes a live interview with Rob Green, a former Campion pupil who (using his own resources) went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp. Hear his fascinating story and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. More details [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net).

## St Bernard's High School Vacancies - Exam Invigilators and Midday Supervisor

Details from 01702-608005, [sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk) or [www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk)

## Money

Offertory – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

£1396.60

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

The "Crib Offerings" for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) continue until next weekend - 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.**

## Valerie (Val) Armitage RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Val Armitage who died on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am at Sacred Heart.

## 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.

## Annita Dinallo RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annita Dinallo who died on 19<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral arrangements are not yet known.

## Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, including; 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: Fr John Hibbert, Albert Benson, Lilian Barber, Joyce Bettis, Mark Tall, Mario Anselmi, Albert Holroyd, Mary Cotter, Carol Wain, Bishop Patrick Casey, Alphonsus McCarthy, Helen Turner, James Gaile, Fr Arthur Perrot Field, Alice Cullum, Thomas Gordon Foy, Mary Byrne, Robert Ojah, Annie Worrow, Margaret Ann Culkin, John Stewart, Kathleen Coundon, Marjorie Cooper, Terrence Byrne, Robert King, Monica Fitzpatrick, Elsie Morgan and Bernard G Parsad.

### 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Divine Office Week 4)

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3

**Psalm:** 26:1,4,13-14 response v1

**Response: The Lord is my light and my help**

1 The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, To savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

3 I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Next weekend's readings: (Presentation of the Lord)** Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 23:7-18 response v 8, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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 (A)</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>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feria</b>	9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion	<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feria</b>		10.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Feria</b>	<b>6.30m Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <i>Jeanne Davenas RIP</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	St John Bosco	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Very Rev Canon Joseph Whitfield RIP</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Dawn and Alec Banyard</i>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> <i>John Wallace RIP</i>	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	(9.00am Polish Mass) <b>11.00am Mass (First Holy Communion Children's Mass)</b> <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Mary and Thomas Cotter RIP</i>