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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Fifth Sunday of the Year (A)

*Dear friends*

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells his followers to be light for the world—that which illumines and clarifies the deepest truth of things—and salt for the earth—that which preserves, spices up and frees what is best in creation. We are to be a city on a hill - we are called to be a beacon for everyone else. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as “a city set on a mountain” that cannot be hidden!

*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	29 <sup>th</sup> February and 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Tea, coffee and sugar
Foodbank	8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> February 15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Long life puddings and tinned meat pies/meat meals
Night Shelter	<b>Nothing currently needed thank you.</b>	

### **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.

### **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.

### **Sacred Heart Breakfast Club – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Come and enjoy Breakfast (cereal, full cooked breakfast, toast and marmalade, tea or coffee) and discover more about MENCAP and their passion for changing the world for everyone with a learning disability. All proceeds will go to this amazing charity. Breakfast starts at 9 am and the speech at 10.15 am. Adults £5 and children £2.50. Tickets available after Mass from Paul Nicholson.

### **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)

### **Thank you from the Southchurch and Prittlewell Parish Players**

A BIG thank you to all those who supported us with the Pantomime this year. We are so pleased to say that we were able to raise a wonderful amount of funds . . . We are thrilled to be able to give £1500 to The Parish Maintenance Fund to be used at both the Sacred Heart and St John Fisher sites. THANK YOU to all who supported us in this event.

## **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*

## **Please help us Keep the Sacristy Reverent before Mass**

In order to prepare spiritually for Mass, the priest and altar servers need time for quiet reflection. Therefore people are respectfully asked to keep away from the Sacristy for the five minutes before a Mass is due to start.

## **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.

## **Kevin Mayhew's Sacred Heart Choir**

Were you or one of your family a member of this church choir in 1968-9? Do you have any photographs, cine film or newspaper cuttings? A BBC television programme is being prepared and these things are needed to help complete the story. Please contact email [richardfdawson@mac.com](mailto:richardfdawson@mac.com)

## **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.

## **Thank you to Karen at St John Fisher**

Thank you to Karen who has recently recovered all of the St John Fisher Hall chairs.

## **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

Divine Mercy – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Sacred Heart Church. Devotions at 2.30pm. Chaplet at 3.00pm.

## **Sacred Heart Church Car Park**

Please note that the church car park is for church and hall users only. Parking and access may be needed at any time even when the car park appears to be empty. Parents of children at Sacred Heart School should not use the church car park for dropping off or picking up children.

## **Are You Going into Hospital?**

If you go to hospital, make sure you tell the staff that you are Catholic and that you would like a priest to visit, otherwise the Chaplain has no way of knowing that you wish a visit. If you know of a relative or friend who is in hospital, make sure your parish priest knows, and he can arrange for the Chaplain to visit. The Chaplain for Southend Hospital is Fr Gerry Drummond, who can be reached through the hospital switchboard at 01702 435555. If the priest does not know what ward you are in, he will need your date of birth so hospital staff can tell him where you.

## **\*\*\* 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

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

### **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).

### **Lent Events in Gidea Park on the Gospel of John**

The Year of the God who Speaks continues with a Lenten focus on the Gospel of John, which figures prominently in this year's liturgies. On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February Fr Victor Darlington, professor at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will lead a study day on 'John among the Gospels' from 10.30 until 3 pm at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). And on the Wednesday evenings of 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7.00pm at the same venue Fr Adrian Gaffy will speak about 'The Great Johannine Gospels', considering the gospels of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus, which will be proclaimed on the subsequent Sundays, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of Lent. These evenings will include a reading of the relevant gospel in parts. Please book your place for any of these events by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914. For further information and video of past events go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### **Healing Mass of Resurrection (Family Tree at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs**

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 7.00pm with Divine Mercy chaplet. The full schedule is: 7.00pm Chaplet, with preliminary prayers for family tree healing, 7.30pm Mass, 8.15pm family tree prayers after Mass 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

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### **Money**

Offertory - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

£1248.44

There is a second collection this weekend for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund

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### **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.

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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, Alfonsina 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.

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## Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Elizabeth Millard George Nicholls, Fr Alan Wilcox, George Burns, August Moresi, Olive Dwyer, Milly Wake, Fr William Smith, Canon Bernard Manning, Patricia Cossey, Teresa Joslin, Frank Bealer, F E M Brown, Maurice Klous, Robert Tanner, Eileen Lovas, Daniel Morris, Esther Slowman, Paul Cahill, Mat Cahill, Paddy Rock, Lillian Tanner, Bridget Pack, Fr Charles Snell, David Skerritt, Edward King, Leonard Hermitage, Shelagh Scott, Catherine Prior, Antonio Cipriano and Christina Coath.

### 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Divine Office Week 2)

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10

**Psalm:** 111:4-9 response v4

**Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

1 He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour.

2 The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

3 With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open handed, he gives to the poor;

His justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Next weekend's readings:**, Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 response v1, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	St Scholastica	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Norma Middleton RIP</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes		
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria		<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>Frances Hidveghy RIP</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>h</sup> February	Feria	<b>6.30m Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <i>Lila May Vickers RIP</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>Lilian MacAuley RIP</i>	<b>1.30pm Mass</b> 2.00pm Bible Study Group (in the hall)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>Msgr Anthony Start RIP</i>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass</b> <i>John and Helene Isaacs RIP</i>	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>	(9.00am Polish Mass) <b>11.00am Mass</b> <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <i>John Luke King and John Short 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.