

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sunday 7th April 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (c)

Dear Friends

Today we hear the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. The scribes and the Pharisees are feeling threatened by Jesus' teaching and his actions so they approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap by writing on the ground with his finger, and addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared.

Left alone with the woman with no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness.

Fr Graham

Lent 2019

Stations of the Cross

There will be ample opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross in our parish during Lent. They will be on Saturday (straight after 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher) and on Sundays (4.00pm at Sacred Heart). On Sunday 7th April the community from St Luke's Anglican Church will join us at Sacred Heart.

Confession

Confessions are available at St John Fisher after the Saturday morning Mass and at Sacred Heart on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 10.45am.

Additionally, confession will be available for half an hour before each of the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. There will be a Deanery Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm at St Helen's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, SS0 7JP.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

Exposition will continue to be held at Sacred Heart on Thursday evenings straight after the 6.30pm Mass. During Lent it will also be held at St John Fisher, straight after the Wednesday 10.00am Mass.

Parish Lent House Groups

We will be holding Lent House Group meetings on weekdays as follows:

Mondays at 7.30pm in Swanage Road. Telephone 01702 615932.

Tuesdays at 5.00pm in Manner's Way. Telephone 07853 634064

Wednesdays at 7.00pm in Brunswick Road. Telephone 07837 215757

Thursdays 1.30pm in Beaufort Street. Telephone 07757 484187

Fridays at 2.00pm at St John Fisher Church Hall. (No need to telephone in advance.)

Please ring the telephone shown above for the exact location.

Last Deanery Lent Talk at Nazareth House (111 London Road, Westcliff)

Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm – Fr Jeff Woolnough, "Mary at the foot of the Cross"

Easter 2019

Passion (Palm) Sunday – 14th April

Mass 5.30pm (Saturday) at Sacred Heart
Mass 9.00am at St John Fisher
Mass 11.00am at Sacred Heart
Stations of the Cross 4.00pm at Sacred Heart
(*Syro Malabar Mass 11.30am at St John Fisher*)
(*Polish Mass 9.00am at Sacred Heart*)

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – 18th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm at St John Fisher
(no 6.30.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart)
(*Syro Malabar Mass 4.30pm at St John Fisher*)
(*Polish Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at Sacred Heart*)

Good Friday – 19th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart
Children's Stations of the Cross 10.00am at Sacred Heart
Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at Sacred Heart
Passion Service 7.30pm at St John Fisher
(*Syro Malabar Solemn Liturgy at 10.00am at St John Fisher*)
(*Polish Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at St John Fisher*)

Holy Saturday – 20th April

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.00am at Sacred Heart
(no 9.00am Mass at St John Fisher)
Easter Vigil Mass 8.00pm at Sacred Heart (no 5.30pm Mass)
(*Polish Blessing of Easter Food at 10.00am at St John Fisher*)
(*Polish Easter Vigil Mass at 7.00pm at St John Fisher*)
(*Syro Malabar Easter Vigil at 9.30pm at St John Fisher*)

Easter Sunday – 21st April

Mass 9.00 am at St John Fisher
Mass 11.00 am at Sacred Heart
(*Polish Mass 9.00am at Sacred Heart*)
(*Syro Malabar Mass 11.30am at St John Fisher*)

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us in the hall for homemade cakes, sausage rolls and coffee after Mass today. All funds raised will be for the refurbishment of the hall and new toilets. Please do make every effort to support this project so that we can continue to come together as a community to share social events.

Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group

The Prayer Group will not be meeting again until after Easter and will reconvene on Wednesday 24th April at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Hall. If, during the holidays, you have an urgent prayer need please call Marianna on 07813 207497.

Sacred Heart Church Big Easter Clean

This will take place on Wednesday 17th April from 10.00am. Please come along to help if you possibly can – many hands make light work!

St John Fisher Church Big Easter Clean

This will take place on Wednesday 17th April from straight after the 10.00am Mass and Benediction. Please come along to help.

Sacred Heart Film Club Presents - The House with a Clock in its Walls (Cert 12)

Saturday 13th April at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. For Harry Potter fans - 10-year-old Lewis, goes to live with his uncle in a creepy old house. But this town's sleepy façade jolts to life when Lewis discovers that the house has a mysterious tick-tocking sound coming from its walls. Determined to find the ticking, Lewis uncovers a secret world of warlocks and witches and accidentally awakens the dead - forcing Lewis, his Uncle Jonathan and their neighbour, Mrs Zimmerman into a race against time to save the world. Bacon rolls will be available (first come - first served).

