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Mission Statement

To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



Stewards Of The Gospel

"The important thing in evangelising is not to effortfully set out to try to convert someone, but to live one's faith as a Catholic attractively. It is important to trust that God is working".

Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 12 March 2023

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."**

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

John presents us with a dramatic, even theatrical encounter. Jesus is described in very human terms, sitting at the well, exhausted from his journey. The woman too is very human. Her appearance at the well at about noon, long after the other village women would've replenished their water supply for the day, may indicate her isolated position in society. She was shunned because of her many sins, yet it is she who becomes a missionary to her people.

The bad relationship between the Jews and Samaritans was historically conditioned. About 722 BC the Assyrian army descended on Northern Israel, took its population into exile and colonized its land with foreigners, who partially adopted Israel's religion over the centuries but were always viewed by the original inhabitants as hated, semi-pagan invaders. The woman was therefore stunned when Jesus spoke to her and even more astonished when he asked her for a drink.

Water becomes the sign by which both baptism and faith are explained to us. Water is the means, but the Holy Spirit flowing into us is the reality. Therefore, there's a vital connection between the flowing of water and the outpouring of the Spirit. The 'living water' of which Jesus speaks brings to her not only awareness of her sins, but also forgiveness, hope in the person of Jesus as the Messiah, and faith in his words.

The water Jesus offers is a pure gift of God, water which, when drunk, becomes within a spring of life. Jesus is referring to his own words of salvation, because whoever listens to and lives by them will continue to share God's life. The water has a deeper meaning as a symbol of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39). The Spirit enables us to understand Jesus' words and respond to them with a willing heart.

'The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.' (CCC 2560)

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Upcoming Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Nicola Fisher RIP
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Ann Edwards RIP Edwards Family 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 14	9.00 a.m. People of Our Parish
Wednesday 15	7.30 p.m. David Corr RIP M Brennan
Thursday 16	9.00 a.m. Mary O'Shea RIP
Friday 17	9.00 a.m. Ann Edwards RIP Edwards Family 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Saturday 18	10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Dorothy Duranti RIP J. Duranti
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. People of our Parish 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to
Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time
with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Come and find that peace and
tranquillity in the presence of your
dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so
intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by
having a Mass offered for them. Your
donation also forms part of your
Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said
for family and friends. Envelopes in
the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space
during the week for mass to be said
for your intentions or deceased
members of your family or for the
Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to
be in a week in advance as our newsletter
is printed a week in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may
not get the date you request because
everyone wants mass at the weekend. So
you may get a different day. However your
mass can be said on a weekday nearer
the date you request. I am mandated
as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @
Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved
ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the
Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m.
Please try and join us.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4 March:	67
Sunday 5 March:	65



Welcome to all our parish family and our visitors to our Sunday
Celebration of Our Holy Mass.

We are only three weeks away from our Holy Week services.
Please pick up a copy of the newsletter, which has all the times of
the various Lenten services as we prayerfully journey through Our
Blessed Lord's Passion Death and Resurrection on Easter Day. We
are all on that journey of the way of the cross leading to our death
and resurrection and hopefully to life with God for ever. Now is
the day of salvation.

Our daily family reflection this week. Lent is a time of mercy
and grace, or to use Paul's image, it's the ambassador of mercy and grace. Christ is that
mercy, present to us in Word and Sacrament, 'Jesus Christ himself is the greatest grace
of Lent'. Just ponder that last sentence for a moment. What next? Lent is the school of
repentance. 'Do you not know that God's patience is leading you to repentance?' (Rom
2:4). Lent is God's patience as well, quietly waiting for us to turn around. 'Repentance is
the renewal of baptism and is a contract with God for a fresh start in life. Repentance
goes shopping for humility and is ever distrustful of bodily comfort. Repentance is critical
awareness and a sure watch over oneself. Repentance is the daughter of hope and the
refusal to despair. Repentance is reconciliation with the Lord by the performance of good
deeds which is the opposite of sins'.

According to St. Benedict, ideally we should always be living Lent, but we're weak, so
let us at least try to keep our life in all purity during this season and 'wash away the
negligences of other times. 'One can see in that a call to the renewal of our baptism. Keep
in mind the three things of Prayer, fasting and good deeds. In Psalm 50/51 'A pure heart
create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your
presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. Give me, again, the joy of your help; with a
spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.'
Every blessing on your families on your Lenten journey.

