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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Seventh Sunday of the Year (c)

*Dear Friends*

This Sunday's Gospel narrative certainly provides us plenty of food for thought. We all know that we are called to love our enemies. But, many of us struggle with how to bring about a spirit of forgiveness. There may be extraordinary situations where we may find it impossible to actually physically forgive an enemy. Maybe it will be dangerous even to approach the person who has become an enemy. Nevertheless, even in these extreme situations, Jesus calls on us to forgive from the heart and never to harbour resentment or hatred toward anyone.

We live in a very difficult world and it is not getting easier. It takes a great person to love everyone and to hate no one. However, this is what Jesus calls us to do. How can any of us raise our hands in worship or wear religious articles and then hate our enemies? How can we receive the God of love into our hearts, only to have that heart blocked by resentment and hatred? How can we kneel down and ask God for forgiveness, and then refuse to forgive an enemy? "For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?"

*Fr Graham*

### **CAFOD Coffee Morning – Today (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February) at Sacred Heart**

The call for CAFOD's help around the world is continuous and in fact ever growing – through the network of worldwide Catholic parishes CAFOD are well placed to reach poverty at its very roots... Please join us for a bacon or cheese roll and a cup of tea immediately after 11am Mass and help support CAFOD in their vital work. Bacon or cheese roll, cake and a cup of tea all for just £2.50. Of course the event would not be complete without the customary raffle.

### **Baptism Preparation**

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 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

### **First Holy Communion Programme – Reminder about First Reconciliation**

This take place on Saturday 2nd March between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in Sacred Heart church. It is important that all of the children attend.

### **Sacred Heart Hall Toilets**

We have had some serious problems recently on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings where toilet rolls are being unravelled and left spread out over the floor of the toilet cubicles. Not only does this cause a serious trip hazard but is also a needless waste of parish money.

### **Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - The Wife (Cert 15)**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is slated to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature. Glen Close stars - will she finally win an Oscar for this performance? Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

### **Southend Churches Winter Night Shelters**

Thank you for all of the generous donations received so far. We now have enough of everything for the foreseeable future and so we ask that you hold off from bringing any more donations – we will let you know if and when we need more.

<b>Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter</b>		
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Priority Items</b>
HARP	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> February 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Tinned carrots and tinned fish
Winter Night Shelter	<b>Nothing currently needed (thank you for all of the donations so far!)</b>	

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

Our next coffee and cake morning will be on Sunday 10 March. This year we are raising funds for new toilets in our hall and we welcome your support. If you are unable to attend on the morning any small donation you can give will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## **CAFOD – St John Fisher**

Gifts in Wills are CAFOD's biggest source of supporter income. These special gifts can pay for a third of their international development work. Whilst this may sound like a significant source of income, CAFOD only receive gifts from 300 supporters each year. Many people have not thought about the idea of including a gift in their Will. Can you imagine the potential of even a small increase in this kind of support?

CAFOD offer a free Will writing service that anyone can use. You are not obliged to leave a legacy to CAFOD if you use this service. Details of this service and information on other questions that are frequently asked are on the CAFOD board in the porch.

## **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Please see the CAFOD board for the 'Thank You' letter received from Macmillan Cancer Support for the £310 we raised for their work with cancer patients. Thank you again for your generous support and help to raise these funds.

## **Parish Craft Club**

The Craft Club runs every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Hall from 11.00am to 2.00pm. A £2.00 attendance fee includes light refreshments. So whether you are a craft expert, a beginner or just fancy a cup of tea and a chat, please come along. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Maddy on 07837 215757.

## **Cat Flap – free to anyone who wants it**

Nearly new, well loved "magnet" cat flap up for grabs - please see Fr Graham for details.

## **Lost Property in St John Fisher Church**

There are currently lots of "lost property" items in St John Fisher Church. Please check through the wicker basket in the porch and remove any items that are yours.

## **Appeal for a Volunteer – Missio Red Boxes – Sacred Heart**

We need a new volunteer who can process the Missio Red Boxes at Sacred Heart. If you think you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Parish Lent House Groups**

We will be holding Lent House Group meetings every weekday during this coming Lent. Details will be published soon.

## **Deanery Lent Talks at Nazareth House (111 London Road, Westcliff)**

The schedule for this year's Lenten talks, which all take place in Nazareth House on Wednesdays at 7.30pm is as follows:-

13<sup>th</sup> March - Fr Angelus Houle, "Spiritual warfare"

27<sup>th</sup> March - Mark Lambert, "the Culture of Life vs the Culture of Death"

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Fr Andrew Forsys, "The healing power of Confession"

10<sup>th</sup> April - Fr Jeff Woolnough, "Mary at the foot of the Cross"

### **\*\*\* Catholic Schools \*\*\***

## **Learning Support Assistant vacancy – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School**

Details available from [office@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk) or 01702 475689.

