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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 1 March 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 29	6.00 p.m. Breda Conville RIP <i>O Conville</i>
MARCH	
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m. Thomas Morris RIP <i>J Howitt</i> 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 2	9.15 a.m. John McDowell RIP
Tuesday 3	9.15 a.m. Mary Norman Special Intention
Wednesday 4	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 5	9.15 a.m. Fr. John Garrett RIP
Friday 6	LENT FAST DAY 9.15 a.m. Deceased Priests of our Diocese 3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 7	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m. Frances and George Turner RIP
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m. Bridget Brennan <i>Mark Brennan</i>

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions before Mass
every Saturday
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5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.
Confessions and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
every Saturday

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert for forty days to be tempted and tested. During Lent we too are led by the Spirit into the mystery of Jesus' sojourn in the desert. 'By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert'. Lent, then, is a journey into the desert. We too, during this holy season, can expect to be tempted and tested.

The name Satan means 'adversary'. In the book of Job, we are given a vivid picture of Satan in God's heavenly court, along with all the other angels, where he has the role of accuser or prosecutor. The Scriptures identify Satan as the serpent in the Garden of Eden who tempted Adam and Eve and, therefore, as the origin of sin and temptation. What the Scriptures and tradition make known is that humankind has a mortal enemy who, although a finite being created by God, is in a desperate struggle to overthrow God's reign, usurp his Lordship and lead his creation into darkness and death. On Easter Sunday each of us will recite our baptismal promises and in doing so renew them. Bear this in mind as we move through Lent because, as you will be aware, a renewal of our baptismal promises involves us actively, freely and voluntarily rejecting Satan.

Lent is also a time for us to discover anew and afresh the gospel, the Good News which Jesus began to proclaim immediately after his time of testing. What is the Good News? The Good News is a message of two parts: the first part is to repent and the second part to believe in the gospel. We walk together on this road marked out for us by the Church and take up our call to stand firm and resist the devil, knowing that he will flee, and embrace freely and with love the gospel, which is Christ with us and in us, the hope of salvation.



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

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (29 February/1 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Carol Turnbull Marian Anderson Bill O'Regan A N Other
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Mary Allum Lyn Birnie A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks Willa Jackson Mary Brooks A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (29 February/1 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	David Holt
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (7/8 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall Marian Anderson Ewa Kania
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis John Spinks Willa Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Sarah Barber

Readers For Next Week's Masses (7/8 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

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:**

Alma Tinsley, Edward Pearce, Audrey Field, Raymond Bolt, Mary Sheehan and Frederick Rackstraw

Priests of our Diocese

Mgr. Canon Patrick O'Donnell (1981), Fr. Brian Galvin (1994), Fr. Francis Hastings (2003) and Fr. Malachy Kelly (1976)

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.



Welcome to all our parishioners today on the First Sunday of Lent.

The passage from the gospel marks the start of the ministry of Jesus. Jesus is lead into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Jesus identifies with humanity by being tempted but decisively rejects the devil. Mathew portrays this battle with the devil through the use of scriptural texts.

We today accompany our Lord into the Lenten desert of the wilderness of life and do battle everyday with the devil.

The weapons the devil uses is first pleasure, gluttony and materialism. The second is power and fame and boasting. The third is pride, vanity and idolatry. The devil tempts us to turn to self. Jesus invites us to turn to God. All temptations come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. No sane person chooses the evil unless some positive benefit is seen to come from it.

During the season of Lent let us look at our lives, the good things that we do for love of Jesus and the bad choices we make by surrendering ourselves to the devil. We find peace in life by following Jesus. On the other hand, by choosing the devil we find unhappiness. Then we are confronted with being humble by coming to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession or by being proud and afraid to approach Jesus. Jesus was tempted. We are tempted. Jesus did not give in to the wiles of the devil. We sadly do so often. Let this lent be a positive sign of conversion in our life. Let us come to Jesus and say "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner".

