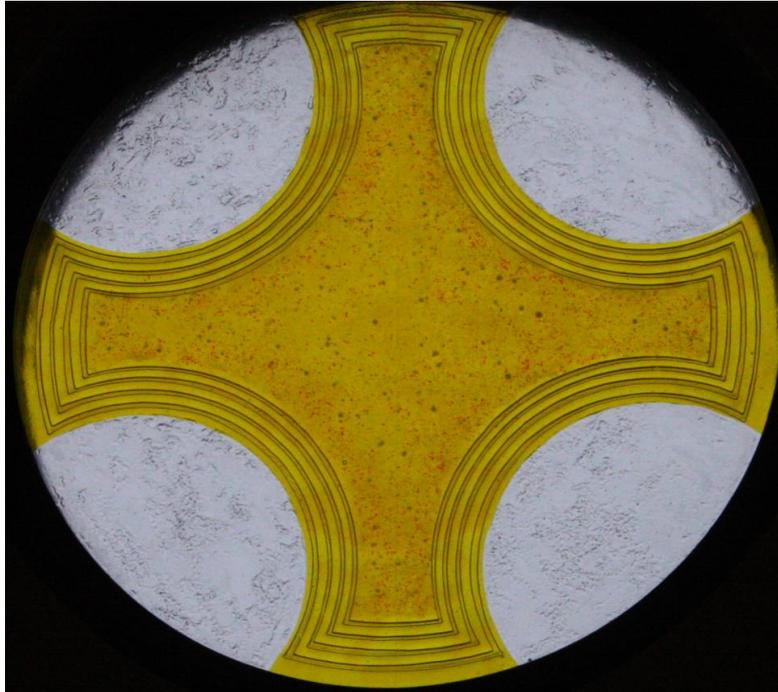


THE AUGUSTINIAN

The Parish Magazine for the R.C. Parish of Springfield



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Welcome

Dear friend,

It is my pleasure to share with you again the joy of our parish magazine into your hands. The year 2019 has passed and the New Year 2020 came in swiftly and is moving on with lots of peculiarities. Our lives are always eventful and every year every day and every hour apparently brings us new things and surprises into life. I wish and pray that this find you healthy and joyous and may the peace of Christ bring you all the needed grace.

I had a very refreshing start to the New Year with a well awaited visit back to the family and relatives. It was a very wonderful time in a very warm weather and packed with lots of activities and engagements. I was lucky enough to baptize my second nephew, officiate the wedding of my cousin, took part in the parish feast (feast of our lady and St. Sebastian), visits and travels and family time. It was altogether a busy but relaxing and rejuvenating time.

It was nice to come back to re-join my parish family. The joy was doubled with a well-planned celebration of my 10th priestly anniversary organized by the parish community. It was a wonderful time together to thank god for the gift of priesthood and enjoy the meals shared by all with different flavours and spices coming together to taste up the occasion. A big thank you to all who worked hard to make that day memorable.

Time moves on as it waits for none. So we swiftly began our Lenten season. A time of prayer, penance and charity. We look into ourselves and see what all need to be corrected. I would say it is the fitting time to check our own engines and make sure it has got all the necessary thing in the right place and right measure to keep it running for another year. Well it would apparently look like the mandatory MOT service for our vehicles. Let us remember that our souls are much more of greater importance and it needs to be looked at from time to time. Let us never push it to the limits and let it breakdown. Let us use this season of lent to look into ourselves and find out how good am I with myself, my god and my neighbour. Is there anything that need to be corrected and repaired? If there is anything, let us take the pain, sharing with the sufferings of our lord Jesus Christ, to correct the needed.

So let us be prepared to share the joy of the resurrection of our lord Jesus Christ. It is a new life and a new beginning. He broke the chain of death through the glory of suffering and the cross. So let us not be afraid when there is suffering and difficulties in our life. Let us be reminded by the words of our lord who said, "If anyone wishes to follow me, let him take up his cross and follow me". We all do have our own crosses to carry. It is the cross that leads us to the glory of heaven. There is no shortcut to that. Cross is the bridge that connects us to heaven.

