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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 15 March 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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

Saturday 14	6.00 p.m. Ann Coffey RIP <i>R and J Weller</i>
Sunday 15	8.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP <i>U and A Bailey</i>
	10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 16	9.15 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP <i>T C H</i>

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Tuesday 17	9.15 a.m. Bridie Feliche <i>Barber family</i>
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Wednesday 18 NO MORNING MASS

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE HUSBAND OF MARY

Thursday 19	9.15 a.m. Patrick Curry RIP <i>A Turvey</i>
Friday 20	9.15 a.m. Fr. Anthony Stark RIP <i>PACT Mass</i>

Saturday 21	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP <i>P and M Barlow</i>
Sunday 22	8.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP <i>T C H</i>
	10.30 a.m. For all parishioners

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions on Saturday morning 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

Confessions before 6.00 p.m. Mass every Saturday

5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday before Mass

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

In this encounter with the woman at the well (a Samaritan) Jesus is described in very human terms, sitting at the well, exhausted from his journey. The woman too is very human. Her appearance at the well at about noon, long after the other village-women would have replenished their water supply for the day, may indicate her isolated position in local society. She was shunned because of her many sins. Yet it is she who becomes a missionary to her people.

Jewish/Samaritan relations were historically conditioned. About 722 BC the Assyrian army descended on Northern Israel, took its population into exile and colonized its land with foreigners who partially adopted Israel's religion over the centuries but were always viewed by the Jews as hated, semi-pagan invaders. The woman was therefore very surprised when Jesus spoke to her, and even more astonished when he asked her for a drink, since Jews did not share food or drink with Samaritans in case of ritual defilement.

Water becomes the sign by which both baptism and faith are explained to us. Water is the means, but the Holy Spirit flowing into us is the reality. There is a vital connection between the flowing of water and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The 'living water' of which Jesus speaks brings not only awareness of her sin to the woman but forgiveness, hope in the person of Jesus as the Messiah and faith in his words. The water Jesus offers is not something that human effort can achieve. It is pure gift of God, water which, when drunk, becomes within a spring of life. Jesus is referring in the first place to his own words of salvation, words that are spirit and life, because whoever listens to them and lives by them will continue to share in God's life. The water has a deeper meaning as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit enables us to understand the words of Jesus and to respond to them with a willing heart.

'The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks for a drink. Jesus thirsts: his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.'



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 (14/15 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Gaye O'Regan
Carol Turnbull
Ian Restall
- 8.30 a.m. Mary Allum
Lyn Birnie
John Spinks
- 10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles
Chris Brooks
Mary Brooks

Readers For This Week's Masses (14/15 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Rose Mulvey
- 8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah
- 10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (21/22 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Stella Walker
Gaye O'Regan
Bill O'Regan
- 8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie
Mary Allum
Jan Jarvis
- 10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Hyacinth Albuquerque
Willa Jackson

Readers For Next Week's Masses (21/22 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
- 8.30 a.m. Alan Bailey
- 10.30 a.m. Paula 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:

Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty, Irene Finch, William Woods, Patricia Lowen, Gerald James, Irene Huggins, Joan Williams, Florence Fernandes, Ellen Watson, Joseph Redknapp, Kathleen Carley, Daniel Heaphy, Jen Fordham, Irene Murphy, Andrew Corbett, Edward Knight, Esther Gilmore and John Ives.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Donal Donegan (1988), Fr. Sidney Williams (1928) and Canon Martin Horkan (1980)

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 and visitors to our parish Holy Mass.

We are halfway through the Holy Season of Lent. Let us reflect on the sacrifices that we have made so far. It is always a good time to come to a daily Mass and offer it up to the Lord for the Holy Souls in purgatory especially for those poor souls who are most in need of their salvation. In this year of God speaks to his people, it's the opportunity to reflect

on his Word. By reading a short passage, ask ourselves what is God saying to me. Feel his presence as we sit quietly (there are some small Lenten booklets to help you on the table at the back of the church). Pray the rosary each day as a family or individually to Mary. Come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession even if it has been a long time. Remember the story of the Prodigal Son in the Gospel. Spend a few moments looking at the crucifix. There we see the love of Jesus for you. So often in our lives we forget him. Do a good turn to someone in need and reach out to the homeless, refugees and those who are lonely in prayer. Remember they are our family, our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We pray that this season will bring us closer each day to the Lord.

Have a great Sunday and a wonderful week.

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.**

Gift Aid Scheme

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

Knights Of St. Columba (KSC)

The KSC will hold the Installation of New Officers at the Evening Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 21 March.

Lenten Journey

Pope Francis. "The book of Exodus teaches us that we must come to God in prayer to recognize our sinfulness. The Parable of the Lost Sheep became an emblem of the Church and everything Christian".

During this Lent of prayer, fasting and abstinence there should be a time each day to look upwards and fix our hearts on the Presence of God.

The Brentwood Cathedral "God who speaks" Lenten Lectures

Wednesday 18th March

Sharing the Good News:
Sacred scripture as
beacon and promise.

Dr Maria Heath, chair of Catholic
Charismatic Renewal



FREE ENTRY

Lectures begin at 7.30pm in the
Brentwood Cathedral parish hall

Further details on Brentwood Cathedral
website www.cathedral-brentwood.org



**BRENTWOOD
CATHEDRAL**

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 welcomees. Welcome!

