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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 20 January 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 6.00 p.m.
Deceased members of the
Wignall and Conville families
Sunday 20 8.30 a.m.
Eric Spinks RIP
Spinks family
10.30 a.m.
For parishioners

FEAST OF ST. AGNES

Monday 21 9.15 a.m.
Thanksgiving
Tuesday 22 9.15 a.m.
Deceased Members of
the O'Toole family

Wednesday 23 NO MORNING MASS

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Thursday 24 9.15 a.m.
NO MORNING MASS
11.00 a.m.
Funeral Mass
Pauline Colman RIP

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Friday 25 9.15 a.m.
Sr. Mary Ailbe RIP
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament.
We want to encourage our
parishioners to discover the
silence of God's presence.
Also to encourage parents to
come and spend a few quiet
moments before they pick up
their children from school.

Saturday 26 NO MORNING MASS
9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.
Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

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

In Today's Gospel

In a village in Galilee we encounter John's 'sign theology'. As he puts it so simply and beautifully: 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee'. The question, as always with these signs, is: 'What does this sign mean?' Like all the signs the meaning is profound and many-faceted. St. Thomas More said that the Scriptures are such that a mouse could put his tiny foot in them and an elephant wade in their deep waters!

What are you – a mouse or an elephant? Don't answer that!

The changing of water into wine is many people's favourite miracle. A wedding in first-century Palestine was a joyous affair with plenty of food and wine, and lasted a whole week. Quite some party, that is for sure! Running out of wine was clearly socially embarrassing for the couple but a sign perhaps of how much people were enjoying themselves. The water that was changed into wine was not ordinary water – it was water that had been blessed for ceremonial washing. This special water was not changed into vin ordinaire, as the French say, but top-notch wine. Scholars inform us that as a result of this miracle there were now six jars each holding up to 25 gallons of quality wine! What a miracle!! Indeed, it dumbfounded the guests.

Believer or unbeliever, we all understand the message a superabundance of wine gives – it conveys joy and celebration. In Israel an abundance of wine was a prophetic turn of speech for the ushering in of the new Messianic Age. There is also a passage in the non-canonical 2 Baruch 29 which echoes this sentiment: 'on each vine there shall be a thousand branches, and each branch shall bear a thousand clusters and each grape produce a cor [120 gallons of wine]...because these are they who have come to the consummation of time.' For John the miracle was a sign of the Messianic Age, the passing from the old to the new. The wedding feast was a sign of the heavenly banquet to which we are all invited by virtue of our baptism. The bridegroom at this wedding is Jesus. The joy of the heavenly banquet would come after the 'hour' of Jesus' suffering: the cross, his death, his glory.

Lord, you have won for us the gift of eternal life, the joy of heaven and the promise of sharing in God's nature.



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

Parish Hall Booking Secretary:
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Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (19/20 January 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Michelle Tobin Stella Walker
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis John Spinks
10.30 a.m.	Sharon Ruffles Hyacinth Albuquerque Willa Jackson

Readers For This Week's Masses (12/13 January 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Paula Sanders

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

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

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

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

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:

Maurice Hussey, Dorothy Sutton, Victor Dragoni, Anita Iaidler, Kthleen Elliott, Fergal McDonagh, Anna Bloomer, Dorothy Hunt, Maurice Mansfield, Frank Lowen, Stephen Eagle, Patricia Gower, Longin Czuprinski, and Anthony Flemming.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. John Meehan (2012), Bp. Bernard Ward Fox, Bishop of Brentwood 1917 – 1920, Fr. Christopher Quirke (2000), Pope Benedict XV (1922), Bp. Arthur Doubleday (1951), Second Bishop of Brentwood 1920 – 1951, Fr. John O'Sullivan (1999), Fr. John Hibbett (1975), Fr. Alfred Field (1940), Bp. Patrick Casey (1999), fifth Bishop of Brentwood 1969 – 1979.

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

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.

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning takes place every Friday after morning Mass. All are welcome to come and help.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors. The season of Lent begins on 6 March. Now is the time to make preparation for this great season.

In the season after Christmas we keep in mind that Jesus did not just become flesh and live a quiet life. No! He became flesh and dwelt among us. He was a man for the people. This Word, Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us and made the Father known to us as we read "No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, the Son who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known".

As we begin a New Year let us ask ourselves:

How can I make Jesus known to my family?

How can I tell them that Jesus is always with us?

Remember Jesus spent 30 years with Mary and Joseph. The family is a sacred place. Just as Jesus was taught by Mary and Joseph, so for us there is all the more responsibility to help our children and ourselves to meet the person of Jesus, a real friend on our Journey of Life.

"May the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom, and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised the Saints will inherit.

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

Fr. Leslie

A Message From Our Bishop

"With all my heart, I urge any survivor of abuse to speak out."

On the weekend that Archbishop Oscar Romero was made a saint, in company with Pope Paul VI and others, Bishop Alan's pastoral letter to the parishes highlighted the example both men showed and how it speaks to us today

Bishop Alan wrote: despite threats, Archbishop Romero, who was assassinated in 1980, had become an outspoken voice for the poor in defence of truth and justice. His witness is a model for each of us, and in a particular way for bishops. As he visited the towns and villages of El Salvador, and saw the violence against the people, Romero said "the ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless". How true this is for children and vulnerable adults, yet in recent months we have been shocked and saddened by the example of bishops who have covered up the truth and therefore allowed injustice to flourish. We have heard stories of survivors of sexual abuse whose most basic rights have been violated by Catholic clergy or other members of the church. The lives of survivors have been violated and in some cases destroyed by the crimes of the abusers. Those in authority in the church have often failed to act.