My wish and prayer for you is that you may have a meaningful season of lent leading you to the joy of Easter. May the risen Christ bring hope and new light into your life. May the risen Christ be the light of our live. God bless you.

Fr. Sabu Pariyadan RCJ

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Parish Events

Parish Dinner

On Saturday 4 January, about 20 parishioners gathered at Channels for our Parish Dinner. Just after Christmas and New Year, we had a few regulars who could not join us but the company was convivial. Channels were between the Christmas and New Year menus so the choice seemed a little makeshift but most guests enjoyed the meal. We had a pleasant evening but we would be pleased to have more people to enjoy it with us next year.



Fr. Sabu's 10th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood

On Saturday 22nd February, the parish came together in celebration of Fr. Sabu's 10th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We had a special mass with priests from Fr. Sabu's order joining him for this special occasion, followed by lots of food and drink afterwards. Thank you to everyone who came and made the day so special, who brought food or curry and to the hard-working parishioners in the kitchen.



Upcoming events

- News on future events will be put on the website as events unfold.

A promised visit to Fatima in 2019



It is strange sometimes how one's life can "do catch up" and link one back to people that have passed through many years ago. This is a personal experience having come through cancer treatment in 2019. During the course of my therapy and operation, I promised Our Lady if given the chance I would go to Fatima to say thank you.

I received an email from my brother during the time I was having chemotherapy and he had maintained contact with our Parish Priest, Fr Rosa whom I knew as a child while I went to a Convent School in South Africa. Fr Rosa at the time was a young priest and only recently (the past 6 years or so) returned to his country of birth, Portugal. He was very much a part of our family, popping in to my father's business on occasion, coming over for meals, going with us as a family to our farm and more importantly, being our spiritual guide and enrolling the whole family in to the brown scapula many, many years ago. He went to a seminary at or near Fatima and his family home is about 20 minutes ride from the shrine.

I contacted Fr Rosa via email and we kept a good exchange of contact during the time I was being treated. When I told him that I was coming to Fatima, he booked accommodation for me (I was told the place where the Pope stays when he goes to Fatima). He also told me that he would collect me from the Airport. We exchanged mobile numbers and I booked to go the 6 December 2019.

Never in my life have I been late for an aeroplane but on this occasion, I missed the transfer bus to Heathrow from Stansted. As my

bus pulled in, the Heathrow express pulled out! So I lost an hour and more! I had no choice but to take the next available bus, so duly went through the process. I tried contacting the company through whom I had booked via email or text with no response.

All I could do was pray, and pray I did. I asked Our Lady that if she wanted me to get to her Shrine would she be able to help, as I could not see myself making it. I arrived on time at the Airport – with 15 minutes before the plane was to take off! I rushed in to nearest airline person standing by the check in machine and explained my panic.

"Let us see if it issues you with a ticket. If it does then you fine." It did, but I was told to not waste time and hurry. So I did, until I reached security and saw the "crush".

"Mother, help!"

I explained to security that my plane was leaving in 5 minutes time, he let me quickly through the barrier via a short cut. 6 people ahead of me! Nothing else to do but panic!

I said to a man next to me, "oh well, the plane must be taking off by now..."

His response was, "Oh no, once you go through the checks and they let you through they cannot take off without you, they have to wait."

Can you imagine my relief on walking through to airside and seeing that my plane was delayed and would only leave at 4pm. I wanted to thank everyone in France who was on strike! Thank you Mother!

On arrival at Lisbon Airport I realised that I had not seen Fr Rosa for something like 25 years and how would I recognise him was my next concern. I did text him to let him know when I would be coming and that the plane was late. Why did I worry, he was standing right in front with a hat on his head and of course, he looked like a Priest although he was not dressed as one. It took us about an hour to drive to Fatima. I had a meal with Fr Rosa and we parted ways.

I had a good sleep ready for my first day at Fatima.

