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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.

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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 27 October 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. Sandia Fitzgerald RIP Confessions before Mass 5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m. For all Parishioners 10.30 a.m. Baptista Adjei RIP CAFOD team
Monday 28	9.15 a.m. Private Intention E Norman
Tuesday 29	9.15 a.m. Rob Brazier RIP
Wednesday 30	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 31	9.15 a.m. Int. Fr. Gary Dench

NOVEMBER

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 1	9.15 a.m. Margaret and Alan Cronin RIP C Turnbull 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30 p.m. For all Parishioners
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ON THIS DAY YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS. COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday 2	9.15 a.m. Private Intention Fr. Leslie 5.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Patrick Dooley RIP B Dooley
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m. Bernadette Craft RIP S Barber

St. Joseph Friendship Group

We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We are always open to any suggestions of what you would like to see happening at these afternoon sessions. OPEN TO ALL AGES. Why not pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be made very welcome. Any enquires contact Jan Jarvis on 200278

ADVENT

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS BY SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAYS 9.45 A.M. to 10.15 A.M. AND 5.00 P.M. to 5.45 P.M.

THE JOY OF RECONCILIATION

We continue with our busy, happy and difficult lives and we may attend Confession from time to time to be reconciled. Do we take the next step and fully immerse ourselves in Reconciliation with our Father? Do we allow ourselves to be embraced and loved so that just like the Prodigal Son, we are fully able to go on in our lives with love?

Through Eucharistic Adoration, we are invited into Jesus' presence. We bring to him all of our lives, with guaranteed time, a listening ear, an open heart and a Father's warm embrace. We all need a special hug from time to time!

Julie Rourke is an advisor for The Christian Education Department in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector addresses the very human failing of self-righteousness or self-justification, which Jesus identified as an enemy of the spiritual life. The parable pokes fun at the self-righteousness of the Pharisee and affirms the humility of the tax collector.

One thing to bear in mind about the Pharisee is that he is being sincere. The Pharisees did indeed fast twice a week (on Mondays and Thursdays) and they were committed to tithing. This praying Pharisee isn't trying to deceive anybody (other than himself): he is simply (as he sees it) drawing God's attention to his virtue. What he doesn't realise is that God the Father sees what is done both in public and in secret and certainly doesn't need reminding of our good deeds. In addition to the sins of pride, arrogance and conceit, the Pharisee is also guilty of contempt for his neighbour, the tax collector. In total contrast, the tax collector is under no illusion – note how he doesn't even dare look up to heaven. He knows he has nothing to offer God and can only throw himself on God's mercy. Through the contrast between the two men, the parable reveals the very heart of salvation: we cannot save ourselves. Our problem is that, rather like the Pharisee, we often think we can. The scandalous truth of Christian revelation is that we are justified, sanctified and redeemed not through our own righteousness but through Christ's. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines which all help us to grow in holiness - these are to be encouraged. What it does mean is that, through the gift of self-knowledge and understanding, we become aware of our true condition and state before God.

St. John Vianney asked God to reveal to him his true spiritual state before him – bear in mind that this humble priest spent long hours in prayer and hearing confessions, and was committed to a life of abstinence and self-denial. However, when God granted his prayer, he had to beg God to withdraw the revelation because he saw that all his works of righteousness were just rags before the holiness of Christ.

*Lord, grant me a grace of revelation so that I can grasp in ever-deeper measure that I am saved not through my own works but through the generous and lavish mercy of God.
Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner.*



Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (26/27 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Bill O'Regan Ann Howarth Gaye O'Regan A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Mary Allum Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Sharon Ruffles A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (26/27 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Julie Stone
10.30 a.m.	Paula Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (2/3 November 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Carol Turnbull Marian Anderson Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Mary Allum Lyn Birnie
10.30 a.m.	Mary Brooks Will Jackson Chris Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses (2/3 November 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	David Holt
10.30 a.m.	Will Jackson

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought. **ALSO DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.**

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue and Patricia Green.

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE THE NAMES OF ALL THE SICK WILL BE CONTAINED ON A CARD THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR AT EVERY MASS.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT DUE TO DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK NEED TO ASK FR. LESLIE FOR THEIR NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Winifred Liversley, Bruce Wallace, John Connolly, Mick O'Dowd, Mary Jones and Julia Burrows.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. George Steadman (1942), Fr. Stephen Wyatt (1946), Fr. William Loveland (1983), Canon Thomas Bishop (1966) and Canon Richard Gay (1969).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

PLEASE NOTE. NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. JUST PLACE THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED YOU WISH TO REMEMBER, PLUS A DONATION, IN THE ENVELOPE AND THEY WILL BE PRAYED FOR DURING NOVEMBER.