## **Midday Supervisor Vacancy at St Bernard's High School**

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

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

## **Calling all young Catholics – Internship Opportunities**

The deadline for applications to be an intern with Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme, is approaching – but it is not too late to apply. The intern scheme provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. For more info go to [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)  
Deadline for applications: Thursday 28 February 2019

## **Pilgrimage To The Holy Land - 26<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

8 Days for £1195.00. Organised by Salvatore Burzotta and led by Fr Jeff Woolnough. For more information please contact Salvatore Burzotta on 07753 203129 or 01702 432458. Non refundable deposit & completed booking form is due by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

## **To all Couples who Married in St Helen's Church, Westcliff on Sea**

St. Helen's will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year and we are asking any couples who married in the church to please contact the Parish Office 01702 342324 with date of marriage, full names and a wedding photo. These will be displayed and the couples invited to attend a mass for a special blessing. (Please advise if you do not wish the photos to be added to the Parish Facebook page).

## **St Patricks Night Social on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm to 10.30pm**

The KSC are holding a St Patricks Social at St Peter's Eastwood (59 Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea SS9 4BX). Tickets are £10 per adult, children 5 to 16 years £7, under 5 free. Ticket includes a meal of Irish Stew or Jacket Potato, dancing and a singsong. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets from Bruno (01702 528766), Damian (01702 551258), Liam (07952 954833) or Ian (07503 465249).

## **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Anniversary Concert- "The Priests"**

Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will perform an Anniversary Concert for BCCS on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1<sup>st</sup> March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite - [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - look for **The Priests** under **Event**, or click the link on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under **Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Anniversary Events**.

## **HARP's Spring Walk Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00PM**

Join us for a gentle 3.5 mile stroll along the Prittle Brook Greenway, from Priory Park to Belfairs Park. Every step you take will show your solidarity with local homeless people and help HARP beat homelessness for good. Enjoy free tea and cake at the Belfairs Woodland Centre. The route is pushchair friendly, and dogs on leads are welcome. <https://www.harpsouthend.org.uk/spring-walk-2019>

## **World Day of Prayer service Come - Everything is ready!**

This year the World Day of Prayer service will be held at 10.30am on Friday 1st March at Kings Road URC, Westcliff, SS0 8LH. Prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia this year's theme is focussed on an open invitation for all to come to God's table; 'Come - Everything is ready!'. We will be praying with people in over 120 countries encircling the globe. Please come and join us for this wonderful service.

## **Lenten Talks at St Theresa's Rochford - 'The Ten Commandments Through The Eyes of the Catechism'**

This is a series of talks hosted by St Teresa's Church (109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, SS4 1RF) and led by Fr Gerry which will take place on Tuesdays 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Talks will commence at 8pm (following 7.30pm Mass.) Refreshments will be provided. Why not make this part of your Lent preparation? All very welcome.

## **London 40 Days for Life Pre-Campaign Hour of Prayer**

Lead by Monsignor Keith Newton, 6pm-7pm Tuesday 5th March, Outside Marie Stopes abortion centre, 108 Whitfield Street, London W1T 5BE (nearest tube: Warren St - Northern/Victoria lines) Through God's Grace 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 15,000 babies from abortion. Sarah 07776 256838 email [London40daysforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:London40daysforlife@hotmail.com)

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## **Money**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Offertory Collection

£1033.89

Racial Justice Sunday Second Collection

£296.93

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## **Sick Parishioners**

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially; Valerie Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Christina Arnold, Marie Biner, Guilda Brett, Barbara Briggs, William Bryan, Eric Carpenter, Alfosina Carson, Richard Campbell-Carr, Patricia and Richard Dixon, Pamela Dobson, Patrick Doherty, Helen Escott, Harleigh-Jo Farrar, John Fiore, Roy Fitchew, Danielle Honeyands, Katrina Honeyands, Peter Hopkins, Bartley Igoe Jr, Teresa Igoe, Maria Kintu, Peter Last, Margaret Lee, Bernard Lovell, Jacqueline Lovett, Sheila Norris, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Anita Rogers, Maria Scinto, Geraldine Stephens, 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: Bridget Holliday, Eve Brennan, Mary (Pat) Ramsey, Peter Murphy, Nellie Carpenter, Lesley Googe, Canon Aloysius Roche, James Pywell, Walter Ford, William Harty, Mgr Jules Van Meenen, Mary Gallagher, Thomas Butler, Ernest Tobias, Joseph Bellini, Ethel Inge, Winifred Britton, Fr David Chapman, Norbert Donbavand, Thomas Tweedie, Ann Christmas, Roberto Bonora, Fr John Wall, Angela James, Hilda Frampton, Valerie Hunt and Keith McBrearty.

# Mass Text for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

## (Divine Office Week 3)

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord I rust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. Iw ill sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Psalm:** 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 response v8

### The Lord is compassion and love

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
- 2 It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you will love and compassion
- 3 The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
- 4 As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High

### Readings for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16 response cf v2, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Mary Rand RIP</i>	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>Lesley Googe RIP</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	9.00am <i>Barbara Bridle RIP</i>	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	10.00am <i>Kathleen Horvers RIP</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Feria	6.30pm <i>Intentions of Msgr Kevin Hale</i>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David	10.30am - World Day of Prayer Service at Kings Road URC, Crowstone Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LH. 12 noon <i>Tony Lee RIP</i>	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am <i>Intentions of Sue Connelly</i>
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b> <i>Intentions of Vanda Horton</i>	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i> ) <b>11.00am</b> <i>Paul Gunn RIP</i> <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> <i>Buddy Moseley</i>	<b>9.00am</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>(11.30am Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite)</i>