Fr Rosa was a wonderful guide, he explained about Fatima and the apparitions and drove me out to the little villages where the angel appeared to the children as well as where Our Lady appeared. I will not go in to details of the apparitions as the visions are clearly documented if anyone wanted to google them or read up on Fatima.

I went to the children's "loca do Cabeco" which is very rocky and hilly. It is here that I found a profound sense of peace and calm. Fr Rosa and I said a rosary together here. It was a bright sunny day with clear skies. At this place there is a statue of an angel with a chalice and the 3 children in prayer on their knees in front of her. It is here that the children witnessed the "chalice" suspended in mid-air, while the Angel gave them the host. It is also here where the Stations of the Cross are said, and there is a statue of our Lady as well where people place flowers to thank her with their bridal bouquets or just to say thank you.

We went to the bottom of the garden at Lucia's parents' house where the angel discussed with them preparation to see Our Lady, we also visited their homes and enjoyed the sunshine and warmth of the day at 17 degrees Celsius in winter.

The Shrine is only one of the places Our Lady appeared at Fatima, to the left of her is the old Basilica, and to the right of her is the new Basilica, which can hold nearly 2,000 people at once.

On Sunday, I tried to go to confession early in the morning and was told that the English Priest would be available from 10 am onwards. This

clashed with Mass. I went to Mass alongside what felt to me to be close to 20,000 people as it was a feast day – the Immaculate Conception. I have never seen so many communion givers or people taking up the offertory for Mass. They kept coming and had to do so in long lines.



I did go back to the confessional (I do not give up easily) but there was a long queue outside and I knew I had to be realistic and resign myself to not having confession at this time.

I had quiet time at Our Lady's statue and then being her feast day she was taken away for the parade. A sign for me that my time at Fatima had reached a close.



Before I left to return to the Airport, Fr Rosa and I had an advantage point over the piazza that is the space between the old and new Basilica's which was filled with people and no room to move! Who ever said that religion is dead? It was a wonderful sight. Families, people in wheelchairs, children, young married couples, you name it, ordinary people just like us all saying the Rosary on Our Lady's feast day in different languages. It was a privilege to be there:

Louise Geddes – New Hall Parish

Knights of St. Columba Council 302



Knights of St. Columba

One of our most enjoyable activities over the year is presenting the Canon Manning Trophy. Canon Bernard Manning was a Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate in the seventies, and a good friend of the Knights of St. Columba. He was also an advocate for the good work that young people do and, when he died, he asked the Knights to promote an Annual Award to recognise this work. In the past, it has been awarded to groups or individuals for contributions Parishes, Schools or the broader Community, and often a recipient will be doing activities which contribute to all three areas. When so much news about young people is about harm that they suffer or their behaviour, it is both pleasant and instructive to be able to recognise the good work that so many do.

The first recipient of the Canon Manning Trophy was St. John Payne School, and it is a measure of the School's contribution to the Catholic Community in Chelmsford that the Trophy has frequently been awarded to students at St. John Payne even when they are nominated for Parish or Community activities. This year it was awarded to a Year 11 student, Holly Clarke. Holly is a long standing altar server at Our Lady Immaculate and became a helper for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation when she went into Year 7. She is also a student helper and, since being confirmed, has taken on student leadership. Grand Knight, Chris Thompson, attended a recent assembly at St. John Payne to present her with the Trophy.

The award is made annually: details will be sent out just after Christmas so please think about who you can nominate: you must know of a young person or group whose good work deserves to publicly recognised and publicised.



Chris Thompson (left) presenting the Canon Manning trophy to Holly Clarke (right)



Holly Clarke (left) with the Headteacher of St. John Payne School, Tom Coen (right)

In other Knights' news, after a busy year with our Centenary last year, we have been taking a slightly less hectic timetable. We finished the Centenary celebrations with our final Mass dedicated to Knights' intentions at Our Lady Immaculate in November. At the beginning of February, we had our usual collection of goods. This was, at one time, the collection of clothes for homeless people being helped by Providence Row in East London. We still collect toiletries, which go to Providence Row, and new socks go to our own (Chelmsford) project at CHESS, but used clothes are no longer accepted for the homeless. Instead, used clothes now go to the Farleigh Hospice shops, or other Charity shops locally.