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 Tridium

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.

Bishop Asks Parishes to Prepare for "Dowry Of Mary" Rededication

Bishop Alan has written to parishes across the Diocese ahead of the rededication of England as the "Dowry of Mary" on 29 March 2020, encouraging them to pray the Angelus after parish Masses as preparation for the event. England has been known as the "Dowry of Mary" for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St. Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth (where the Annunciation took place) was built at Walsingham. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as "her dowry". He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. So for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. Says Bishop Alan: "On 29 March England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary'. This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr. John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, "some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden". We profess our faith in "The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us", and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ. "I hope that many parishes will respond to Mgr. Armitage's invitation to pray this beautiful prayer after our daily Masses, so that our hearts may be spiritually prepared for the rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary'. Mary, Our Lady, welcomed the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives. She will help us to do the same".

Lenten Lunch

Friday 20 March at 1.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Soup, rolls, cheese, plus tea and coffee. Suggested donation £5 which includes a free raffle ticket. Please make an effort to attend, would be lovely to see some more people to socialise with. Any queries please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278. All proceeds to CAFOD.

The Re-Dedication Of England – see Back Page

England has been called the "Dowry of Mary" since around the 11th century. The title means that she acts in a special way as the nation's protectress. As Mary's Dowry will be in March, I do encourage everybody (if you do not have one) to purchase a Rosary. One of the greatest devotions to our Lady (disliked by the devil). Prayer Cards will be available soon. We have a beautiful statue of our Lady of Walsingham in our church – England's most ancient shrine.

BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the Diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Covid 19

Our parish is asking people to refrain from shaking hands and hugging friends. Liturgically, Holy Communion will be receiving Holy Communion under one kind. We also ask our parishioners to receive Jesus Christ on the hand. The sign of peace will be suspended. Parishioners and hirers are asked to be vigilant and watchful in the parish hall. Those using the kitchens in the parish hall/parish room please make sure it is left clean and all tables are cleaned. Also the Bishops have suggested not to use Holy Water in the church for the time being.

Thank you

Parish Administrator

Our parish administrator is Mary Lockwood. She is present on Fridays in the parish office/parish room situated in the church opposite to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Please contact her by phone 01277 221917 or on email: hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org Mary will deal with any queries or appointments to arrange baptisms or to make appointments to see Fr Leslie. Mary has been employed to assist Fr. Leslie so that the parish runs smoothly and to make life a little easier for Fr. Leslie.

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.

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.

God Who Speaks

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

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"

www adaywithmary.org

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

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 £2.50)
- stations of the cross at home (small booklets available at £1.00)
- 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).

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 .

Finance News

For the week ending 8 March you gave £356.69 of which £56.00 was Gift Aided.

The Second Collection in aid of CAFOD Family Fast Day raised £258.35. Thank you.

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.

HSBC Account name:

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church,
Hutton. Sort Code: 40 13 22.
Account No.: 61018884



The Pope on Twitter



Our Lenten prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us to Him

When we recall that we have sinned and have a sense of shame, this touches God's heart, and He responds with mercy. Today let us ask for the grace of a sense of shame

It is specifically women who welcome life within them. Women demonstrate that living does not consist in continually producing things, but in embracing things as they are.

Light Laughter

How do the unripe Bananas feel about ripe Bananas? Green with envy!

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

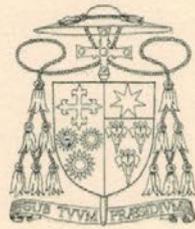
During Lent, God asks us to think about the times we are tempted and to try to do what Jesus did – not to give in to temptation. Help your child, as parents, to reflect on temptations which may be problematical for them at their age and in their circumstances. Jesus said to Satan "leave me alone". We can say that too.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus is travelling back home from Jerusalem through another land, when he meets a stranger by a well. Jesus is thirsty and asks her for a drink. After talking for a while, the woman believes in Jesus and goes to tell everyone that she has found the Holy One of God.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help us remember that there are people in the world with no clean water to drink. Many people are thirsting for the Good News of your love. Help us not to waste water, and to share your love with everyone we meet. Amen.



ALANUS
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
EPISCOPUS
BRENTWOODENSIS

**DECREE AUTHORISING THE GRANT OF A PLENARY INDULGENCE ON THE
OCCASION OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO
THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON 29TH MARCH, 2020**

In accordance with Canon 995 §1 and the Indulgentiarum Doctrina (Norms 7-10), as Bishop Brentwood, I grant a Plenary Indulgence to all Catholics within the Diocese of Brentwood who, beside the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin, on the **29th March, 2020**, use the prescribed prayers for the Re-Dedication of England to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and who within a week prior or a week following this Act of Re-Dedication make their sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

The Act of Re-Dedication should take place publicly, within the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, but in keeping with canon law, it may also take place privately; and, within the Diocese of Brentwood, for those who reside in places where they cannot go to confession or communion at all or can do so only with great hardship, they may gain a plenary indulgence without actual confession and communion, provided they have inner contrition and the resolution to go to these sacraments as soon as possible.

Signed: *+ Alan Williams, sm*
Rt Rev Alan Williams, sm
Bishop of Brentwood

Brentwood

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1 March 2020

Signed: *Gordon A. Read*
Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read
Chancellor