The Sacrament of Confession is available at St. Joseph's on three separate occasions: on Saturday mornings, before Mass; on a Saturday evening before Mass; or on request. You are free, of course, to go to any church. However, remember there is a Reconciliation Service in the Cathedral during Lent where several priests will be available.

We ask the blessed Virgin Mary to help us and walk with us through this Lenten season and bring us to Easter with mind and heart renewed.

I wish you all a very happy Sunday. May it truly be a day of rest for you all.

Altar Servers - Training

Training new Altar Servers will begin on Saturday 29 February from 10.30 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. and will last for 5 weeks. Parents are welcome to stay and of course we are always on the lookout for new servers.

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School



We are celebrating the school's 50th Birthday this academic year. We would be delighted if you could join us for Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan, on Thursday 26 March, at 10.30 a.m., in the Church. **Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall after Mass.**

Emergency Exits

Please ensure that while you are in the church you are aware of the position of all emergency fire exits. Thank you and God Bless.

Gift Aid Scheme

Chris Brooks will speak about our Gift Aid scheme and how you can participate on Saturday/Sunday 14/15 March.

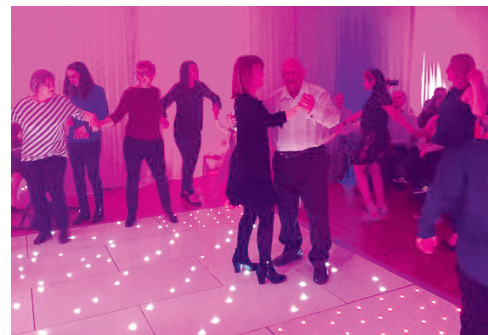
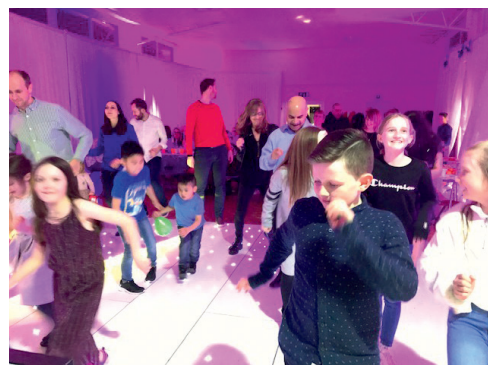
Parish Expenditure

Please note that all maintenance and parish expenses, including candles, wine, and other expenses is the responsibility of the generosity of our parishioners. We are not supported by the Diocese in any parish expenditure.

St. Joseph Dance Evening And Party – Last Saturday 22 Feb

This was held last week and a great time was had by all. As can be seen from these pictures! All the back lighting in the Hall was pink. As you can see.

Many many thanks to Leszel Kulaszewicz and his family for organising the event and transforming the hall, and all those who came to support the event. *Thank you and God Bless.*



God Who Speaks

Word of God talks will be held at the Cathedral during Lent. Please see noticeboard in the Narthex and the newsletter.

Readers And Eucharistic Ministers

Please let Willa Jackson know your availability during Holy Week from 5 April to 12 April.

Palm Sunday Saturday 4 April 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 5 April 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday Thursday 9 April 8.00 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday Friday 10 April 3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (2 Ministers required)

Holy Saturday Saturday 11 April 8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter.
Easter Sunday Sunday 12 April 8.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord
10.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord

This is important so that our Sacred Liturgy proceeds smoothly.

Eucharistic Thoughts

POPE FRANCIS

"When I receive Holy Communion I do so for all those who do not receive Holy Communion or are not able to receive Holy Communion. I am making room for Jesus in my heart, so that his redemption may be extended but I must do so with his same feelings. What are Jesus' feelings? They are of love, of adoration of the Father, that is to repair for so much sin in the world. I want to make reparation of all the harm that is done in the world".