Our regular features have continued. Coming up to Christmas, we circulated Christmas posters to be put in windows to remind those without a Christian background to think about what Christmas means. They were distributed (free) during Advent. We remembered our widows at Christmas with Christmas greetings and a small present. Our (almost) monthly Knights at Leisure lunches continue, when between 15 and 30 Brothers, wives and widows come together at a local hostelry for a meal and social gathering. We also make sure that our widows are invited to that, and transport arranged if necessary.

We also have a full programme of Action for the coming year. The Chelmsford Community Sponsorship project (reported elsewhere) began as a Knights Action project and is starting to make real progress. We are planning our Annual Lecture for October: for 15 years now, we have presented a Lecture on a topic of current interest by a speaker of particular expertise in that area. Topics have ranged from people trafficking and the refugee crisis to Essex history and the Chelmsford Local Plan, with a number relating to the Churches mission, now or in the future. We are pursuing a couple of lines of enquiry for this year's at the time of writing, but we will have an interesting and thought provoking Lecture. We are hoping that the situation will be near enough to normal to go ahead with a Lecture this year, but details will be published over the summer.

As a Province, Brentwood has agreed, for this year at least, to support and promote Tools With A Mission (TWAM). This is a national charity with very local working relationships. They collect used tools and equipment to take to developing countries to support the

establishment of smallholdings or new businesses and will take a wide range of tools, as long as they are in good or reasonably repairable condition. The local group is based in Ipswich but will collect anything we have to offer. John Logue, a former Chelmsford Grand Knight is coordinating collecting across the Province so that they can come to an area and collect a reasonable load efficiently. He will be putting details in Newsletter when it is Chelmsford's turn to collect. They are particularly looking for gardening tools (not power tools) and sewing machines, but will take a wide range of items though, for several reasons, not computers. Again, this has been suspended until we are clearer on how things will develop, but we hope that this will take place during the autumn.

We will be hosting the Provincial (Diocesan) Quiz again this year. It was scheduled for the end of April at St. Augustine's in Springfield. The main contest is between nominated men and women's teams from Councils all over the Diocese, but friends from local parishes are invited to put in a team. Size of team is flexible, but we suggest about six people. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to get to meet the Knights at our most sociable and we would be very pleased to see you there. Yet again, this will depend on developments but we hope that this will also take place in the autumn.

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Obituary – Bernard Storkey



Bernard was born on the 31st March 1933 in Barnes, West London, a second son for George and Mary Storkey and a younger brother for John. Their early years were quite tough, like so many at the time and with the outbreak of war. Bernard and John were evacuated out of London to the relative safety of the countryside before the family settled in Mortlake and Bernard attended Richmond and East Sheen Grammar School. Bernard met Gwen at a dance at the local Scout Hall and they started courting. He left school and went to work in the city, at Lloyds Bank.

No sooner had he began his banking career than he was called for National Service. He chose to join the Royal Air Force and over a 2-year period, he gained his wings and was one of the first pilots to be commissioned by the new queen Elizabeth II in 1952. He flew all sorts of planes, from propeller planes, Tiger Moths and Harvard Wasps to the very latest jet planes of that time, including the Meteor Jets. From his flight logbook, it was clear he was an above average student.

Gwen remembers this time with fondness, Bernard flying back from wherever in the UK to spend weekends together in London before flying off again the following Monday. However flying was dangerous, and Bernard lost a few close friends in accidents and in 1953, at the end of his National Service, he decided to return to Lloyds Bank, where he had a successful

career, rising to be a Manager. In 1991, he took early retirement, leaving the bank as a highly respected member of their staff.

Gwen and Bernard married on 9th February 1957 in Mortlake, a marriage that would last almost 63 years. Later that year, along came the first of five children, over a period of 11 years. Gwen and Bernard moved out of Chiswick in 1960 and moved to Essex and into Springfield.

