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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 January 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 26 | 6.00 p.m. Breda Conville RIP O Conville |
| Sunday 27 | 8.30 a.m. For parishioners 10.30 a.m. Margaret Queally RIP |

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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| Monday 28 | 9.15 a.m. Deceased members of the O'Toole family |
| Tuesday 29 | 9.15 a.m. Deceased members of the Sammon family |

Wednesday 30 NO MORNING MASS

ST. JOHN BOSCO

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| Thursday 31 | 9.15 a.m. Deceased members of the Sammon family |
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FEBRUARY

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| Friday 1 | 9.15 a.m. Bill Brennan RIP M Brennan |
| Saturday 2 | NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions |

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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| Saturday 2 | 6.00 p.m. For Parishioners |
| Sunday 3 | 8.30 a.m. John O'Regan RIP 10.30 a.m. Vince Ma RIP Design Portfolio |

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Gentiles, like Luke himself, had believed in Christ on the testimony of others, not because they were eyewitnesses to Jesus' life, ministry and resurrection. To build up their faith, Luke wrote down an orderly account of the events and encounters of Jesus' earthly life and ministry "just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word". Luke's Gospel shows the continuity between God's promises made through the prophets and their fulfilment in the person of Jesus.

Jesus, reading from the prophet Isaiah the promise that God would send one who would free his people from oppression and imprisonment, and restore their freedom and liberty, announced: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". His words electrified his audience. They had heard this promise many times before. But now Jesus, in front of their own eyes, was saying: "I am fulfilling this great promise of God. I am the Spirit-bearer foretold by Isaiah and, in the creative power of God's Spirit, I am bringing in a new age of freedom and divine favour, restoring men and women to health, and casting out demons". It's not surprising that "the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him". It's also unsurprising that they could not accept him and "rose up and put him out of the city".

Jesus now stands before us. He still proclaims the Good News, making us see with new eyes that we are loved and forgiven, and leading us into his Father's presence as beloved sons and daughters. He restores to us our inheritance as God's children, freeing us from oppression and liberating us from whatever imprisons us. Do we believe this and go to Jesus to receive his grace and life? Or do we not believe that he can do all things for us and so reject him? Jesus stands before us as he stood before his fellow townspeople and challenges us to come to him for healing and freedom. The choice, however, always remains ours.

Lord Jesus, you restore all things. You break the power of evil You heal our sins. Help me to come to you with complete faith and confidence. Teach me to fix my eyes upon you.



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 Patrick Keogh our membership officer on 211774.

Parish Representatives

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Chris Brooks

Parish Pastoral Team:
Chris Brooks

Missio:
Clare Barton

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (26/27 January 2019)

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| 6.00 p.m. | Bill O'Regan Gay O'Regan Ewa Kanila |
| 8.30 a.m. | Ken Eady Angela Mahoney Mary Allum |
| 10.30 a.m. | Sarah Barber Kathy Hillhouse Chris Brooks |

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

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| 6.00 p.m. | Ann Howarth |
| 8.30 a.m. | Alan Bailey |
| 10.30 a.m. | Paul Downey |

Readers For Next Week's Masses (26/27 January 2019)

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| 6.00 p.m. | Marian Anderson |
| 8.30 a.m. | Alan Bailey |
| 10.30 a.m. | Will Jackson |

Mass Intentions

Please note the earliest weekends, at the time of writing, for Mass Intentions for Saturday evenings or Sunday Masses at present is around the end of March. This is because most Mass Intentions are booked for a weekend. *Thank you.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Edward Williams, Katherine Dalton, Leo Patrick Naughton, John Halsey, Florence Scannell, Agnes Young, Mary Tuffin and Sarah Postoj.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. John (Jack) Clifford (2010) and Fr. Joseph Burns (1990).

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

Remember

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees – "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins".

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 and Alan Bailey.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come and spend a few moments with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration follows the Mass at 9.15 a.m. on Saturdays. This is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under the appearance of the Consecrated Host. A good practice for ALL, especially our First Communion children and parents.

Martin Luther King quote

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday Liturgy.

"God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son". In the first reading Jeremiah, born around 646 BC, received God's call when he was twenty. His country was held by the Assyrians, yet he was called to be a prophet not only for Israel but for all nations. Jeremiah was unskilled, yet he relied on God's power.

