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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 2 February 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saturday 1	6.00 p.m. Preceded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Confession Deceased Priests of our Diocese
Sunday 2	8.30 a.m. Marie Keen RIP M Donoghue 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners

ST. ANNE LINE

Monday 3	9.15 a.m.
Tuesday 4	9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 5	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 6	9.15 a.m.
Friday 7	9.15 a.m. 3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 8	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions before Mass
every Saturday

5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m.
Confessions and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
every Saturday

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Mary and Joseph were dutiful citizens of Israel and faithful believers. At the time of Jesus' birth, they obeyed imperial law; in today's passage Luke records how they fulfilled their obligation as Jewish parents by carrying out the religious prescriptions of the Torah concerning circumcision and the presentation of the first-born son to the Lord.

Luke has entwined two different ceremonies. In the book of Exodus instructions are given regarding the presentation and redemption of the first-born son, because this son belonged to the Lord who saved the Israelites when the Egyptian first-born sons were destroyed at the Passover. In the book of Leviticus a ceremony for ritual purification of the mother, forty days after giving birth, is stipulated. On this occasion she was to offer a lamb and a pigeon or a turtledove, but a poor woman was given the concession of bringing only two pigeons or two doves.

Luke's emphasis is much more upon the presentation of Jesus at the temple than it is on Mary's purification. For Luke the temple symbolized the continuation between Judaism and Christianity. For example, the gospel of salvation is first proclaimed in the temple, Jesus taught in the temple, and the disciples continued to pray and worship in the temple. Paul would go on to teach that we are living temples of God because the Holy Spirit lives in us and we are, therefore, called to worship him with all our heart, soul, strength, body and mind.

Today presents a wonderful and God-given opportunity to rededicate our lives to God. Why not compose your own prayer of rededication and renewal? The Scriptures urge us to give our all for God and keep nothing for ourselves. By giving our everything to God we get everything and more in return. In losing our lives we find our lives. Our vocation, then, is to walk so closely with God that nothing can come between us. Our baptism consecrated and dedicated us to God. Our calling to follow Christ means that we speak, meditate and do everything with a view to his glory and pleasure.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship



DIOCESAN PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF RESTRUCTURE AND RENEWAL

Almighty and merciful Father, bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood. We give thanks for the witness of past generations and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may be ever more faithful to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Bless our Bishop, the Clergy, the Religious and Faithful of our Diocese as we work together to evangelise our Diocese and fulfil our Vision. Graciously grant plentiful Vocations to the Priesthood, the Consecrated Life, Single Life and the Sacrament of Marriage. Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity, United in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope, and the Universal Church.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen

St. Joseph the Worker	Pray for us
St. John the Evangelist	Pray for us
St. Helen	Pray for us
St. Erconwald	Pray for us
St. Margaret of Scotland	Pray for us
Our Lady of Lourdes	Pray for us



Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.
If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, 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:

Florence Scannell, Agnes Young, Mary Tuffin and Sarah Postoj.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Francis Richardson (1937) and Fr. Alan Wilcox (1988).

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

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.

Come And Join Us – Something New - TONIGHT

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 has proved to be very successful. Do come along if you can. Next get-together will be **TONIGHT - 1 February. Don't miss it!**

Outreach: This is important

There are a few people at present who want to get to Mass but they are unable to, due to lack of transport. As we get older this number will inevitably grow. These people also tend to live on their own and can be very lonely. By coming to Mass they will meet people and maybe have a cup of coffee and a chat afterwards. Also we need someone or some people to bring them once a month to our Over 50s club on Fridays (the date will be in the newsletter). The Over 50s club meet between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. A rota of people willing to do this would be very helpful as an act of kindness and which would be much appreciated by many. There will be a list at the back of the church for your name and contact details. Please do what you can to help.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Do come and join us in prayer and reflection. Also 5.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. on Saturdays before Mass.

Safety, Safety, Safety

For safety reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent when they use the toilet in the Parish Hall. Children should not use the toilet in the Parish room.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Holy Mass for the feast of The Presentation of the Lord. A warm welcome too to our new parishioners.

Today we see how Simeon is awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. The Holy Spirit had assured Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Messiah of the Lord. Today led by the Holy Spirit he has gone into the temple. He is not a Levite, nor a scribe, nor a doctor of the law, he is just a good man and devout man who looked forward to the time when the Lord would comfort Israel. Now he realizes there is Joseph and Mary with the child Jesus in their arms.

Taking the child in his arms from Mary and bless God while saying - Now O Lord you can let your servant go in peace for you have fulfilled your word and my eyes have seen your salvation which you have shown for the people to see. Here is the light you will reveal to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Every blessing to each and everyone. Enjoy your Sunday with your family and may you make it a different day from the rest of the week.

Fr. Leslie

Mary Lunny RIP

Mary sadly passed away on 14 December 2019. Mary was a Founder Member of our Church, and member of the School PTA, church cleaner and raised money for both. May she Rest in Peace.



MISSIO

Fr. Anthony Chantry (National Director) wrote recently and has asked for financial support to help young men's training on their journey towards the priesthood in Mission countries.

Could we sponsor a Seminarian for the last four years of his formation? If you can, please contact Missio on 020 7821 9755 or visit info@missio.org.uk Missio continues the vital work of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. If you can help, please contact the above. Thank you. *Fr. Leslie*

Altar Servers



Shortly we will begin to train Altar Servers. We do have some names, thank God. If you would like to add your name to the list, please let Fr. Leslie know. Or Mrs Gilligan at St. Joseph's school. Remember it is a great privilege to respond to God's call to serve.