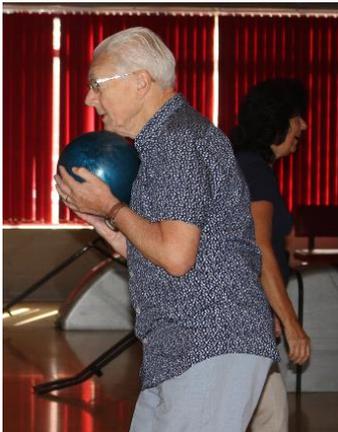
On moving to Chelmsford, he became an active member of Our Lady Immaculate parish but helped to lead the efforts to establish the new parish in Springfield. The family attended Mass at Perryfield's School while the new church, St Augustine's, was being built. He was a member of the finance committee at the start of the new Parish for many years. When he stepped down, the initial debt had been paid off and the Parish had raised a substantial part of the cost of extending St. Augustine's. For many years, he managed the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers' rotas as well as taking a prominent place on the rotas himself.

As founder members of the parish, Gwen and Bernard were part of a group of close friends who were central to the social life and overall functioning of the Parish. In later years, they enjoyed numerous pilgrimages including visiting Lourdes and the Holy Land. Over a decade, they joined the parish on pilgrimages to some less visited destinations, such as Poland, Turkey and Wales, and a memorable visit to Oberammergau in 2010. Their presence made them great social as well as spiritual occasions.

Bernard joined the Knights of St Columba in 1969 and it became an important part of his life and service. He became Deputy Grand Knight in 1972, and had spells as Chancellor, Social Secretary and Treasurer as well as being a Grand Knight at the age of 43. He thoroughly enjoyed the social aspects of the Knights, especially Quiz nights, where he would shine, winning many National prizes. As Social

Secretary, he was responsible for enthusiastically leading the Council's social life with a full programme of events, and he has set a pattern, which subsequent Social Secretaries have worked hard to follow. Last year he was recognised by the Order with his Golden Jubilation medal for 50 years of membership.

Bernard's other love was football. From an early age, he played at school, and then played for local teams in Sheen, Richmond and Springfield. He also took pride in playing for the Bank's team. He was an Ipswich supporter in their heyday, travelling to see them play elsewhere in England, and in Europe. He was a keen walker for many years, with a group of friends for Chelmsford parishes taking walking weekend's way, and raising money for Knights' charities with our sponsored Walks. Not all ended well: one of his proudest achievements was being the oldest skateboarder Mid Essex Hospitals had treated following an accident, which resulted in him breaking his arm.



Bernard was all-inclusive. He would see the best in everyone and had a wide circle of friends including the Church, bank as well as local neighbours. The family say the house could be like Piccadilly Circus, and Bernard wouldn't have had it any other way.

Above all, though, Bernard was a family man. Bernard would work hard all week but evenings, and above all weekends and holidays, were what he lived for and precious time spent with Gwen and the children, and later the eleven grandchildren, and most recently three great-grandchildren. Bernard loved being a part of their lives and sharing his knowledge. Helping with homework, he would insist on explaining it all first and not just giving the answers. He loved travelling, with the family, but also Knights and parishioners. He loved learning about the history of places, local customs and, of course, the local food and drink.

In later years, getting Bernard to take a back seat was harder said than done. It did not come naturally to him. In later years, he would use a stick to get about and last year a wheelchair, so that he could continue to enjoy life. Just last summer he could be seen flying through a French village being dragged by two poodles, quite a sight for an 86 year old!



Bernard will be much missed by the parish community and by everyone who knew him.

Chelmsford Community Sponsorship Scheme

A progress report

You may remember that we have been working on a project under the Home Office's Full Community Sponsorship scheme, and we have kept you informed on progress from time to time. We have now reached a key stage in the project so here is a new update.

To review briefly our early stages, we launched the project at all Sunday Masses in Chelmsford parishes in November 2018. We collected money and names of volunteers after the Masses and raised about £6,000, and collected about 120 names. We expanded the Steering Group and began to work on the application to the Home Office, as well as some other issues, in particular the search for a house.