Welcome to the parish of St Joseph the Worker.

There are only four weeks to Advent. Christmas is a very busy time as we prepare for the celebration of our real Redeemer – schools are busy with plays and pre-Christmas parties take place.

Let us not forget that spiritually we need to prepare for Christmas. God became one of us to redeem the world from sin. Each of us need to ask ourselves, when did

we last encounter Jesus in this Sacrament of Mercy? Advent is the season when we get together to pray, reflect and meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession with our families – "Come Lord Jesus".

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee prided himself on his generosity and that he was an upstanding member of the community who did no wrong. The tax collector simply said "Lord be merciful to me a sinner". Which of the two are we?

Have a great day with your families and a wonderful week.

Fr. Leslie

Mothers Prayers at The School

Mothers Prayers meets in St. Joseph the Worker School each Friday of term time at 2.30 p.m. in the Parents Room. We really would like to encourage parishioners to come join us to pray for the children in the School, and to pray for their own children/grandchildren. We follow a set format and also read and reflect on a passage of scripture. If you come to the reception at the School we will be there to welcome you!

Bishop Alan Launches

The 'Year Of The God Who Speaks'

Bishop Alan travelled to Gidea Park parish on Saturday 12 October to inaugurate the Year of the God who Speaks, in the presence of about one hundred people. The Year, promoted by the bishops of England and Wales, is intended to encourage greater love of, and familiarity with, the Bible. Bishop Alan spoke of how we receive the Word of God and its potential to transform our lives. He also very appropriately prayed a prayer of St. John Henry Newman, ahead of the latter's canonisation in Rome the next day.

200 Club Winners

AUGUST

1st S Camp	(£50)
2nd M Frost	(£30)
3rd M Wild	(£20)

SEPTEMBER

1st E Gray	(£50)
2nd J Peachey	(£30)
3rd N Gunter	(£20)

I'm delighted to let all our members know that due to your continued support a cheque for £800 was presented to Fr. Leslie for Parish Funds.

New 200 Club members are most welcome. Please complete a Standing Order form, which can be found at the back of the church, and return to Fr. Leslie. God Bless you and thank you.

Extraordinary Missionary Month in October

The Extraordinary Missionary Month was announced by Pope Francis to mark the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter. The theme chosen is "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World." The initiative aims to awaken the awareness of the meaning of mission and reinvigorate the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm.

Safety Laws

When you attend Mass please make sure you look around the church and the note where the exits are. If a fire occurs and it is at the front of the church, then please assemble near the Parish Hall. If a fire occurs and it is at the back of the church, please assemble in the school playground. Leave everything in place and please leave the building at the direction of the Fire Wardens.

Christmas Greetings

Yes it's early but we are determined to fill the back page of the newsletter this year with Christmas Greetings to each other! And it's all in a good cause. Just £5 donation gets you and your Christmas wishes on to the back page, and BCCS will benefit from the donation. Very simple! And very effective! Starting next week, please let me have your Christmas wishes. And it would help a lot if you put "Christmas Wishes" in the subject matter of the email.

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Sick List

If you wish to go on to the Sick List, please ask Father Leslie. No parishioner must put another person's name on the Sick List without their prior permission. We need to observe GDPR regulations.

Mass Intentions

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Christmas Hamper Raffle

We'll be running this again this year to raise much needed funds for the parish. More details next week – but by now you should know the drill. £5 in an envelope, name and address on the outside, etc.

BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh on Sunday 3 November from 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. There is free-parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults, and is free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling all manner of gifts and crafts so do come along and pick up a few early Christmas presents, enjoy some refreshments while helping us raise vital funds for our work. If you have anything to donate which we can sell on our own stall, we would love to hear from you. Please email agolder@bccs.org.uk

November Dead

We have the NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES available at the back of the church. To remember our dead during November please take one and put in the names of those you wish prayed for, together with your donation.

MISSIO Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in October so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned in November. Please make sure that your red box is clearly marked with your name and address.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. *Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.*

London Marathon 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544/lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

Advent Wreaths

We have Advent Wreaths on sale at the back of the church. A great centrepiece to gather round as we pray awaiting to celebrate the Birth of Our Redeemer.

The Feast of Sunday Cannot Be Understood Without The Word of God.

Pope Francis says "When we hear the word of God, what happens? Do I pay attention to the word of God? Do I pay attention? Or do I stand there staring at the ceiling thinking of other things, the word going in one ear and out of the other? What do I do to prepare myself for the word of God? When the word of God reaches my heart there are tears of joy and there is a feast..... The encounter with the word of God fills us with joy and this joy is strength..... May the Lord give us the grace to open our hearts for this encounter with His word, and not be afraid of joy, to not be afraid to make the feast of joy from the encounter with the word of God".