St. Paul speaks about love. Love is always patient, never jealous. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins. Love is ready to excuse, to hope. Love does not come to an end. There are three things that last: faith, hope and love. The greatest is love.

In the Gospel Jesus is in the Synagogue. Jesus speaks "this day this Scripture passage was being fulfilled now". Many of his listeners knew of his upbringing. He used to come to the Synagogue with his parents. Now he was speaking to them. Jesus made them aware of the jealousy of the people of Nazareth. The whole meaning of Jesus' teaching was that Jesus' mission was for everyone, not just one people, or one social or religious group. The people of Nazareth failed to understand that, with God, love begins wherever human need is found.

For each one of us we can fail to understand God's word. He loves us, but we also find God's love in the homeless, the lonely, the sick, those suffering from mental and physical sickness, and the elderly. Yet we too can fail to understand. This is also where God's love is – and we walk away so often thinking only of ourselves and our needs. Prayer is where we connect with Jesus and see his plan. Have a great day with your families and a wonderful week.

Fr. Leslie

BCCS Anniversary Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9 March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/ 0791 227 7413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk

“Need light? Seek the Son.”

Rosary

This is a wonderful prayer when we reflect on the life of Jesus as we pray to Mary our Mother. It is a relaxing, repetitive prayer which helps us to relax and be at peace.

The Church's devotion to Mary is intrinsic to Christian Worship. We honour Mary with special devotion. Let this be also our devotion. It can also be a great family prayer.

The Sacraments

In the New Year we ask the Grace of God to help us to reflect on the past and show us the way forward. God's Word is at the heart and at the root of history. The Word is Jesus and He became flesh. We pray to see the presence of Christ in each one of us and in our troubled and confused world.

May I suggest that we reflect this year on the help that we have to recognise the above, namely the Sacraments? Perhaps as a family we can make part of our prayer once a week to recite and reflect on our Baptismal Promises; to go to confession at least once a month; to receive Jesus in the Eucharist sometime during the week; if we know of anyone who is really sick then invite them to receive the Sacrament of the sick; to renew marriage vows; and have a quiet weekend away once a year.

Sacraments are given to us to help us on our Journey of Life and to keep us close to Jesus. And as we approach World Youth Day, pray for our young people who will be going to South America and those who are at home.



Mrs. Stella Camp, one of our parishioners who receives Holy Communion at home, celebrating her 90th Birthday **Felix Natalis Stella!**

Stewards of the Gospel

We are conducting a small parish survey and The Stewards of the Gospel would like to hear from you.

Do please let the Stewards of the Gospel know your motivations, concerns, fears and hopes for our parish. Please put your thoughts on paper and hand to Fr. Leslie or contact Chris or Mary Brooks.

Save The Date - 1

The Bishop will be making his Parish Pastoral Visit on Sunday 22 September 2019. It's a long way off, but is a firm date for your diary.

Save The Date - 2

Our celebrations to mark our 60th anniversary will be held on Friday 13 July 2019, starting at 6.00 p.m. We hope to have the Bishop in attendance too but we are currently awaiting confirmation. Watch this space! And make sure 13 July is in your diary!

Feast Days

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Saint Thomas Aquinas was an Italian Dominican friar, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church. He was an immensely influential philosopher, theologian, and jurist in the tradition of scholasticism, within which he is also known as the Doctor Angelicus and the Doctor Communis. He was born in 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy and died on 7 March 1274.

This famous quote is attributed to him:

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

ST. JOHN BOSCO

St. John Bosco (or "Don Bosco"), was a 19th century Italian priest who reached out to young people to remedy their lack of education, opportunities, and faith. At age nine, he had a prophetic dream in which a number of unruly young boys were uttering words of blasphemy. Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary appeared to John in the dream, saying he would bring such youths to God through the virtues of humility and charity. Later on, this dream would help John to discern his calling as a priest.

In 1841, John Bosco was ordained a priest. From that time, John was known as "Don" Bosco, a traditional Italian title of honor for priests. In the city of Turin, he began ministering to boys and young men who lived on the streets, many of whom were without work or education.

The priest was determined to save as many young people as he could from a life of degradation. John's boyhood dream came to pass: he became a spiritual guide and provider along with his fellow Salesian priests and brothers, giving boys religious instruction, lodging, education, and work opportunities. He also helped Saint Mary Dominic Mazzarello form a similar group for girls. The order was helping 130,000 children in 250 houses by the end of Don Bosco's life.