One area of the application that needed to be addressed was that it needed to be approved by the two local authorities before submission to the Home Office. We started to contact them as soon as the project had been formally launched and our contacts have become more frequent as we progressed towards having a complete application. They have given us useful contacts and have directed our attention to areas of work that the Home Office would need to see addressed, as well as matters on which they needed to be reassured before they could give their approval. We met recently and the result of that meeting was that, with a couple of minor clarifications, they were now in a position to recommend that their Councils should give their approval to the scheme.

We were also working on finding a home for the family. We spent quite some time making approaches to various organisations, such as Housing Associations. Several were helpful but were not able to provide a property. However, we have recently had a breakthrough: a local philanthropist has agreed to buy a property and rent it to us at a realistic rent. We had a property in mind but that fell through for personal reasons, but the speed at which the situation developed suggests to us that this is now not a major problem area. The philanthropist has asked to remain anonymous and the address will only be revealed to those who need to know, but it seems that we are now on the way.

We now have the £9,000, which we need to be able to submit the application. As well as the initial collections, we have had a number of donations (some quite substantial) and are registered for Gift Aid. We have also had some fund raising activities, including a couple of quizzes. This will give us enough to start but we think that we need to have £12 - 13,000 to bring the project to completion, so we do need cash, fund raising ideas and possible donors. While it is not urgent, the sooner we can get to the total that we think that we need, the better.

One of our aims at the launch weekend was to put together a list of volunteers who would help us in the work on resettling the family or getting the project to work. At the launch weekend, this went well, with over 100 people offering to help. Since then, we have invited some of our volunteers to offer their time and skills as "key personnel" or specialist helpers. We have a number of areas that we need to cover, such as language, social support, safeguarding etc. In addition, we will be asking, when we have a better idea of what is needed, for people to help with the work of settling the family into the community, such as guidance on contact with services, shopping and introducing them to local facilities. We are very conscious that we are all volunteers and will be grateful for anyone else who can help to spread the workload, either with general help or in a more specialized area. One area, which we would particularly like to have more support for, is languages, because progress in helping the family to become fluent in English will need plenty of support for formal tuition and conversation practice.

We expect the local authorities to write confirming their endorsement of the scheme in the next week or two (written at the end of February). This is the last step before we submit the application to the Home Office. They will then assess the application to ensure that Chelmsford Community Sponsorship has the capacity to support the family fully before the final approval. This normally takes about six months and, when approval is given, a family will be nominated in the knowledge of our skills and resources. At that stage, we could have up

to eight weeks to make the final preparations, but it could be much quicker, so we need to be ready to start work by then.

There will be some administration and training to do before the family arrive, and we are now thinking about a plan of work for all the things that need to be organised before then. As well as training, we need to establish contacts with statutory and commercial services, ensure the house is properly furnished and equipped. However, there are probably lots of things that we have not thought about and we are speaking to groups that support resettlement schemes about what needs to be done and what timetable we should plan on.

We have issued a number of bulletin to those on our volunteer list to keep them up to date with our progress, so they will be aware of much of this. If you have not been in our

communication chain and would like to help with any area of this work, we would be particularly glad to hear from you. At the moment our two key priorities are:

- Fund raising
- Setting a plan for preparing for the arrival of the family

If you can help us with either of these priorities and are not already on our contacts list, please get us in touch with us. We are particularly keen to hear if you have contacts who can help us with fundraising or areas of the resettlement plan. Our e-mail address is info@chelmsfordcs.co.uk.

Flight PS 752 poem

This poem was written the day after an airliner was shot down by an Iranian missile. A local newspaper is said to have reported that it must have been the will of God.

