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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".

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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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 8 September 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m. Fred Greenfield RIP <i>J Greenfield</i>
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m.
Monday 9	NO MORNING MASS Fr. Leslie on annual Retreat
Tuesday 10	NO MORNING MASS Fr. Leslie on annual Retreat
Wednesday 11	NO MORNING MASS Fr. Leslie on annual Retreat
Thursday 12	NO MORNING MASS Fr. Leslie on annual Retreat
Friday 13	NO MORNING MASS Fr. Leslie on annual Retreat
Saturday 14	9.45 a.m. - 10.15 a.m. Confessions 5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m. Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 15	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m.

FATHER LESLIE WILL BE AWAY ON HIS ANNUAL RETREAT ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER UNTIL FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER. THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS DURING THIS TIME. PLEASE KEEP FATHER LESLIE IN YOUR PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available before all weekday Masses (on request) and on Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.



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.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

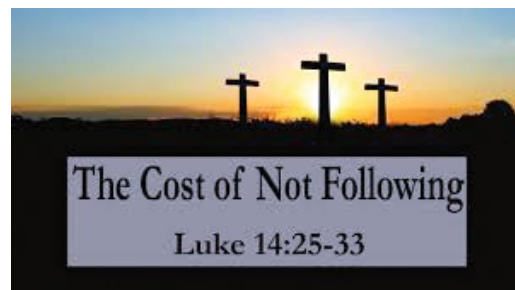
Many of the things Jesus said are simple and clear but some are confusing and hard to understand. Take, for example, today's Gospel in which the Lord talks about "hating" mother, father and family. We know that Jesus cannot mean "hate" in the sense of loathe, despise and wilfully harm them. Indeed, the fourth commandment is,

"Honour your father and your mother". No, Jesus doesn't mean "hate" in the conventional definition of that term, but rather he means "love less". He is adopting a form of Semitic exaggeration in order to drive a point home. We do this in our own language with hyperbole. When we are very hungry we might say, "I could eat a horse and his saddle" – on the other hand, halfway through eating the horse we realize we are not as hungry as we first thought! We stretch language to breaking points to get across what we want to say.

Jesus counsels us to take very seriously the call to be a disciple - rather in the same way that a builder evaluates his ability to finish a building project before he embarks upon it, and a general considers the odds of victory before going into battle. We do this often in our own lives. We are not daft or silly when it comes to evaluating what is involved in a project or a new job or a new hobby. We estimate cost, we weigh up odds and take calculated risks based on the information and data we have. In the same way Jesus wants us to stare the cost of following him in the face and either reject it or accept and embrace it. To follow Jesus is to be led by him.

If we want God to lead, we must be willing to follow. We find strength, happiness and joy in finding the way in which God is going and going that way too. Which way is God going? God always invites us to take up the cross – as Jesus took up his cross – and follow him. The cross is laid on us all. The way of the cross begins with the call to abandon our attachments to this world. Our old self has to die in order for the new self, the new creation, to shine forth in our lives.

Lord, help me to be willing to die to self that I may rise with you to eternal life.



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Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (7/8 September 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Carol Turnbull
Stella Walker
8.30 a.m. John Spinks
Lyn Birnie
Mary Allum
10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Will Jackson
Tyrone Sequeira

Readers For This Week's Masses (7/8 September 2019)

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

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (14/15 September 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Stella Walker
8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie
Jan Jarvis
Angela Mahoney
10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles
Hyacinth Albuquerque
Sarah Barber

Readers For Next Week's Masses (14/15 September 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m. Sheila Jones

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, 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.

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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Mark Kotulski, William Kiely, Gordon Hill, Elizabeth Eagle, Agnes Cahill, Michael Swift, Erconacron Fern, Anhus Howitt, Margaret Felton (Molly) and Alan Nelson.

Priests of our Diocese

Mgr. Canon Michael Wilson (1970), Fr. Conrad Smith (2012), Fr. Theophilus Borer (1952), Abp. George Andrew Beck (1978), Canon James Hemming (1988), and Deacon Arthur Woods (1998)

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

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. The holidays are over and I hope you feel rested and refreshed. I also hope you visited some lovely churches and included the love of Jesus through the Sacraments. You all are aware that as Catholics we have a serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. But I know that your love for Jesus would bring you to be with him.