Fatima 2020

Our Lady of Fatima said "Are you willing to offer yourself to God?" "I am the Lady of the Rosary" "Grace and Mercy". "Pray the Rosary every day in honour of our Lady of the Rosary"

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Sunday 7 June to Sunday 13 June. Please see notice noticeboard.

New Parishioners

We welcome our recent new parishioners into our parish family. If you are a new parishioner, please make yourself known to either Fr. Leslie or one of our welcomers. Welcome!

Things to do During Lent

PRAY

- pray the Rosary every day
- attend daily Mass as often as you can
- reflect on the Scriptures (Bible alive available at £1.00)
- stations of the cross at home (booklets available)
- stations of the cross in church on Fridays at 7.00 p.m.
- adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FAST

- make a sacrifice at least once a week

GOOD WORK

- visit housebound or give them a call.
- pray for the housebound and/or send a card.
- homeless – sign up a Gift Aid form (leaflets and envelopes available at the back of the church) g
- attend Sacrament of Confession (obligation at least once a year).

Cafod Lent Fast Day:

Friday 6 March 2020 - 1

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is Friday 6 March 2020 and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help support the work of CAFOD's global church family (which is one of the largest aid networks in the world)? Please give what you can in this weekend's collection. Thank you for your support.

Refreshments After Mass

Coffee and biscuits after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Mass offer a good chance to meet and chat with each other. Please do come in for a few moments to catch up with your fellow parishioners and, of course, among your conversations it would help to talk about the future of our parish and how each individual can help.

Lunchtime Recital

Please do join us on Wednesday 4 March at 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. for what promises to be a rather SPECIAL Lunchtime PIANO Recital to be given by Claire Habbershaw currently a student at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Bethany Horak-Hallett a well known Mezzo Soprano.

Their Programme will be as follows:

'Sechs Lieder' Op.13 – C. Schumann

- Ich stand in dunkeln Träumen
- Sie liebten sich beide
- Liebeszauber
- Der Mond kommt still gegangen
- Ich hab' in Deinem Auge
- Die stille Lotusblume

From '6 Gesänge Op. 13 – Zemlinsky

- Sie kam zum Schloss gegangen
Schubert – Im Abendrot D.799

From 'Italienisches Liederbuch' – Wolf

Wer rief Dich den?

Heut' Nacht erhob ich mich um Mitternacht

Purcell – Evening Hymn

From 'Folksong Arrangements' – Britten

The Salley Gardens

The Last Rose of Summer

Sweet Polly Oliver

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the SONG SCHOOL.

Cafod Lent Fast Day:

Friday 6 March 2020 – 2

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work. If you are interested in supporting CAFOD's work through volunteering your time, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01263 551293.

New Readers And Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for people who are willing to proclaim God's word and those willing to become Eucharistic Ministers not only at Mass but also to take the Blessed Sacrament to our housebound parishioners.

Friendship Club

All are welcome to come once a month to our friendship club on Friday from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 07751 275271 .

Anointing Of The Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have a serious operation. Please contact Mary in the parish office on any Friday. Or indeed contact Father Leslie. Basildon hospital has its own Chaplaincy team and the contact there is Father Daniel Kelly on 01268 281732

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. and also before the 6.00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. And just a reminder – the church is open all day for private prayer.

Finance News

For the week ending 22 February you gave £415.65 of which £53.00 was Gift Aided.

Second collection for Lourdes sick pilgrimage raised £141.97 of which £1.00 was Gift Aided

PLEASE PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR GIVING.

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



Worldliness is the enemy of God. There is only one path against the spirit of the world: humility. Serving others, choosing the last place, not climbing the ladder

I wish you may all learn to look at life from above, from the perspective of heaven, to see things with God's eyes, through the prism of the Gospel.

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20)

Let us pray to the Lord that he may move hearts and that all may overcome the logic of confrontation, hatred and revenge in order to rediscover themselves as brothers, children of one Father.

Light
Laughter

Why must Bananas wear sunscreen?
Because they peel!

Where do Bananas go to school?
Sundae School!

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

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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