*Once again a thunder in the heavens,
Once again a light upon the earth,
Once again the innocent must suffer,
Once again there's death, there's pain not birth.*

*Once again a small miscalculation,
Once again an accident they say,
And once again
The truth won't go away.*

*The leaders say we "just want justice."
The generals "only do as we are told."
"The press is really full of outrage
As once again the story does unfold.*

*Oh God how could this happen?
Oh God why won't we make it stop?
Oh God this can't be how you want it?
For this is not: "The will of God."*

Heart and Sole

Welcome to Chelmsford's health walks, (called 'Heart and Sole'). The programme is **suspended** at the moment, but you can find out when it will restart from the website details below.

Heart and Sole operate across Chelmsford but several walks are in the parish or town centre. Several parishioners attend them, and you would be very welcome to come along and join them.



What are health walks?

These are 30 to 45-minute walks designed to slightly increase your heart and breathing rate, improve your blood circulation and produce a well-deserved sense of wellbeing.

Walking with groups has been proven to reduce stress and relax you, and remove the fear of walking alone, it helps lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and helps to reduce Type 2 diabetes. It helps improve stamina and endurance and can strengthen bones. As it is low impact aerobic exercise it is a great start for most people's fitness regimes, and it has been found to be the best introductory cardiovascular workout for improving overall fitness - and it's FREE!

Heart and Sole use trained volunteers to lead and back up the walks so everybody can walk at a pace suitable to themselves and nobody will feel left behind. Everyone is encouraged to talk to each other and if walkers are unable to hold a conversation easily, they will be encouraged to slow down! After the walk, we often continue the conversation over a refreshment obtained locally.

Our walks

There are 20 walks in all, starting from 12 different venues, with optional longer walks for those who wish to do more.

Hopefully one or more of these walks will be suitable for you. You don't need to be fit to walk with us, we will help you get fitter in a pleasant environment, with friendly like-minded people.

The Scheme is **FREE**, just turn up and try.



Here are some of our walks

Mondays at 10.30am (meet by the entrance door to the Riverside Sports Centre)

Tuesdays at 12pm (meet at Beauchamp House Surgery, Baddow Road)

Wednesdays in Central Park at 12.15pm (behind Marks & Spencer's at the entrance to Bell Meadow)

Thursdays in Admiral's Park at 12.30pm (meet at the car park on Rainsford Road opposite the Black Bull pub)

Fridays in Beaulieu Park at 10.30am (meet in Burnell Gate Recreation Ground car park)

Saturdays in Galleywood Common at 12pm (meet at the Horse & Groom pub)

3rd Sunday of each month (i.e. monthly) at Hanningfield Reservoir at 1.30pm (meet outside the Visitor Centre)

More information

For more information about all of the Heart and Sole walks (meeting places, times, terrain difficulty etc.) call 01245 606569 (messages will be checked regularly) or visit www.chelmsford.gov.uk/heartandsole.

Easter puzzle and riddles

**There are 18 eggs in and around the Easter basket – can you find them all?
Decorate and colour the eggs!**



Riddles

Sometimes these are hollow
And have chocolate inside
Other times they are real
And you paint their outside

What am I?

It can look like a T
It can look like a X
They can be found on chains
Hung around people's necks

What am I?

we're on your side

Whether you need help with legal advice for your family or in business, we're here to help.

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OUR PARISH VISION

1. A dynamic worshipping community - where people come for the first time and immediately sense the presence of God
2. A community where everyone is growing in their understanding of the Catholic Faith
3. A community where everyone is growing in the life of prayer and their relationship with God
4. A community where pastoral, spiritual and practical care is given to those in need
5. A community where more people are actively involved in the Mission of the Church.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father,

You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in Him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, Help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever,

Amen

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading the Easter edition of "The Augustinian". As well as Parish news and items from groups covering all the Chelmsford parishes, we have included some items which may be of interest to our parishioners (some things tick several boxes). Thank you to all our contributors and particularly to Ben Hitchen who has formatted and prepare the material for publication.

This is a difficult time for many of us, but we hope to use the Parish website and Facebook to keep in touch, so keep watching them for the news.

We already have some material for the next edition but are always looking for more. If you think that you have anything which might be of interest to our readers, send it to thompsoncjt01@blueyonder.co.uk or pass it to Chris at Mass.

Chris