I shall be away from the parish from 9th to 13th September for my annual silent retreat. So there will be no morning Masses during that period.

Again, we congratulate all our young people on their examinations results. Well done!

The Gospel today sounds rather strong but we have to see it in the context as we look at Jesus. He was on his way to undergo his incredible suffering. He was to be rejected, he was on his way to see all his friends run away from him. The Roman soldiers crowned him with thorns and eventually put him to death. He knew this as he walked with his disciples, these little men who follow Jesus. He is coming to save the world and I have come to save it by sacrificial love.

As Jesus walks with us through our journey of life, what is he thinking about how we are living our lives? Our lives must be of sacrifice and love through our sacrifice. It is not a happy dance. It is a commitment that you in your very hearts must make and I am there because you are making it for me. Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster gave us a new way of looking at life. To put God at the very centre of our lives. That is the key for all of us. Especially when we are overburdened, tired or just had enough. The Cardinal also said keep things in perspective. Take life seriously. Take God seriously but don't take yourselves too seriously.

Perhaps we can reflect and take those words to heart and ask Our Blessed Mother to help us to follow her response to God's will in our life. May our response also be – Thy will be done.

Every blessing on your families. Have a great weekend and week ahead.

Kathleen Oldhall RIP

The Funeral Service for Kathleen May Oldhall will be on Monday 16 September at 11.30 a.m. Please keep Brian and his family in your prayers at this difficult time in their lives. May Kathleen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage

The Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life will be held on Sunday 6 October, led by Bishop Mark O'Toole. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this "great prayer for life" asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

BCYS Youth Gather, Mersea Island

The BCYS Youth Gather will take place on 26-27 October 2019 (half-term weekend). The Youth Gather is for anyone in school years 9 to 13 and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with Outward Bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost is £50.00 which includes coach travel from Romford, Basildon, and Brentwood as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking is available at www.bcys.net/events/youthgather2019

Bible Alive – September Edition - £2.50

This Scripture book explores and explains the readings at all Masses on weekdays and Sundays. It gives the Bible reference at the top of each section. Scripture is the word of God and we need to read and reflect. I do encourage you to purchase a copy each month – and hopefully with the demand we will be able to order more. This is an important way to develop and grow in our love for Jesus whom we will encounter one day.

Father Leslie

Father Leslie will be away on his annual retreat on Monday 9 September until Friday 13 September. There will be no morning Mass during this time. Please keep Father Leslie in your prayers during this time.

Bishop Alan Visit

We will have a Pastoral Visitation on Sunday 22 September when Bishop Alan will give the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. Please pray for them, and their parents, that they will be faithful to our Lord Jesus during their lives.

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, once completed, send it to your bank. If you are a UK taxpayer, our church will gain an extra 25% of your giving at no extra cost to you if you also complete a Gift Aid form. These can be found at the back of the church too. Our bank details for the purpose of the Standing Order Form are:

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account name: St. Joseph the Worker
Catholic Church Hutton
sort code: 40 13 22

account number: 6101 8884

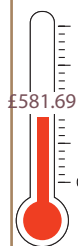
Also if you are giving a one-off donation then please ask Father Leslie for a pink envelope.

Maintenance Projects

We have a large number of major maintenance projects which we are unable to carry out due to lack of funds. Have you noticed, for example, a wall heater which needs replacing? The cost for this is £2,311.20. Also we have to replace all the windows and woodwork on the Sacristy and Parish Room, which can be seen from the playground. The cost for this is in excess of £5,000. These are just a few of the maintenance projects that need doing and must be undertaken soon to preserve our assets. Please consider all these items when you give to your church each week. All maintenance work and normal bills for heating, electricity, etc. has to come from our income as a parish. Please also keep in mind that £900.00 per month goes to our Diocese upkeep.

History of Our Parish

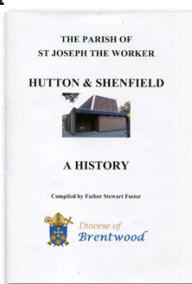
Our "History of the Parish" books are available at the back of the church. All we require is a donation. So far we have raised



£581.69p to defray the cost of printing, which was around £1,500.