Fr Leslie

Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Mass is at 7.30 p.m. followed by a vigil in front
of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose
until 9.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

The veneration of the Cross will be at 3.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Confession From 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Most important service of the church's year
will take place at 8.00 p.m. followed by the First
Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Masses will be at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

FOR REAL AND LASTING VALUE EACH OF THESE SERVICES WE SHOULD ATTEND.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This night Jesus begins his own Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY

"See my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted
up, exalted, use to great height" (IS 52:12)

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY.

He is Truly Risen! And so we can say even now:
everything said will come true, we have a
certain and sure hope.

Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia.

Lent and Easter

The season of Lent is a time of spiritual combat
for the Christian, to whom the church reaches
out with support and encouragement, feeding
her children with the Eucharist, Word and Prayer.
Drawing on the liturgy of each day we come to a
deeper meditation on the meaning of the Lenten
journey leading to the great Feast of Easter.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent. Please make
a special effort to attend.

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contract with God for a fresh start in life.
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ever distrustful of bodily comfort. Repentance is
a critical awareness and a sure rate over one day.
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refusal to despair. Repentance is reconciliation
with the Lord by performance of good deeds
which are the opposites of the sins." (St John
Climacus).

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always be living Lent, but we are all weak, so let
us at least try to keep dear life in all purity during
this season and wash away the negligence of
other times."

Easter Envelopes

Easter Envelope for your priest are on the table at
the back of the church. This collection forms a
major part of your priest's income. We know you
will be as generous as you have done so in the past.

Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 11 March	6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull Ewa Kania
Sunday 12 March	10.30 a.m. Mary Allum Lyn Birnie

Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

Saturday 18 March	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson Stella Walker
Sunday 19 March	10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles Sarah Barber

Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 11 March	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan
Sunday 12 March	10.30 a.m. Uzoamaka Ekpechue

Readers for next week's Masses

Saturday 18 March	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
Sunday 19 March	10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

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Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

The institution of the Eucharist.

The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."

The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist; Christ calls himself the bread of life, come down from heaven.

Essex Recusant Society

Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society hold their annual General Meeting at the hall of Brentwood Cathedral – Saturday 11 March at 2.30 p.m.

On the agenda will be general discussion of future activity RES Library – views is a library required/necessary, election of chairman, treasurer, journal editor, communication officer and FRS constitution.

If you have a computer and are willing to receive correspondence by email it would be a great help to us. Please email your address to Frank Everett – epsurv.uk@btinternet.com
Membership £25.00 pa Family/£17.00 pa Individually

Diocesan School Vacancy

HEADTEACHER

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HUTTON.

Required for September 2023. Pay Range: Group Size 2 Fringe L13 – L19.

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do.

Following the impending retirement of our highly esteemed current Headteacher, the Governors invite applications for a dedicated Headteacher from September 2023. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils.

Prospective candidates are positively encouraged to visit our school. Please contact the School Business Manager to arrange this as soon as possible on 01277 227282 or email recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk
Applications are invited from existing headteachers, deputy headteachers, assistant headteachers or senior leaders with appropriate experience. Full details of the post and application form are available on <http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key Information/Vacancies>

Deadline for applications: 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday 22 March 2023

From The Bishop

As we remember the first anniversary of the war in Ukraine, we pray for peace in that land and consolation for all of its people, those who have remained, those who have travelled to other lands for safety and we commend to Almighty God the souls of all who have died because of this conflict.

We also give thanks to God for the leadership in our countries of Bishop Kenneth and his collaborators at the Ukrainian Cathedral and beyond who have provided welcome and support for those who have migrated here because of the war. May the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Peace bring a swift end to this war.

Synodal Process

This synodal process involved much consultation and synthesis. However, Mr. Webb noted that the responses to the synodal process that had been submitted by dioceses dovetailed very closely with the initial response to the diocesan planning document. What came across was a love for the hardworking clergy and a desire to remove some of the administrative burdens placed upon them. However, some lamented a spirit of clericalism which was reluctant to relinquish the reins of power in such areas. In addition, there has been a passivity on the part of the laity resulting from either a reluctance to challenge the clergy or a failure to fully appreciate the role they have in the Church given to them through their baptism.