World Youth Day

World Youth Day 2019 is an international Catholic event focused on religious faith and youth, and is being celebrated on January 22-27, 2019 in Panama City. Fr Dominic Howarth is leading a group of 35 young people from Brentwood Youth Service who are joining hundreds of thousands from all over the world. He is well worth following on Twitter to keep you up to date with this very exciting trip. @Father_Dominic



Pic shows Chris, one of the Brentwood group, after being chosen for the first reading at an open-air Mass in Costa Rica en route to Panama.

Votive Lights

Please please be careful when placing votive lights on the stand. Please don't crowd around and please do be careful if you take down some used cartridges. Already we are getting wax on the tiles (which were expensive) despite the white protection cover. **Please be careful.**

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?"

“Prayer. Your connection to God. No wi-fi required.”

A Reminder

We are asked to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. To do so is an act of self-discipline, and a witness to our faith.

200 Club

Enrolment into the 200 club continues apace such that we only have 10 spaces left. If we were to fill these 10 "vacancies" then the prize-money each month will rise to £50, £30 and £20 for first second and third prizes respectively. Application forms/standing order forms are at the back of the church. **Hurry hurry hurry!**

St. Joseph Friendship Group

We resume our meetings on Friday 1 February and 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

Altar Servers

Over the years our parish has been blessed with wonderful, committed Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar is not just a hobby that we do each week. It is part of who we are – following Jesus Christ. Serving at the Altar is a privilege – something we do out of love for him. Let others see what a difference our faith makes to our lives. As Altar Servers let us be a people of faith and strong followers of Jesus, let us respond generously to God's call. We require more Altar Servers at each Mass. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

Lunchtime VIOLIN Recital Wednesday 30 January At 1Pm

We are delighted to welcome back Adriana CRISTEA who will be giving a Solo Lunchtime VIOLIN Recital in the SONG SCHOOL on Wednesday 30th January at the usual time of 1pm to 1.40pm. Many of you will recall her wonderful Programme of Romanian music back in February 2017.

Adriana's Recital is titled 'Dancing with Bach' and will include the following pieces:

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

- Partita No. 1 in B Minor for Solo Violin, BWV 1002
- Allemande, Double, Corrente, Double, Sarabande, Double, Tempo di Borea, Double
- Partita No. 3 in E Major for Solo Violin, BWV 1006
- Prelude, Loure, Gavotte end Rondeau, Menuet I, Menuet II, Bouree, Gigue

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Finance News

For the week ending 19/20 January you gave £312.70 of which £40.00 was gift aided.

If you are a Tax payer please sign a Covenant Form so that we can claim back 25p of every £ that you give in your weekly offering.

Please consider helping with our Parish maintenance, by possibly:

- ♦ Gift Aiding your giving;
- ♦ 200 Club;
- ♦ Raising your giving;
- ♦ One-off donations.

Many thanks and God Bless.

If you pay income tax and have not signed a Gift Aid form, please do so. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read of the huge benefits to your parish.



Pope Francis

The Pope on Twitter



The Christian way is that of the Beatitudes: meekness, humility, patience in suffering, love for justice, ability to endure persecution, not judging others

What will remain on the threshold of eternity is not how much we earned, but how much we gave away.

Prayer from a humble heart is heard by God.

Saying "yes" to God's love is the first step to being happy, and to making many other people happy.

Transport Rota

We have many older and lonely parishioners who find it difficult to get to Mass or Church social occasions. We would therefore like to start up a Transport Rota and I would urge you to add your name to the list at the back of the church or email ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk. Obviously the more volunteers we get, the lesser the burden on individuals.

It's a great way to assist the parish and to help some of our more senior parishioners enjoy all that the parish has to offer.

Light
Laughter

And one from the USA.

Ban pre-shredded cheese.

Make America grate again.

Children's corner

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus goes to the synagogue and reads to everyone some holy words from the Jewish scriptures. He says the message is all about him. Jesus has been sent by God to bring the Good News to everyone.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father in heaven, thank you for sending us Jesus. Help me remember that in bad times and in good times Jesus brings Good News and hope to us all. *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.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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