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PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th February 2012 – Fifth Sunday of the Year (B)

This is Education Sunday

We welcome Mrs Nutman (Headteacher) and some children from Sacred Heart School to play a special part in the 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart today.

There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses this weekend.

Coffee and Cake - St John Fisher

Please join us to share our home made cakes and delicious sausage rolls after 9 o'clock Mass today. We will, off course, be serving these with filter coffee to raise funds for the parish CAFOD project which is supporting the building of a much needed Health Centre in one of the poorest parts of the world.

Afternoon for Readers

This takes place today from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Sacred Heart. All parish readers are asked to attend.

Confirmation Programme

The next session will take place on Monday 6th February at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Will those who have not yet paid for the retreat at Walsingham House, please do so as soon as possible. The cost is £65.00 and, if you are paying by cheque, it should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church. If you have a problem about this, you may speak confidentially to Fr Tom.

RCIA Group

The next meeting of the RCIA Group will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Ministers of Holy Communion

An afternoon of training and spiritual refreshment has been arranged for Sunday 4th March commencing at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart

Applications for Nursery Class Places at Sacred Heart Primary School

If you are applying for a place in the Sacred Heart Nursery from September 2012, you will need to have an appointment with Fr Tom to discuss the Priest's Reference. There are sign-up sheets at the back of Sacred Heart Church. If you attend St John Fisher Church, please phone to make an appointment (01702 465720). You will need to send Fr Tom the completed "self-assessment" form which is available from the school or from the church porches, not later than two days before your appointment. You will also need to include an original baptism certificate for your child, unless he or she was baptised in this parish.

Children's Half Term Movie - Bolt (PG) - Friday 10th February in Sacred Heart Hall

"An amusing film for parents and children: about a small white dog named Bolt who, having spent his entire life on the set of a television series, thinks that he has super powers. When he believes that his human, Penny, has been kidnapped, he sets out on a cross-country journey to "rescue" her. After being accidentally shipped to New York City, Bolt meets Mittens, a female alley cat who bullies pigeons out of their food. Convinced this is another adventure, he forces Mittens to help him get back to Hollywood."

Doors open 15:30, show starts 16:00. Refreshments on sale. Please note tickets are not required; we ask that all children under 12 are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Parish Magazine

We are launching an employment page, called LINK – linking employers with employees. Are you searching for quality candidates to work in your firm, then please advertise in our space Free of Charge! Equally, if you are looking for work then post a short version of your CV (100 words maximum) with a photograph (optional), also Free of Charge. The deadline for advertisers is 11/12th February. The deadline for articles 4/5th February. Publication 25/26th February, price still held at only 50p. Contact details: liam.rand@btopenworld.com or phone Liam 07952 954833 or speak to Liam or Paul after weekend Masses at Sacred Heart.

New Translation of the Missal – Daily Missal (CTS)

When we took orders for this publication last Autumn we were advised that the books should arrive in late January. We have now been advised that they will arrive in early to mid-March. Apologies to those who were expecting them around now. Please watch future editions of the newsletter for news of when they have arrived.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage

The Parish is planning an escorted pilgrimage to Rome and possibly Assisi during half term at the end of October 2012, staying on a half board basis, all rooms en-suite. We have instructed a company to calculate prices with a suggested itinerary – but we need to know the size of interest from parishioners? - 7-day Rome & Assisi £1050 approx. - 6-day Rome & Assisi £960 approx. - 4-day Rome only, £700 approx. (These prices may reduce dependent on numbers). If you are interested, without obligation, please phone Liam or Sandy on 07952 954833, speak to Liam, Sandy or Paul at Sacred Heart or e-mail liam.rand@btopenworld.com. A meeting will be arranged in Sacred Heart Hall in the near future.

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 run on the three evenings of Mondays 16th and 23rd April and Tuesday 1st May. Please pick up a form from the church porch to register for the course and request the Baptism.

Sacred Heart Goodwill Club – New Members Welcome!

The Goodwill Club meets in Sacred Heart Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come along, meet with friends and enjoy a cuppa. Ring June on 340151 or Joan on 587356 for more details.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

If you are aware of someone who is lonely and/or housebound, and in need of a visit, please give the names and contact details on a piece of paper to Fr Tom or phone 01702 615932.

Sacred Heart Brass Cleaners

We desperately need brass cleaners for Sacred Heart. Only 1 hour per month. Please call Kim Nicholson on 01702 615929. Help is particularly needed for Saturday mornings.

Some Future Dates.....

...Training afternoon for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Sunday 4th March at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart.

... Evenings of Recollection for Lent - Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March at 8.00pm at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Southend.

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Monthly Mass at University of Essex / SEC

An informal lunchtime Mass is being celebrated at the University of Essex monthly during term time. Students and staff at the University and at South Essex College are welcome to join us. The next Mass will be on Monday 20th February at 12.30pm in the Campus Chaplaincy office on the second floor of the University building on Elmer Approach.

