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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th February 2020 – Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)

Dear friends

Today's Gospel deals with the Law. Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks.

Jesus intensifies the moral law and raises the bar higher than it ever had been. Christ's goal, and the Church's goal, is to make saints. His moral demands are great, but so is his mercy. He always offers grace and forgiveness when we falter so that we can always have hope in our struggles for sanctity. *Fr Graham*

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

There will be a Deanery Celebration of the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary at 3.00pm on Sunday 29th 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.

In preparation for this, there is a 33 Day Retreat of Prayer leading up to the Feast of the Annunciation on 25th March. It begins on this coming Friday – 21st February. The "Retreat" takes you through the devotion to Mary of four Saints (St Louis de Montfort, St Maximilian Kolbe, St Mother Teresa and St John Paul II) and provides an ideal personal preparation for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary.

Copies of the accompanying booklet to the "retreat" are available in the porch on a "one copy per family for free" basis.

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

Sacred Heart Breakfast Club – Saturday 7th 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 10 am and the speech at 11.15 am. Adults £5 and children £2.50. Tickets available after Mass from Paul Nicholson or Karen.

SVP New Year Party – Sunday 23rd February

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 28 th February	Friday 27 th March	Friday 15 th May	Friday 22 nd May	Friday 26 th June
Friday 13 th March	Friday 3 rd April	Friday 24 th April	Friday 12 th June	

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.

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

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

Divine Mercy – Sunday 19th 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.

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.

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

Headteacher Vacancy at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Required from September 2020. Application packs are available from Miss Nikita Parr on 01702 606762 or nparr@assisicatholictrust.com. Full details of the post are also available on the school's website www.shs-southend.co.uk. Candidates are encouraged to visit the school and visits can be arranged through Joy Robertson on 01702 534 546 or email finance@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk. The closing date is 4th March at 12pm with formal interviews taking place on 13th March 2020

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 4th March - The Gospel according to Mark. – Fr Paul Fox

Wednesday 11th March - The Gospel according to Matthew - Fr Gerry Drummond

Wednesday 25th March - The Gospel according to Luke –Fr Eduard Fartan

Wednesday 1st April - The Gospel according to John - Fr Graham Smith

World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 6th March

At 10.30am at St Helen's Church, 27 Milton Road, Westcliff SS0 7JP.

Rise, take your mat and walk Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' to join this day of prayer.* Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation. World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast.

An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 6 March 2020, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas - before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later. * For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk

Healing Mass of Resurrection at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs

On Tuesday, 18th 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.

Opportunity to Visit the New Havens Hospice in Prittlewell

From 2nd – 15th March, tours of the new Fair Havens in Prittlewell are available, with the chance to meet some of the team with refreshments available afterwards. These visits must be booked online at www.havenshospices.org.uk/nfhtours or by calling 01702 220 305.

Vocations Weekend for Young Women

This is run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) sisters and will be in Liverpool from 28th February to 1st March 2020. There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God! If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

Director of Youth Ministry Vacancy Diocese of Brentwood

This significant role will help to deepen and strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry, at Walsingham House at Abbotswick and supporting parishes across the Diocese. Start in September 2020. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16th March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959.

Assistant Manager Vacancy,, Walsingham House at Abbotswick

As we say a fond farewell to Beth Warren this summer, we are looking to recruit someone who has retreat centre experience, to live and work at Walsingham House, to lead retreat programmes and to help with the training and formation of our volunteer team. Start in mid-August 2020. Salary £16,926. Closing date for applications 2nd March 2020. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Joe Beattie on 01277 373959.

Money

Offertory – Sunday 9 th February 2020	£1166.28
Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund	£239.00

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: George Major, Sydney Turner, Dominic Keaney, Nellie Turnidge, Myrtle Hayter, Susannah Mulhern, Beatrice Valade, Jane Barker, Mary Holmes, Irene Nickels, Michael McHugh, Fr John Joyce, Louisa Elizabeth Collins, William Bradley, Matilda Higgins, George Hardiman, Lillian Deviel, Doris Clarke, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Archibald O'Brien, Francis Small, Bridget Sammon, Catherine Leggett, Mike Downes, Lilian Dyce, Henry Starkey, Lily Palmer, Frederick Wakefield, Audrey Rice, Rebecca Burrows, Ralph Thomas, Catherine Anderson, Margaret Daly and Deacon Sidney Lewis.

16th February 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 response v1

Response: They are happy who follow God's law

- 1 They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.
- 2 You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.
- 3 Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law
- 4 Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Next weekend's readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 response v8, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 15 th February	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>John and Helene Isaacs RIP</i>	
Sunday 16 th February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am Mass <i>John Luke King and John Short RIP</i>
Monday 17 th February	Feria	9.30am Mass <i>Val Armitage RIP</i>	10.00am Mass
Tuesday 18 th February	Feria		
Wednesday 19 th February	Feria	<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group today</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 20 th February	Feria	6.30m Mass followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Kiralyhidi Eva Gyulane RIP</i>	<i>No Mass today</i>
Friday 21 st February	St Peter Damian Today's Retreat Prayer <i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Help me to make this retreat with generosity and zeal.</i>	9.30am Mass <i>Margaret Farcat RIP</i> Start of the 33 Day Retreat of Prayer leading up to the Feast of the Annunciation on 25th March and Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary on 29th March.	1.30pm Mass
Saturday 22 nd February	The Chair of St Peter Today's Retreat Prayer <i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Prepare me to give myself fully to living out this true and solid devotion.</i>	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass <i>Frances Hidvegy RIP</i>
Saturday 22 nd February	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Rosemary Hawkes (nee Pilbeam) RIP</i>	
Sunday 23 rd February	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Today's Retreat Prayer <i>Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Give me the grace to reject Satan and follow Christ more closely.</i>	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>Huguette Ewing RIP</i> 12.30pm Baptism <i>Hector Wallace</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</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.