

Sacred Heart
Southend-on-Sea

 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea



St John Fisher
Prittlewell

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th May 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Dear friends

Today's Gospel takes us back to the Last Supper. Jesus has washed his disciples' feet and immediately after Jesus tells them to

"love one another; just as I have loved you."

Jesus' type of love is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others. By doing so we are powerful witnesses to Jesus. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Fr Graham

Masses and Services this Week

There are some changes to Masses and Services this week. Please see the table at the end of the newsletter for details.

First Holy Communion Programme – Next Parent's Meeting

This takes place this coming Monday (20th May) at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. It is important that all children on the Programme are represented at the meeting. If you find that you are unable to attend, please ring Geraldine on 07763 935674.

European Elections on 23rd May

Sacred Heart Hall will be used as a Polling Station for the European Elections on Thursday 23rd May. The 6.30pm Mass will go ahead but there may be less car park space available.

Southend Foodbank – URGENT Appeal for Food Donations

Demand on the Foodbank is rising steeply and donations of food are not keeping up with demand – the warehouse shelves are empty of some items. You can help in one of two ways:

1. Donate extra items through the collection bins at the back of Church (see list of priority items below)
2. Help on Saturday 15th June with the one day supermarket collection at Shoeburyness ASDA. Help is needed between 9.00am and 5.00pm at ASDA and at the Foodbank Warehouse (Belle Vue Baptist Church). If you can help with this please email admin@southend.foodbank.org.uk giving your name, contact details, time available and preference for helping in the Store or the Warehouse.

Collections of items for HARP and the Southend Foodbank		
	Dates	Priority Items
HARP	1 st – 2 nd June	Instant mash and microwave rice pouches
Foodbank	18 th -19 th May 25 th -26 th May	Tinned meat meals (eg meat pie, chilli, curry), pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, cereal, long life juice and long life milk.

DBS Forms – Sacred Heart

A reminder to those who haven't yet returned their DBS forms to please return them to Anne Ackery as soon as possible. Also, anyone who has a DBS form and has decided not to volunteer, could they please return the forms to Anne. Thank you.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord – Thursday 30th May

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday on 30th May is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am at Sacred Heart and 7.30pm at St John Fisher. As it is half term week, the children and staff from Sacred Heart School will not be joining the Mass at Sacred Heart.

Congratulations to April's 200 Club Winners

1st Prize: 128 – Roy Fitchew - £30; 2nd Prize: 10 – Janet McKenzie - £15; 3rd Prize: 90 – Shelagh Gallagher - £10.

Renewal of 200 Club 2019/2020

Envelopes with invoices for renewal will be at the back of both churches with Sandy & Liam Rand. The 200 Club will from now support the Sacred Heart & Saint John Fisher Maintenance Fund. If you have not been a member of the 200 Club in the past there are still numbers available. You've got to be in it to win it! liam.rand@btopwnworld.com or phone Liam 07952 954833.

Parish Magazine Relaunch

Weekend 1st and 2nd June our pocket sized magazine will hit the shelves. Three times a year, June, October & February will see our parish come to life in print. Price held at £1.

It's Official - We are now on Facebook!

Some of you may already know, but this is to officially inform you that we have started Facebook pages for both of our Churches. They are called "Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Southend on Sea" and St. John Fisher Catholic Church, Prittlewell". These Facebook pages are an ideal way of witnessing to our faith, not only with each other but also as a means of allowing the public to witness a Church that is alive and very much active in its beliefs and teachings; thus enabling our Lord Jesus Christ to always be seen and heard. And by "liking" and "sharing" our pages and posts we are also able to inform our parishioners of upcoming and important events. We invite you all to make full use of this opportunity to share the joy of our faith and to bring light to those who may be suffering alone and in darkness.

***** Our Catholic Schools *****

Friends of Sacred Heart School (FOSH) Events

Please support our Parish School at the following events:

Beatle Bingo Night Friday 14th June at 7.00pm

£5 an adult £3 a child, price includes pizza and chips. Prizes to be won! Open to everyone, you do not need to have children in the school to attend. Please see Michelle Truter-Banks 07982 429691.

Summer Fayre Sunday 30th June from 12noon to 3.00pm.

Entrance via Southchurch Road. 50p an adult children are free. BBQ, Cafe FOSH, Go Karts, Snowbar, Little Riders, Tin Can Alley and much more. Please come along and support our school.

Full Time Teacher Vacancy at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Southend-on-Sea

Details from 01702 534546 or office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk. Closing date 20th May 2019. Interviews during week commencing 20th May 2019.

Part time/Job Share Teacher Vacancy at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Leigh-on-Sea

Details available from 01702 475689 or office @ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk. Closing date: Wednesday 22nd May 2019. Interview date: Thursday 23rd May / Friday 24th May 2019

Education Buildings Development Officer Vacancy – Diocese of Brentwood Education Department

Details from 01277 265284 or the Diocesan Website. The closing date is Friday 31st May with interviews to take place on or around Thursday 6th June.