Red Missio Boxes – St John Fisher

I will be collecting the boxes, after the 9.00am Mass today (7th April) and next Sunday. 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. Otherwise if you ring me, I will endeavour to collect them. Please consider filling in a Gift Aid declaration. If you can this will increase your donations by 25%. Thank you very much – Phyllis Short.

Please Help Keep the Sacristy Reverent before Mass

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

Easter Bonnet Competition at St John Fisher – Sunday 28th April during the Coffee Morning

Join us and be part of a colourful fun filled morning. Create your own hat, bright and beautiful as you, and win a prize. The younger generation can also compete with their skills. There will also be a Raffle and you can purchase Sausage in a roll (vegetarian option available) with tea or coffee for £3. Purchase your competition entry - £3.00 for adults or £1.00 Children after Sunday Mass or contact Phyllis or Laura.

Sacred Heart Easter Flower Appeal

We are asking parishioners to donate the flowers that will decorate Sacred Heart Church for Easter. If you wish to donate, please bring yellow/white flowers and/or garden greenery to the Church straight after the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday or straight after Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday.

Collections of items for HARP, Southend Foodbank and the Night Shelter		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	6 th and 7 th April	Coffee and sugar
Foodbank	13 th -14 th April	Tinned potatoes and see the AdLent Calendar leaflets in the porch for more suggestions.

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

Jesus is calling on mankind to turn with devotion to His Divine Mercy as a preparation for his return in glory. Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, which would begin on Good Friday. He gave one intention to pray for each day of the Novena. Please join in prayer – leaflets will be available from the porch next weekend.

The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (161-181 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1NG) from 2.30pm on Sunday 28th April.

Quiz in aid of CAFOD Cyclone Idai Appeal

At Sacred Heart Church Hall on Saturday 27th April at 7.00pm. £8 entry includes fish 'n' chips and of course the chance to pit your wits against the quizmaster. No more than eight to a team, if you're a couple or on your own we will form teams for you to join. Please come and support this very worthwhile cause and have a great evening to boot! Tickets available from Sandy or Liam Rand or phone Liam 07952 954833, Sandy 07975 124159 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com

Faith Study Group

There will be no meeting of the Faith Group in April due to the Easter holidays. The next meeting will be Thursday 2nd May. For further information please call Sandy Stidston on 01702 467188.

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 13th 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.**

Southchurch & Prittlewell Parish Players Present: Death Mountain!

On Saturday 18th May in St John Fisher Hall, we will be presenting 2 performances of our latest murder mystery. A matinee at 2.30pm and an evening performance at 7.00pm. There will be afternoon tea served for the matinee and a fish & chip supper for the evening. Tickets will be £7.50 to include the meal. Funds raised will be shared between the Parish and our own funds to be able to put on future performances. Please come along and test your detective skills! Tickets now available from Tina 07771 628808 or Theresa 07956 628213.

"Being a Young Catholic Today"

The Knights of St Columba (KSC) are organising a National seminar, between 16th and 19th July at Hinsley Hall, Leeds, with the theme 'Being a Young Catholic Today'.

It is aimed at the age group 16 years to 23years. It is free - the accommodation costs and travelling costs are covered by the KSC. Those interested, please contact me for an application form. Brian Dillon 01702 213140 or speak to Liam Rand 07952 954833

Easter Wreath Workshop in aid of the MS Society

Friday 12th April from 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. £20.00 per person. To book a place, please e-mail hollyturner2295@gmail.com.

Some Future Dates.....

Parish AGM – Wednesday 1st May – 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Hall

Confirmations – 9th June

First Holy Communion Weekend - 22nd-23rd June

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

Healing Mass of the Resurrection (family tree healing)

On Tuesday 16th April, from 7.00pm at Our Lady of Canvey Church, 224 Long Road, Canvey island SS8 0JS
The schedule is: 7.00pm Rosary, with preliminary prayers for family tree healing, 7.30pm Mass, 8.15pm family tree prayers after Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet 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.