Training will take place on Saturday morning 10.30 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. for about five weeks. Thank you. Our parish has always had a wonderful team of Altar Servers.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020

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Letter From International Prison Outreach

Dear All at St Joseph the Worker, Thank you so much to you all for your very kind and generous donation to International Prison Outreach of £391.90. We are just so grateful for your donation because it allows us to reach out to some of the most vulnerable people in our society with resources which we know give such hope and encouragement.

We have always taken seriously our call as Christians and as a publishing company to remember prisoners (Hebrews 13:3) and if possible to visit them. We believe in doing so we remember and visit Christ himself (Matthew 25:36). We have always been so encouraged by the feedback we receive from prisoners around the world who receive Bible Alive, Walk with Me, Bibles and other resources through the generosity of our readers and those who know of our work. We are keen to reach out more and more to prisons around the world. We have discovered that although our society imprisons it does little to provide faith resources for those who find themselves in this predicament. Prison chaplains who do such great work receive very little by way of help and resources.

We know, therefore, that we are meeting a real need and simply could not do this without you. So, thank you so much and be assured that this funding enables us to send faith resources directly to prisoners which build faith, give hope and remind them that they are not forgotten but part of the body of Christ

Be assured of our prayers, our gratitude and our thanks for your donation to International Prison Outreach and International Faith Outreach.

(Stephen and Ann Howarth)

Advance Notice - Brentwood Diocese Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2020

This will be under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams and will take place from 26 to 31 July. Travel will be by air from London Southend to Lourdes. The theme will be - "I am the Immaculate Conception" and leaflets are available at the back of the church or you can find more info on www.langney-tours.com/brentwood

Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Late Arrival For Mass

Once the readings have started, please do not enter into the church as it distracts the readers and the priest proclaiming the Word. Please wait in the porch until readings and homily are finished. However, the better course of action is to try to come on time to respect Jesus, the Son of God, and respect other parishioners too. In fact, we should all be present from the beginning and stay right through to the end of Mass. Father Leslie was taught "time is a thing to be on"

BCCS Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7 March from 7.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/07912277413/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk



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. We need your help. Please!

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.

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** dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Youth Mass

You are invited to join us for our Youth Mass on the first Wednesday of every month. The Youth Mass is held at Brentwood Cathedral on the first Wednesday of every month, with Mass starting at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Cathedral conference rooms. This is a great chance to meet other young Catholics from around the Diocese. You are always welcome. More info at www.bcys.net or follow us on Facebook, Twitter. May I ask our parents to mention this to our young people? Recently Pope Francis and Bishops from around the world have held a Synod in Rome on young people. Pope Francis asked you to ask yourselves "Who is Jesus Christ for you?"

Please Help Our Young People



Children's Liturgy - Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Dear Parents & Parishioners

We wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our children's Liturgy here at St Joseph's, and in doing so we hope to encourage some of you to join our team of liturgy volunteers. No special knowledge or training is required, simply a desire to share the Gospel with the children at a level they can understand.

Our liturgy team at St. Joseph's is a strong one but as our own children grow and our need to attend other mass times increases, we are finding our group is becoming smaller. The more of us there are, the less often we are called upon to lead the children's liturgy, allowing us to remain in the church ourselves for the full mass more often.

Your children are a delight to share the word of God with. Their eagerness to participate, answer questions and share their ideas is continually amazing and enlightening. The simplicity of children and their understanding of God's message is a lesson to us all and as Liturgy leaders our own understanding is re learned.

The format of our Liturgy is very simple. We follow the structure of the mass and remind the children that we are celebrating mass with them in the parish hall as you are doing in church with our priest.

We read the Gospel and then we discuss what we have heard with the children. We, the leaders, are guided by literature from several catholic websites and from our liturgy books and the children share their ideas and understanding freely, with us guiding them. Full details and guidance will be given and all new liturgy leaders will be buddied with an existing member until they feel confident to lead themselves.

We would be delighted if you would consider joining our team of liturgy leaders. It takes 2 adults to take the children out to Liturgy. At the moment we are a team of 5 so we are currently leading or helping once every 2 to 3 weeks. If we could get our team up to 10, each one of us would only need to lead or help once every 5 weeks.

Our parish can thrive as a community, and with all of us coming together we can help secure the future of our children's Liturgy at St. Joseph the Worker. Please speak to anyone of us for further information or with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming as many new members to our team as possible.

With kind Regards, Rene, Mary Brooks, Sharon Ruffles, Brian and Hector

Please Note – Mass Times

Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.

Finance News

For the week ending 26 January you gave £386.51 of which £43.00 was Gift Aided.

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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The Pope on Twitter



God's Word consoles and encourages us, it challenges us, frees us from the bondage of our selfishness and summons us to conversion; because it has the power to change our lives and to lead us out of darkness into the light

Let us make room for the Word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible. We will discover that God is close to us, that He dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters

We need God's Word: so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one Word that speaks to us not about things, but about life.

The Lord gives you his Word, so that you can receive it like a love letter he has written to you, to help you realize that he is at your side

Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you for taking Holy Communion to our sick parishioners. However, please return the Holy Communion containers (known as the PYX) to the church after use, unless they are your own. We will need them for other people. *Thank you and God bless.*

Children's corner

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

Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. Two people at the Temple are very excited to welcome baby Jesus and tell Mary and Joseph how special and holy he is.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, fill my heart with your love and help me to share it with everyone I meet. Help me to shine with your light. *Amen.*

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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