In Brentwood Diocese, the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults has developed significantly over the last 20 years, and now involves many staff and volunteers at Diocesan and parish level, and in our schools. Our Diocesan safeguarding commission includes representatives from the Metropolitan Police, the legal profession and social workers, together with clergy and lay people who have extensive experience in education and youth ministry.



With all my heart I urge any survivor of abuse to speak out. I know that this can be very difficult, and so I promise, as your bishop, that every allegation of abuse will be met with the response that is both pastoral and professional. I thank our parish safeguarding representatives for the work that they do, and I affirm that safeguarding must be the concern of all of us who are able to give a "voice to the voiceless". It is one of the ways in which, in the words of Pope Paul VI, we "proclaim the gospel by our witness".

Bishop Alan adds that during their recent visit to Rome, the bishops conference decided to commission an independent and comprehensive review of safeguarding structures that currently operate within the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Our children and vulnerable adults must be safe in the Church of Christ. We need to respond to survivors as we heed the words of Pope Francis – no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening.

Yours in Christ and Mary

Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday afternoon there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. We want to encourage our parishioners to discover the silence of God's presence. Also to encourage parents to come and spend a few quiet moments before they pick up their children from school. However just reflect that when we pray we usually ask God's help. But sometimes it's important just to be with God and be aware of God's wonder, to allow the mystery of His being to touch us. When we do this we find ourselves adoring him.

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, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/07912277413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Marking International Holocaust Memorial Day 2019

A joint initiative of Christian Friends of Israel (Essex) and Tikvah Chadasha Synagogue (Shenfield & Brentwood). Supported by Brentwood Borough Council

You are invited to An Exhibition - Heroes of The Holocaust on Thursday 24 January 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Friday 25 January 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., and Saturday 26 January 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. at the United Reformed Church, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4GD (opposite Brentwood Library)

With an opportunity on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th from 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon to hear Ruth Harnett who was born in Berlin, Germany and arrived in England in 1939, aged 4 on the Kindertransport. Her book "Person of No Nationality" portrays the struggles of a displaced person searching for her identity, reflecting this year's theme "Torn from home".

To hear Ruth, arrival is recommended between 10.45 a.m. and 10.55 a.m. Groups larger than 6 persons should contact Moira Dare-Edwards on 01277 213243/email: mdareedwards@btinternet.com (as seating is limited).

MEETING OF COMMEMORATION

Saturday 26 January at 6.30 p.m. in The Main Hall of Brentwood County High School, Seven Arches Road, Shenfield Common, Brentwood CM14 4JF. Doors open at 5.00 p.m. for viewing Exhibition. The Guest Speaker is Leslie Kleinman BEM, and Leslie will tell his moving story of being torn from his home in a Romanian village with his family, surviving starvation, exhaustion, disease, the death marches and the loss of his humanity, becoming prisoner 8230 in Auschwitz. The rest of his family perished.

Followed by:

The Act of Commemoration for the six million victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Free admission to all events (but donations are welcome). A freewill offering will be included in the evening meeting. Bookstalls/Information stalls/Refreshments after Saturday meeting. Further information from: Moira Dare-Edwards: 01277 213243 - email: mdareedwards@btinternet.com or Natasha Radford - email: tikvahchadasha@gmail.com

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.

Feast Days

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Francis de Sales was beatified in 1661 by Pope Alexander VII, who then canonized him four years later. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1877. The Roman Catholic Church celebrates St. Francis de Sales' feast on 24 January, the day of his burial in Annecy in 1624.

ST. AGNES

Agnes of Rome (c. 291 - c. 304) is a virgin martyr, venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, the Anglican Communion, and Lutheranism. She is one of seven women who, along with the Blessed Virgin, are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. St. Agnes' feast day is 21 January.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle is a feast celebrated during the liturgical year on January 25, recounting the conversion. This feast is celebrated in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran churches.

Pauline Colman RIP

The Funeral Mass for Pauline Colman will take place on Thursday 24 January at 11.00 a.m. We extend to her family our prayers and sympathy. There will be no morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. that day. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Letter From CAFOD to Our Scouts

Thank you all for your donation of £29.58 which we received on 17 December 2018. It's good to hear that the Porridge Pot is of such good use.

Through your support, many more villages like Longora's will have access to clean drinking water. Clean water has power; it can save lives, grow crops and even resolve conflict. Chris Funnell - Head of Supporter Donations, CAFOD

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.

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.

Spring Spirituality 2019

Saturday 29 January 2019

Topic: "TBC" - Mgr. David Manson

Time: 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Venue: Conference Hall, Cathedral House.

For further information please contact:

jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on cmunns@bccs.org.uk. There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

Finance News

For the week ending 12/13 January you gave £431.95 of which £61.00 was gift aided.

Standing Orders received in December: £2056.00

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



Let us look at our hands, often so empty of love, and today let us try to think of some gift we can offer freely.

Baptism is the best gift we have received. Through it, we belong to God and we possess the joy of salvation.

Smallness is freedom. One who is small, in the Gospel sense, is unencumbered and free from any urge to show off, and from any claim to success.

The first step in prayer is to be humble, go to the Father and say: "Look at me, I am a sinner." And the Lord listens.

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.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)

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

Save The Date

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.

St. Joseph Friendship Group

This group meets every first and third Friday of the month in the parish hall, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. All are welcome. For more details contact Jan on 01277 200278.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus is invited to a wedding with his mother, Mary, and some of his friends. After a while there is no wine left, so Mary asks Jesus to help. Jesus turns water into wine and everyone is amazed at how good the new wine is.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are so kind and helpful. Help me be kind and helpful to the people I know, so that I can make a difference to their lives. 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.

Contact: "Coming Home", CEO, 114 West Heath Road, London NW3 7TX

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