Beginning Experience - Healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner

From 12th to 14th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy

The Billericay Padre Pio Prayer invites you to a Day of Devotion to the Divine Mercy at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Navestock Side, near Brentwood, CM14 5SH on Mercy Sunday, 28th April. Arrival from 10.30am for 11.00am start. Mass will be at 12 noon. Confession available. The day will end at 3.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Ring Claire Wallis. on 01277 658783 if you require further information. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday – 28th April

From 2.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (161-181 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1NG) to include Liturgy of the Word, Homily, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic, Exposition and the Chaplet, Benediction. Priests will be available to hear Confession.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 25th May

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to go please contact Liam Rand on 07952 954833. Once we have an idea of numbers of people wanting to go, we will decide on transport options and be able to publish the cost.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Led by Fr John Corbyn, fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 27th May 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with FULL BOARD. All entertainment/ day trips and guided tours included. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s)

From Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. A time to walk along part of St.Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com or find us on facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network).

Nazareth House Coffee Morning and Bric-a-Brac Sale

Saturday 14th April from 10.45am to 12noon. All money raised will be donated to Nazareth House. Donations of homemade cakes and new helpers are very welcome.

March for Life UK – Saturday 11th May

Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). For more information visit marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773 501721/ 07885 505116

40 Days for Life

Thanks to those participating for the prayers and support you have offered to women and babies facing abortion. Everyone is welcome to join 40 DAYS FOR LIFE evening of prayer for life with BISHOP JOHN WILSON, on Friday 12th April with 6.00pm Mass, prayers, reception and testimonies at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St, London W1W 6HS (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). Contact details: Sarah 07776 256838 London40daysforlife@hotmail.com 40daysforlife.com/London

Sharing Hope in Crisis Seminar

This seminar is designed to help you know what to say—and what not to say—to someone facing difficulty and to compassionately share the love of Jesus Christ with those who need it most. It is Saturday 18th May from 9 am – 4.30 pm at the Conference Centre, Brentwood Cathedral. Refreshments are provided, please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to cover costs. Please book your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-hope-in-crisis-seminar-tickets-58994806053 or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Money

Sunday 31st March 2019 Offertory Collection

£1302.95

Daniel Wade RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Daniel Wade who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday 15th April at 10.45am at Sacred Heart.

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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Daisy Dyer, Henry Kuligowski, Mary Kent, Ada Hardman, Terence McCluskey, Martha Mary McHugo, Margaret Adams, Thomas Fogarty, Gary Read, Mabel Sullivan, Margaret Tweedie, Margaret Burns, Pamela Mary Latter, Alan John Mason, Sidney Jameson, Elizabeth Bury, Denis Campbell-Carr, William Barrett, Fr Thomas Adkins, John Izod, Christopher Webb, Minnie Pepper, William Mark, May Wallace and Eileen Bessingham.

Mass Text for 7th April 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Lent (C) (Divine Office Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Psalm 125 response v3 **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

- 1 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs
- 2 The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
- 3 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
- 4 They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 response v2, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 6 th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 7 th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass (to include the Third Scrutiny of our RCIA candidates) <i>Jerry O'Driscoll RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross with the community from St Luke's Anglican Church	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass <i>Geraldine Scraggs RIP</i>
Monday 8 th April	Feria	9.00am Mass <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
		7.30pm Lent House Group, Swanage Road	
Tuesday 9 th April	Feria		8.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> (5.00pm <i>Syro Malabar Rosary and Mass</i>)
		5.00pm Lent House Group, Manners Way	
Wednesday 10 th April	Feria	(<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.</i>)	10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>
		7.00pm Lent House Group, Brunswick Road	
		7.30pm Deanery Lent Talk at Nazareth House (111 London Road, Westcliff) Fr Jeff Woolnough, "Mary at the foot of the Cross"	
		7.30pm Deanery Reconciliation Service at St Helen's Catholic Church, Milton Road, Westcliff, SS0 7JP	
Thursday 11 th April	Feria	1.30pm Lent House Group, Beaufort Street	
		6.30pm Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Annie Husk RIP</i>	
Friday 12 th April	Feria	12 noon Mass <i>Mike Smith RIP</i>	
		2.00pm Lent House Group In St John Fisher Hall (7.00pm <i>Polish Mass and Stations of the Cross</i>)	
Saturday 13 th April	Feria	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions	9.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross <i>Thomas Balfe RIP</i>
Saturday 13 th April	First Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass <i>Theresa and Kevin Quinn on their Golden Wedding Anniversary</i>	
Sunday 14 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	(9.00am <i>Polish Mass</i>) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	8.30am Confessions 9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>