The Word of God

Today marks the launch of the God who speaks. Pope Francis has instituted a day dedicated to celebrating the Word of God on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This will be known as "the Sunday of the Word of God" and will take place in January.

Eucharistic Ministers

When you arrive for Mass, whether you are on duty or not, please check in with the lead Eucharistic Minister for that Mass. Let them know that you are present, and available to be the fourth Minister at that Mass if required. *Thanks in advance.*

Future of Our Diocese/Parish

Each day please pray to Mary, Our Mother, for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Without a Priest, there would be no Eucharist. Our church is open every day - Come and spend time with Jesus, especially on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also before 6.00 p.m. Mass from 5.00 p.m. until 5.50 p.m. with confessions. Let us go forward together in prayer and discussion to share the Good News of the Gospel with our fellow parishioners.

Come And Join Us – Something New

At the last Pastoral Council meeting we suggested that once a month we should have light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 6.00 p.m. Mass. Please don't be in a hurry to rush off - come and meet one another so that we can get to know one another and enjoy each other's company.

A strong church community will be needed in the future. The refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass on a Saturday will be on the first Saturday of each month.

This was very successful when we ran the inaugural get-together last Saturday and we all had a good chat. **The next one will be on Saturday 2 November. Don't miss it! And thanks to Willa and Mary for providing the teas and coffees.**

World Day of The Poor

Just a reminder. This will take place on Sunday 12 November. The needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever (Psalm 9:18)

BCCS Ladies Christmas Lunch

This year, our Ladies' Christmas Luncheon takes place on Friday 6 December 2019 at the Rayleigh Golf Club. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two-course Christmas luncheon with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room overlooking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

Our Repository

Mandy has taken over running the Repository, and she wants you to know that the Repository holds a wonderful selection of cards for every occasion... gifts too. Many items at half price. Why not browse after Mass?

A Day With Mary

Saturday 9 November 2019. Westminster Cathedral

Rosary Groups. Any offers?

What about holding a Rosary Group in our homes? It only takes one family to open up their home for the benefit of many. Just a suggestion. **We are now looking for volunteers to host a Rosary Group. Any offers? Please see Fr. Leslie.**

God's Housekeepers

In many ways, volunteers are the fuel that runs your church. Not only do we need volunteers to get stuff done, but volunteering is a way members of the church can fulfil their calling. Please consider volunteering for the many jobs that need doing to help the church run efficiently such as cleaning inside and outside the church, watering plants, perhaps help with flower arranging, washing of the altar linen etc. If you can help at all, please contact Jan Jarvis 200278.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening

Brentwood Ursuline are holding an Open Evening for Sixth Form on Wednesday 6 November 2019, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. There will be a Head Teacher's talk from 6.30 p.m. Please note there are no on-site parking facilities available. Please contact Admissions Officer Miss Lester to book a place. 01277 227156.

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

The Admissions Policy for 2021/22 has been agreed by the Governing Body. There have been no changes made to the policy. The policy, along with the Supplementary Information Form, Parish Map and Parish Boundary description can be found on the school website (under the tab - Key Information - Admissions - Admissions Policy 2021/2022 and supporting documents).

Finance News

For the week ending 19/20 October you gave £231.89 of which £46.00 was Gift Aided.

Hall Income: £45.00

Thank you and God Bless.

Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

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Pope on Twitter



During this missionary month, the Lord is also calling you: He is asking you to be a gift wherever you are, just as you are, with everyone around you. Courage! The Lord expects great things from you!

Go and show love to everyone, because your life is a precious mission: it is not a burden to be borne, but a gift to offer.

This is our mission: to show by our lives, and perhaps even by our words, that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

In the midst of this missionary month, let us ask ourselves: what really counts in my life? To what peaks do I want to ascend?

Holy Land 2020

A Day with Mary Pilgrimage. Sunday 22 March to Tuesday 31 March 2020. 4 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Old Jerusalem. £1,300 pp, Full Board. For more details call 020 8642 6418



Welcome to children's corner.

Welcome to our children's corner. Have you noticed the Stations of the Cross in the school playground?

We invite parents and children to say this prayer together. God of mercy and forgiveness, you ask us to listen to your son, Jesus Christ. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and the lives of others. Amen

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Two men go to the Temple to pray. One is very proud and he boasts about how good he is. He thinks he is better than everyone else. The other man stands quietly and tells God that he is sorry for all that he has done wrong. Jesus says that God is most pleased with the honest man who does not show off.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, thank you for all the good things you give us. Help us to be grateful, but not proud.

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.

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