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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 5 March 2023**

**TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



**"And he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun:  
and his garments became white as snow."**

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Have you ever been so frightened or overwhelmed that you accidentally say something that's complete rubbish? If you have, then you're in good company because this is just what happened to Peter. Mark makes it perfectly clear that Peter, James and John were scared out of their minds when Jesus was transfigured before them, recording that, '[They] did not know what to say, for they were terrified' (Mark 9:6). Jesus' human body was suffused with such heavenly glory that the three onlookers became overwhelmed by the dazzling sight.

What was happening? What is the meaning of the Transfiguration? How are we to interpret it? These are the kind of questions the Holy Spirit is always urging us to ask. Curiosity is the preserve and prerogative of those who are seeking to grow and mature in faith. What was happening was that the three chosen disciples were given a foretaste of the heavenly glory, both of Jesus and of those who belong to him. Peter's experience up the mountain was so profound and formative that it permeates his preaching. In his Second Letter he writes, 'For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son. my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We... heard this voice...while we were with him on the holy mountain'(1:16-18).

In Jesus' Transfiguration we're invited to see an image of our humanity when it's completely suffused by the knowledge of God's love. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Christ has always radiated with glory. But now, as man, Jesus shows how our humanity will also be glorified. As we, in faith, embrace Jesus as the manifestation of God's loving plan of salvation, a wonderful transformation takes place in us all.

*'Jesus...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself.. and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.'*(Phil. 2:5-8)

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## Upcoming Masses

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4	6.00 p.m. Jourjon Family RIP Michelle
Sunday 5	10.30 a.m. Beryl De' Prazer RIP 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

##### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7	9.00 a.m. Eileen Norman (Birthday)
Wednesday 8	7.30 p.m. Freddie Gay (Sick)
Thursday 9	9.00 a.m. Kathleen Andrews RIP
Friday 10	9.00 a.m. Parishioners 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Saturday 11	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.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Nicola Fisher RIP
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Ann Edwards RIP A. Edwards 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 25 February:	51
Sunday 26 February:	87



Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph to our parish family and  
to our visitors.

We Christians kneel only before God or before the Most  
Blessed Sacrament because we know and believe that the  
only true God is present in it, the God who created the  
world and so loved it that he gave his only begotten Son.  
We prostrate ourselves before God who...knelt before us  
to wash our dirty feet. Adoring the Body of Christ, means  
believing that there, in that piece of bread, Christ is really  
there, and gives true sense to life, to the immense universe

as to the smallest creature, to the whole of human history as to the most brief  
existence.

Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic communion  
and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love,  
truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we kneel  
ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us but liberates and transforms us  
(Mass of Corpus Christi. Words of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). I offer  
the above for you to reflect and pray during Lent. "Teach us, Mary, to believe,  
to hope, to love with you; show us the way that leads to peace, the way to the  
kingdom of Jesus. You, Star of Hope, who wait for us anxiously in the everlasting  
light of the eternal Homeland, shine upon us and guide us through daily events,  
now and at the hour of our death, Amen". (*act of veneration to the Immaculate at  
the Spanish Steps*) 8 December 2007.

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.

"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  
a critical awareness and a sure rate over one day.  
Repentance is the daughter of hope and the  
refusal to despair. Repentance is reconciliation  
with the Lord by performance of good deeds  
which are the opposites of the sins." (St John  
Climacus).

According to St Benedict, ideally, we should  
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."

## Friday Obligation

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

## Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 4 March	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Marian Anderson
Sunday 5 March	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Jan Jarvis

## Eucharistic Minister for next 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

## Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 4 March	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Sunday 5 March	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

## Readers for next week's Masses

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

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## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

### IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

#### The signs of bread and wine.

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfilment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" the Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?" The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

## Taking Liturgy Seriously 2 – Eucharist MODULE 2

### WORD OF PRAYER – REVEREND PROFESSOR PETER MCGRILL

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**

Account name: Catholic Church Hutton & Shenfield St Joseph The Worker

Sort code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 61018884

### BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established Children's Charity by delivering vital mental health service in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in High Street, Billericay. Contact Bernadette at [Bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:Bfisher@bccs.org.uk) for more information.