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

Thy Kingdom Come, Beacon Event, Trafalgar Square - Pentecost Sunday, 9th June

If you are fed up of hearing bad news and wonder what it would be like to see a glimpse of heaven on earth we would love you to join thousands of others to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event has a family friendly festival from 12 pm – 4 pm or 4 pm to 6 pm an Ecumenical service with Cardinal Vincent and other Christian leaders. For more information or to register your interest please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. The Brentwood Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary tour being the main part of the presentation. We will be engaging people to come and pray the rosary and mingling in the crowds to encourage them over. Can you be there to be a witness to your faith, chat with those who are looking for more information about Jesus Christ and join with thousands of others in prayer. If you can help or are going along please get in contact – adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Healing Mass of Resurrection (Family Tree) at Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs, Canvey Island

There will be a healing Mass of the resurrection, otherwise known as a family tree healing, on Tuesday the 28th May, starting at 7.00pm with Divine Mercy chaplet. Mass will be at 7.30pm followed by family tree prayers, 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

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Ascot Ladies' Luncheon

On Friday 21st June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544/ lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Sion Community Family events in June

D Weekend 7th - 9th June: Are you aged 11-14 years? Would you like to come along for a weekend full of fun, friends and faith! This is a chance to meet other young people just like yourself from all over the country and spend a few days building a friendship with Jesus.

Mount Sion Family Camp 28th - 30th June: Bring your tent and have a great weekend of fun, sharing, praying and socialising together. Experience our woodland prayer trail, worship, bookshop, cafeteria and more. All meals included

Join us at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX. For information and to book contact us: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk / 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk

Study Day on the Apocalypse (Book of Revelation)

A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1st June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society)

The next meeting will take place at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY on Saturday 1st June at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Father Michael Rear (Diocese of East Anglia) on 'Was the Image of Our Lady of Walsingham Saved?' Father Rear, a former Anglican, has had a close association with both Anglican and Catholic shrines, on which he has published widely, and is an expert on Walsingham and its history. All are welcome.

CAFOD-'Our Common Home' Brentwood Diocesan Creation Celebration Mass

With environmental issues very much in the news, you are warmly invited to attend the launch of CAFOD's new campaign-'Our Common Home' at a Creation Celebration Mass celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon, on Saturday 25th May, at 6.00pm, in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay (21 Laindon Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9LL). We hope that you will also join us for refreshments at a short social event after Mass. For more information, please contact Angela Sparke at asparke@cafod.org.uk

Money

12th May 2019 – Offertory

£1073.22

Promotion of Vocations within the Diocese

£408.42

George Wake RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Wake (father of Pete Wake) who died on 25th April. His funeral will take place on Monday 20th May at 12.20pm at South Essex Crematorium.

Kathleen Taylor RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Taylor (ex Sacred Heart Parishioner) who died recently in Lincolnshire. Her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 5th June at 1.00pm 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: Frederick Fowler, Pauline Rushton, Kathleen Penna, Joan Bartlett, Canon Thomas Clarke, Margaret O'Shea, Audrey Menzies, Ivy Meadows, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Mary Cornish, Patrick Chambers, Mgr William O'Grady, May Stearn, Michael McKeown, Matthew Middleton-McIver, Leslie Holliday, William Lancaster, Thomas Carroll, Vincent Paul Bailey, Norah Horgan, Fr Henry Pearl, Bridget Fandall, Edward Fitt, Simon Peters, Harry Shipman, David Brooker and Bridget Mason.

Mass Text for 19th May 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Divine Office Week 3)

Entrance Antiphon O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 144:8-13 response v1

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O Lord my King.

1 The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

2 All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

3 Your is an everlasting kingdom, your rule lasts from age to age.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel John 13:31-35

Communion Antiphon I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 66:2-3. 5-6, 8 response v4, Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Masses and Services		Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 18 th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Mary and Patrick Greene RIP</i>	
Sunday 19 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am Mass (First Holy Communion Children's Mass to include the baptism and Confirmation of Chole and Baptism of Violet) <i>Harry and Betty Shipman RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 20 th May	Feria	9.00am Mass <i>Private intention</i>	
Tuesday 21 st May	Feria		10.00am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 22 nd May	Feria	<i>10.00am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group in the hall</i>	10.00am Mass <i>Fr E Powell DS</i>
Thursday 23 rd May	Feria	6.30pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction <i>Eileen Lovas RIP</i>	
Friday 24 th May	Feria	12noon Mass <i>Michael Smith RIP</i>	2.30pm Tea, Cake and Reflection (<i>in the hall</i>)
Saturday 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable	<i>Sorry – confessions not available today.</i>	9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 25 th May	First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm Mass <i>Intentions of Harriet Gore</i>	
Sunday 26 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	(9.00am Polish Mass) 11.00am <i>Thomas, Angie and Tony Carroll RIP and deceased members of the Carroll family</i>	9.00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

The Regina Caeli will be recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.

Rosary - The Rosary is said in both Churches before the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. It is also said at Sacred Heart after 9.00am weekday masses and at 6.00pm when there is evening Mass.