Amount raised to date

Maybe you should buy one or two for the family as a Christmas present? Or for your friends?



Missio - Today. Tomorrow. Together

As you know, Pope Francis has called the whole Church to observe an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October. It is, in the Holy Father's words, "a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon and recommit ourselves to missio ad gentes; that most important element of mission that focuses on bringing the Gospel to those who have not yet heard it".

This is the work of Missio: promoting mission to the nations, supporting the Church where it is too poor or too young to support itself, training local clergy, Religious and catechists, and helping children in need.

In September, there will be available a special EMM pack for the month of October. This will include materials for World Mission Sunday which you would usually receive separately. We are also producing a special edition of our Mission Today magazine. encourage you to share this with as many parishioners as possible - especially those who do not usually receive a copy. Red Box holders will receive their magazine as usual; please confer with your Local Secretary about this.

Please help us in the preparations for this worldwide celebration by contacting us at emm2019@missio.org.uk

From Fr. Tony. National Director, missio

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.

Golden Jubilee Commemorative Gift

To mark the next 50 years, Fr. Leslie has received two suggestions of how current parishioners could leave their mark on our future parish.

1. Stained-glass window
2. Commemorative doors

Please keep your suggestions coming!

Readers at 6.00 p.m. Saturday Mass We have a Readers Rota for all Masses but for the Saturday 6.00 p.m. Mass we are a bit stretched. If anyone would like to join us, please let Willa Jackson know (willaajackson789@btinternet.com) and she will arrange full training etc. *Thanks in advance.*

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"?

New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please fill in a Registration Form which can be found in the church porch. We will also arrange a home visit from one of our Parishioners to welcome you and help you settle in.

Finance News

For the week ending 01 September you gave £185.51 of which £44.00 was Gift Aided.

Thank you and God Bless.

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Pope on Twitter



The Holy Spirit, when we invite Him into our wounds, anoints our painful memories with the balm of hope, because the Spirit restores hope.

May God, the lover of life, grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.

Creation, a place of encounter with the Lord and one another, is "God's own social network", which inspires us to raise a song of cosmic praise to the Creator.

We are beloved creatures of God, who in His goodness calls us to love life and to live it in communion with the rest of creation.

Church Opening Hours

We are lucky to be able to keep our church open for private prayer during the week from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Sometimes it may close early if Father Leslie is away.

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

Great crowds followed Jesus. Jesus told them that his true followers will have to give up many things. It is like this - if someone wants to build a tower, they will have to put aside time and money to do it. In the same way, Jesus' followers will have to give time to God and give away things they love if other people are in need.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes I find it hard to follow your wonderful example of love and kindness. Help me to be kind to everyone I meet today. Amen.

Christmas Cards

A little early maybe but Christmas cards will be on sale from September at half price. These can be found at the back of the church. At these prices now is the time to buy!

For The Homeless

There are standing order forms for the homeless as well as envelopes at the back of the church. Please help those concerned to budget for their outgoings on a regular basis, however small or large you may give regularly. There will be a talk again shortly about the work done at Providence Row and what we can do to help them. The talk will be by Tom O'Connor who talked to us before and the provisional date is later in November.

First Holy Communion Parents – 18 September

The parents welcome evening will be at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 18 September in the Parish Hall. Please make sure you attend this very important get together. No new applications will be considered but will be retained for 2020.

St. Joseph Friendship Group

We meet 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

World Hunger

"Humanity has not done its duty to fight to help our poorer brothers". There are over 820 million hungry people. The Vatican has pointed out that the figures highlight not only the cruelty of hunger but also the phenomenon of obesity. Pope Francis pointed out that each one of us can help the scourge of hunger in the world:

1. Don't waste food
2. Don't pass on the other side by closing your eyes
3. Pray for those less fortunate than ourselves
4. Don't waste water.

"When I was hungry you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty you gave me something to drink. What you do to others you do for me", says Jesus.

Altar Servers –

THIS IS URGENT – VERY URGENT

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. **We need help and we need it now!**

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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