

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Dear Friends

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God.

The second Gospel is the story of Jesus suffering and death. We hear of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined" and announces that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead.

When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Words of forgiveness are spoken from the cross. Jesus comforts the good thief by telling him he will be with him in paradise. There are no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God.

Good Friday and Easter collections

The retiring collection on Good Friday is for the support of the Holy Places and Church in the Holy Land. The offertory collection at Easter is your personal gift to Fr Graham.

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.

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.

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.

Red Missio Boxes – St John Fisher

I will be collecting the boxes, after the 9.00am Mass today (14th April). 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.

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	20 th -21 st 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 are available from the porch this 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

Fashion Show

Familiar faces flaunting the latest fashions on the catwalk with the opportunity of purchasing top quality affordable ladies clothing. To take place on Tuesday 30th April at Saint John Fisher Hall starting at 7:15pm. Entry costs £2.50 to include tea & coffee, the fashion show and the opportunity to browse a vast range of clothing supplied by Evie Bleu of Southchurch Road, Southend. All profits will be split equally between SVP & The Food Bank. Tickets available from Sandy Rand 07875 124159 or email liam.rand@btopenworld.com

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

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.

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.

An invitation from the Justice & Peace group at St George & The English Martyrs, Shoeburyness

The response of the Catholic community in the Southend area to both the Family Fast Day and the Cyclone Emergency appeals has been truly awe-inspiring. Yet many people are unsure what happens after the appeal.

What does CAFOD actually do with our donations? In how many countries does CAFOD work ?

How much did CAFOD spend on international development and emergency relief last year?

Richard Sloman, CAFOD project manager, (currently based in Bangladesh, previously in Palestine/Israel and Lebanon) will be answering these questions **at St George`s Parish Hall , Ness Road, Shoeburyness at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 3rd May 2019.** In addition, he will deliver an illustrated presentation on CAFOD`s work in Palestine and the Middle East.

All very welcome - Light refreshments will be provided. For further info please contact Brian Fitzgerald at bfitzg6306@sky.com

Work and Pray

join Sion Community for a few days from **6th - 10th May** volunteering your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep of our large house and gardens. Each day will include community prayer and Mass at the cathedral. You can stay with us and experience a little of community life or come along on a daily basis. Meals provided (you can even take a turn in the kitchen if you would like to!). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mary: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or 01277 215011

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

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.

Calais Light – Car Sharing Convoy

On 21- 23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11! We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories; offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com Choose Love!

Brentwood Diocese's Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

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 on Saturday 18th May from 9.00am – 4.30pm 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.

Come and Sing Compline by Candlelight

A candlelit service of music and prayers on the Feast of St. Luke based on the liturgy used for centuries by monastic communities. A serene and contemplative end to the bustle of the day in psalmody and hymnody at Corpus Christi, Collier Row, RM5 2AP on 1^{8th} October, 2019 Come and sing with us (Rehearsal time 7.30 p.m.) or join us for the service (9 p.m.) Rehearsal Time: 7.30 p.m. Musical director James Davy Retiring Collection. For further information or to book if singing please contact Shirley Timmins by e mail to shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302.

Money

Sunday 7th April Offertory Collection £1,333.43

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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: Nellie Burchell, Fr Patrick O'Donoghue, Kathleen Butler, Patrick Ryan, Ken Price, James Brannan, Eileen Morgan, Marie Gibbs, David Patterson, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney, Lina Lenpriere, Fr William Donelan, Michael John Kilkelly, Patrick McMenamin, Kathleen May, Michael Sullivan, Cyril Banks, Mary Hayes, Marlo Coda, Willie Dettmar, Michael Ryan, Ellen Wright and Teresa Skevitt.

Mass Text for 14th April 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Divine Office Week 3)

Gospel before Palm Procession: Luke 19: 28 – 40

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 response v2 **My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**

1 All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

2 Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me,

They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

3 They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

4 I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons'

Second Reading Philipians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humble yet, even to accepting death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Readings for The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14, Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18, response cf 1 Corinthians 10:16, John 13:1-15

Readings for The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 response v24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn.
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings.
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me;
I am dumb, I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
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 Polish Mass) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass <i>Patrick Callaghan RIP</i> 4.00pm Stations of the Cross	8.30am Confessions 9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15 th April	Monday in Holy Week	10.45am Requiem Mass <i>Daniel Wade RIP</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday 16 th April	Tuesday in Holy Week		10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 17 th April	Wednesday in Holy Week	(<i>No Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group this week.</i>)	10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Annie Husk RIP</i>
7.00pm Chrim Mass at Brentwood Cathedral			
Thursday 18 th April	Maundy Thursday	9.00am Morning Prayer <i>(7.00pm Polish Mass of the Lord's Supper)</i>	<i>(4.30pm Syro Malabar Mass of the Lord's Supper)</i> 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Thomas Balfe RIP</i>
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday	9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy	<i>(10.00am Syro Malabar Solemn Liturgy)</i> <i>(3.00pm Polish Solemn Liturgy)</i> 7.30pm Solemn Liturgy
Saturday 20 th April	Holy Saturday	10.00am to 10.45am Confessions <i>(no 5.30pm Mass)</i>	<i>(no 9.00am Mass)</i>
Saturday 20 th April	The Easter Vigil	8.00pm the Easter Vigil <i>Intentions of the RCIA candidates</i>	
Sunday 21 st April	The Resurrection of the Lord	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>