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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 – Presentation of the Lord**

*Dear friends*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas.

The Gospel recognises Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognised Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms, close to his heart. Jesus was the fulfilment of all Simeon's expectations. Jesus is the fulfilment of all our longings and hopes also. We can take Jesus not only in our arms close to our heart, but into our hearts as we contemplate his words to us and receive him around the table of the Eucharist in the pure sacrifice offered from the rising of the sun to its setting. *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>		
HARP	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tea, coffee and sugar
Foodbank	8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Long life puddings and tinned meat pies/meat meals
Night Shelter	<b>Nothing currently needed thank you.</b>	

### **Coffee and Cake – St John Fisher**

We hope you will be able to join us in the hall, after Mass today, to share homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee. All proceeds will go towards the CAFOD Emergency Appeal for Zimbabwe and Zambia.

### **St John Fisher Bring and Buy Sales**

The next Bring and Buy Sale will take place after Easter but we are still in need of donations of reasonable items to sell. Please place donations under the table at the back of St John Fisher church.

### **First Communion Programme Parent's Meeting – this Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> February)**

This meeting will be on Monday evening (3<sup>rd</sup> February) at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. It is important that all children on the Programme are represented at the meeting.

### **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)

## **Faith Study Group**

The next meeting of the faith study group is on Thursday, 6th February at 1.30pm. For further information please contact Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188. Everyone is very welcome.

## **SVP New Year Party**

The SVP are holding their new year party on February 23rd at 3pm in Sacred Heart Hall. 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.

*Pete*

## **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 (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 this day, please bring it in next 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.

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

## **Are You Considering a Vocation to the Priesthood?**

The next "Enquirers' Evening" is on Tuesday 4th February at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## **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

## **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.

## **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](mailto:Pgriffin@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk) if you would like to attend. There will also be opportunity for refreshments.

## Coffee Morning - Bring & Buy 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.

### 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; 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 from [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net) or on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net).

**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 Champion 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)

### Trustees Needed for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)

BCCS is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. We are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available at [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or from Bernadette, our Director (on email) [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk).

### Money

Offertory – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 £1248.44

CAFOD Zimbabwe and Zambia Food Crisis Appeal £1431.23

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund

### 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, Alfossina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Margaret and Tom Cullen, June Deighton, 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 Joseph Burns, Anne Cotgrove, Freda Marsh, Margaret Laycock, Deryck Oliver, Catherine Coombs, Paul Ravinet, Joyce Downes, Patrick O'Sullivan, John Froget, Fr Eric Blindloss-Smith, Marguerita Conroy, Jim Woods, Nellie Green, Trevisan Pierino, Martha Glean, Angela Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Peter Seward, Mary Whitwell, Catherine Nash, William Thompson, Fr Frank Richardson, Gloria Smith, Caroline Ceues, Philip O'Neill, James Fullerton and Mary McArdle.

## 2nd February 2020 – Presentation of the Lord (Divine Office Week 1)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4

**Psalm:** Psalm 23:7-10 response v 8

**Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

1 O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

2 Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war

3 O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

4 Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

**Communion Antiphon:** My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

**Next weekend's readings:** Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm 111:4-9 response v4, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St Anne Line	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>John Wallace and Stephen Brewer RIP</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	St Thomas Aquinas		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St Agatha		<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Anne Elizabeth Pearce RIP</i>
		1.20pm Funeral Service at Southend Crematorium Andrew Glen RIP	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	St Paul Miki and Comps	<b>11.00am Requiem Mass</b> <i>Val Armitage RIP</i>  <b>6.30m Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <i>Gloria Smith RIP</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>James and Louisa Mary Twort RIP</i>	<b>1.30pm Mass</b>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Eve and Alan Bell</i>
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> <i>Vivencia Tejada RIP</i>	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>	(9.00am Polish Mass) <b>11.00am Mass</b> <i>Millie Wake RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Imke Ellis</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>