The process is to be relaunched now which will involve many factors and a recognition that the situation has changed over the last few years. Sadly, people have drifted away during the pandemic. The recent UK census confirmed that those identifying as Christians has reduced from 59.3% in 2011 to 46.2% in 2021. Also those identifying as Christian in the census were predominantly from the older population. Diocesan attendance trends have fallen even faster. This means two things in the longer term: not only are we are failing to deliver the Good News but on a practical level that we will be a smaller and poorer church than in the past. The cost of living crisis has made this worse. There will be fewer people in churches, fewer priests and less money. We have a number of valuable properties but it will become increasingly expensive to maintain these to the necessary quality. To use a biblical image: we will need to prune and nurture the vineyard. We will be required to pool resources, moving away from a focus on buildings to one which looks to human investment. More lay people can be brought in to help overworked clergy. At a curial level there have been changes to reporting structures and the appointment of the Bishop's Delegate should help move things forward. The establishment of the Vicariate for Adult Formation has been a huge step forward as has youth and social justice programmes under lay leadership. Efforts have started to consider the future viability of churches in different parts of the diocese.

Lunchtime Recital

On Wednesday 15 March at 1.00 p.m. we are delighted to welcome James Todd a third year Organ student from the Royal College of Music. James' Programme will last 45 minutes and his Programme will include pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach and Dieterich Buxtehude.

As normal, refreshments will be served in the Song School afterwards.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.



Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether so that #women, every woman, may be respected, protected and esteemed. Violence against women and mothers is violence against God himself, who from a woman, from a mother, took on our human condition.

In this Season of #Lent, let us exercise interior clarity, placing ourselves before the #WordOfGod in #prayer, so that an advantageous struggle against the evil that enslaves us, a struggle for freedom, may take place within us.

The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and acts of love for wounded humanity (almsgiving), and familiar dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to incarnate a sincere faith, a living hope, and active charity.

I am praying for the numerous victims of the shipwreck that took place off of Cutro, near Crotone. I renew my appeal that similar tragedies may not be repeated. Let the human traffickers be stopped so they do not continue to dispose of the lives of so many innocent people!

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 5 March you gave £145.00 with £38.00 via Gift Aid. *Thank you and God Bless.*

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

Anniversaries

We pray for the anniversary of all our relatives and friends, especially those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

We pray for: Michael Kent, Audrey Daly, Edward Madigan, Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley, David Heaphy, and Jean Fordham
Priests of our Diocese: Fr. William Luby, Canon Martin Hopkins (1980), and Fr. Donal Donegan (1988)

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Light
Laughter

What did the dalmatian say after lunch?
"That hit the spot!"

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CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



Piano Masterclass

Tomorrow, Monday 13 March at 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Danilo Mascetti will be giving a Piano Masterclass in Brentwood Cathedral to several music students from Becket Keys School. He will also himself be playing the following pieces:

Ludwig van Beethoven Sonata 'The Hunt' op. 31 no. 3

Franz Schubert Klavierstuecke D 946

Federico Mompou Dialogues

Valentin Silvestrov Dialogues

Olivier Messiaen Regards

You are most welcome to join us. This is also a good opportunity to invite your children or grandchildren.

Taking Liturgy Seriously 2 – Eucharist

MODULE 2

WORD OF PRAYER – REVEREND PROFESSOR PETER MCGRIL

Collects and other Orations – their development and origins.

Eucharistic Prayers with their Prefaces. Thoughts from the Ambrosian Rite. Penitential Rites, Blessings and the Common of the Mass. 16, 23, 30 March

Finance

Please support the work, running and mission of the Parish by setting up a Standing Order via your on-line banking. Our Bank details are:

HSBC Plc, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

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Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

At the Cathedral on Monday 27 March 2023 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

There will be Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and there will be a number of priest present to hear confession.

Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday from 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

GO PAUL!



Paul Downey (one of our team of Readers on a Sunday morning) is running in the Brentwood half marathon this weekend to raise funds for CAFOD. If you would like to donate towards Paul's target then please follow the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/paul-downey-1678018890186?utm_source=offline&utm_medium=qr&utm_term=0c7a96f3f1424a16a56280d679b6fbd5

200 Club

A reminder! If you picked up a 200 Club Application Form/Standing Order in the past couple of weeks could you please return the completed form to the church? It may be in your handbag or on your desk or in your pocket but when you do find it, could you please bring it back into church asap? We don't want to hold up giving away any of the prizes!

Lourdes Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. For more details please go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes> or contact Suzanne or Kathryn at Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org. If you are interested in going as part of a parish group please let Fr. Leslie know.



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