### 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.

## Lent Hunger Lunch 10 March 13.00

Please join us for soup and a roll in the Hall on Friday 10 March at 13.00. Suggested donation £5 or whatever you can afford. All proceeds to CAFOD.



## 200 Club

Would you like the opportunity to win a cash prize every month, and help parish funds at the same time? All you need to do is sign up for our 200 Club which costs just £2.00 per month, by Standing Order. That's it. Couldn't be simpler. And you'd be joining many of our parishioners in both supporting the church and winning cash prizes. What's not to like?

## 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](mailto:Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org). If you are interested in going as part of a parish group please let Fr. Leslie know.

## Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church – other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. – Please help us!

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

## Banking Coins

The banking of Coins has become a challenge as HSBC refuse to accept them. We now bank coins in the post office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers waiting to be served. Therefore, if possible, please support our parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking.

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent is available in the Narthex – may God's word guide our lives.

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. *Thank you.*



## Pope on Twitter



Let's #PrayTogether also for the victims of the shipwreck this morning, off the Calabrian coast, including many children, and for the other surviving migrants. I thank those who have brought relief and are providing shelter.

Let's #PrayTogether for the people of Burkina Faso, so that the violence they have suffered does not make them lose faith in the path of democracy, justice and peace.

I renew my appeal to make dialogue prevail over hatred and vengeance in the Holy Land, and I pray to God for Palestinians and Israelis, that they may find the path to fraternity and peace, with the help of the international community.

Jesus teaches us to repel the attacks of the devil who, as his name says, wants to sow division in us, between us and God, between us and others. How do we repel him? Not by negotiating with him, but by opposing him in faith with the divine word.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 26 February you gave £215.00 with £58.00 via Gift Aid. CAFOD collection: £165.00 Donation via Gift Aid: £500.00

*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:** Mary Sheeham, Frederick Rackstraw, Henry Smith, Edward Parker, John Allum, Leslie Denton, Maura Davies, and Fredericka Pinfold

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Malachy Kelly (1976), Canon Joseph Whitfield (1961), Fr. Thomas Lawton (1946), Fr. John Gordon (1992), Fr. Edmund Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roche (1989), and Mgr. Canon David Michael Corley (2017)

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

I met the bloke who invented crosswords today. I can't remember his name, it's P-something T-something R...

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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.

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## Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP**

## SPUC Pro-Life News

Ten thousand prayers needed from 10 million lives lost to abortion. The society is calling for a national day to pray to help secure an end to abortion.

Go online to [spu.org/national-prayer](http://spu.org/national-prayer) campaign to make your pledge. SPUC 2023 youth conference 24-26 February, Yardfield Park Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL

## Lunchtime Recital

We do hope you can join us for what promises to be a rather lovely Lunchtime Music Recital next Wednesday 8 March at the usual time of 1.00. p.m. Johannes Gerges (Bass) will be accompanied by Dominic Bentham (Piano). Both are presently students at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London. Refreshments will be served in the Song School afterwards.

## Our Lady Of Walsingham

The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to ask the Holy See to elevate the Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to the status of a Feast in England.

## Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass.

## Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk) you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@ewtn.co.uk.

Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High ST, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

## Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass – TONIGHT

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. **Dates for 2023**

4 March · 1 April · 6 May – *Coronation Day* · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2 September · 7 October · 4 November · 2 December

*Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.*



## CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 3 March 2023

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is Friday 3 March 2023. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD'S Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please give what you can in this weekend's collection or by visiting the CAFOD website: [www.cafod.org.uk/give](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give)

*Thank you for your support.* Clare Barton

## MISSIO

The Spring 2023 edition of 'Mission Today' is available to collect from the table in the church porch. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. If you do not have a Missio Red Box and would like one, please speak to me. Alternatively, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

*Thank you in advance.* Clare Barton



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