Exciting Opportunities to Raise Funds for CAFOD

Join Team CAFOD and help us celebrate 50 years of helping others. We are aiming for 50 people from across the diocese to take part in the 120ft abseil down Harlow Water Tower on Sunday 6th May and also for 50 riders to take part in the Lee Valley Bike Ride (10 mile family ride or longer 19 mile ride) on Saturday 27th May. (Abseilers must be over 16 years, no upper age limit!) For more details email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 020 8502 9722



Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Love your neighbour as much as yourself.



Sick Parishioners

Please pray for our sick parishioners and friends, especially for Anita Aitkin, Jack Allen, Val Armitage, Charmaine Arnold, Stephen Bendall, Marie Biner, Andrew Bines, Mary Birkins, Mary Blake, Christine Bradley, Anthony Brooker, Bernard Brooker, Mary Callaghan, Maura Callanan, Richard Campbell-Carr, Eric Carpenter, Sena Carson, Ann Christmas, Tony Christmas, Paul Clark, Ann Cummings, Mary Curtis, Emily Davis, Bernadette Dawson, Pam Dobson, Rick Egan, Victoria Fubara, Janet Gardner, Dorothy George, Mary Greene, Katie Honeyands, Bernadette Hopkinson, Margaret Howard, Valerie Hunt, Bartley Igoe Jnr, Robert Johnston, Molly Keeble, Bill Kylyn, Joyce Lillycrap, Maria Masters, Keith McBrearty, Graham McDonald, Eileen McHugo, Mellet Marcus, James Moloney, Margaret O'Connor, Dr Johnson Odufuwa, Margaret Parsad, Jane Pattison, Maria Pereira, Annie and Philip Pitt, Elizabeth Poote, Liz Quick, Liam Rand, Sister Marika Rebicsek, Irene Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Marjory Roache, Ron Richardson, Anita Rogers, John Short, Jane Smart, Joel Smart, Daniel Snelling, Bill Spencer, Gladys Stratford, Ross Summers, Kim Toyer, Maureen Vacquier, Patricia Walford and Steve Wilkinson.

Rest in Peace

Please remember and pray for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jim Woods, Nellie Green, Trevisan Pierino, Martha Glean, Angela Murphy, Kathleen Conway, Peter Saward, Mary Whitwell, Catherine Nash, William Thompson, Fr Frank Richardson, Caroline Ceues, Philip O'Neill, James Fullerton, Elizabeth Millard, George Nicholls, Fr Alan Wilcox, George Burns, August Moresi, Olive Dwyer, Fr William Smith, Canon Bernard Manning, Patricia Cossey, Teresa Joslin and Frank Bealer.

Money

Offertory Collection Sunday 29th January 2012 £1142.50
There will be the annual Education Sunday second collection this weekend.

Parish Prayer Needs

Please pray for the needs of the parish, especially for...

- ... Our Diocese as Bishop Thomas retires and a new Bishop is selected
- ... People on the RCIA course
- ... Children who are on the First Holy Communion Programme
- ... Young people who are on the Confirmation Programme
- ... Success of the Parish Legion of Mary Group and that new members will be recruited.

Masses and Services	Sacred Heart	St John Fisher
Saturday 4th February First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Leona Shree Thorpe RIP</i>	
Sunday 5th February Fifth Sunday of the Year	11.00am <i>Don and Florence Fell RIP</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 6 th February Feria	9.00am <i>Seamus O'Neill RIP</i>	
Tuesday 7 th February Feria		
Wednesday 8 th February Feria	9.15am-11.30am Stella Dawson Child Friendly Prayer Group (in the hall)	9.30am <i>Freda Marsh RIP</i>
Thursday 9 th February Feria	7.00pm (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) <i>Intentions of the Bonggot and Ramos family</i>	
Friday 10 th February St Scholastica	9.00am <i>Tess Riordon RIP</i>	
Saturday 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes		9.00am <i>Anne Elizabeth Pearce RIP</i>
Saturday 11th February First Mass of Sunday	5.30pm <i>Pauline Cooper RIP</i>	
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday of the Year	11.00am <i>In thanksgiving – Jeyananthan family</i> 1.30pm Baptism <i>Jude Patrick Gene Casey</i>	9.00am <i>People of the Parish</i>

Eucharistic Prayer IV (own preface)

Confessions on Saturday: Sacred Heart 10.00-10.45am; St John Fisher immediately after the Saturday 9.00am Mass. Confessions are available at other times by appointment.

The Angelus is recited 5 minutes before Sunday (and Saturday 5.30pm) Masses.

Rosary - The Holy Rosary is said in Sacred Heart Church after all 9.00am weekday masses and 6.30pm when there is an evening Mass.

Morning Prayer begins 15 minutes before weekday Masses.

Polish Mass – Polish Masses are held at Sacred Heart at 9.00am on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month.