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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 7 April 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 6 6.00 p.m.
Mass said by Bishop Thomas
Sunday 7 9.15 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

Because of Fr. Leslie’s absence weekday Mass will only be on Thursdays at 9.15 a.m.

Thursday 11 9.15 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13 6.00 p.m.
Mass said by Bishop Thomas
Sunday 14 8.30 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

Monday 15 Church open for private prayer

Tuesday 16 Church open for private prayer

Wednesday 17 Church open for private prayer

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 18 NO MORNING MASS
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IN TODAY’S GOSPEL



Moral theologians speak of ‘sins of omission’, by which they mean the failure to act or speak out in a situation, causing those guilty of this offence to fall short of the goodness of God. Our Gospel today provides us with an example. In most modern translations of the Bible this passage is either dropped into the footnotes or placed within brackets to indicate

that it did not form part of the original text. It is also missing from the oldest and best manuscripts of the Gospel. In short, this very moving account of Jesus’ compassion, mercy and regard for women did not form part of the original Gospel of John. It is hard to figure out why and we can only speculate – perhaps a patriarchal culture and worldview rendered this beautiful incident in Jesus’ life too shocking and scandalous, revealing a depth of mercy and forgiveness which was unpalatable. We are grateful that this story, which was probably passed down by means of oral tradition, found its way into the canon of Scripture.

Just as it takes two to tango, it takes two to commit adultery. This is a point worth making because what is interesting if not striking about the case of adultery before us is that the Pharisees haul the poor woman before the Lord to be judged, but her co-adulterer is nowhere to be found. The man’s absence from the drama would seem to suggest foul play.

In any event, the scheming Pharisees are looking to catch Jesus out. They have their facts wrong, however, because the law only stipulated stoning if the woman was betrothed and it required, in fact, the stoning of both parties. Their aim is to back the Lord into a corner. If he sanctioned the stoning, he would be in conflict with the Romans who did not allow the Jews to carry out capital punishment. On the other hand, if he came out against the stoning, he would be seen to condone adultery and unsupportive of the law. He permits the stoning to go ahead but only on the basis that he who is without sin throw the first stone! Ashamed, humiliated, exposed, the accusers leave the scene. Full of mercy and kindness, the Lord tells the woman: ‘Neither do I condemn you...’

Lord Jesus, you are kind and merciful to all who fall into sin. Teach us to be like you, knowing that there but for God’s grace go we.

Praying And Fasting During Lent

Remember to pray. The church is open every day from dawn to dusk for private prayer.

To fast, not only cut down on food, but also from loose talk and behaviour. Don’t forget almsgiving, Cafod, and any loose change you gather during Lent for our Retiring Collection on Palm Sunday for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society.

Also please don’t forget your Easter Greetings to your friends and parishioners. Money raised is for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (£5 per greeting). Please send your greetings to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)

Alternative Sunday Morning Masses Within The Partnership

The alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership are as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock	09.00
St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst	10.00
St John the Evangelist &	11.00
St Erconwald, Ingatestone	

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (6/7 April 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
Michelle Tobin
Carol Turnbull
8.30 a.m. Angela Mahoney
John Spinks
Mary Allum

Readers For This Week's Masses (6/7 April 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (13/14 April 2019)

6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull
Bill O'Regan
Gaye O'Regan
8.30 a.m. Mary Allum
Jan Jarvis
Lyn Birnie

Readers For Next Week's Masses (13/14 April 2019)

6.00 p.m. Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m. Alan Bailey

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request. This service has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed. See elsewhere in the newsletter for detail of times of Confessions at our Sister churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Previously every Friday 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. This has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

Mass Intentions

During Fr. Leslie's absence, if you wish to make a Mass Intention, please refer to a member of the Parish Pastoral Team. Thank you.

Anniversaries

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

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 and Brian Donoghue. *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.

Eucharistic Ministers And Readers

If you were due to provide Ministry at 10.30 a.m. Mass please make yourself available at the other Masses if required.

Grateful Thanks

We are very grateful to Fr. Anthony and Bishop Thomas who will both be available for Masses up to Easter.

Retiring Collection

Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday.

The Retiring Collection is your Lenten Offerings taken in your homes during Lent for Catholic Children's Society.



Welcome to our Sunday liturgy today.

We are drawing ever closer to the celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

I had a phone call from a friend of mine in Florida who had been enjoying an evening of bingo in the church hall with her friend Nancy whom I also knew. She said they had a great evening laughing and joking. When Nancy left to go home, she was hit by a car as she was joining a dual carriageway outside the church and she died shortly afterwards. The priest gave her the Sacrament of the Sick before she died. Apparently, she came to the church an hour earlier to spend an hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament before going into the Parrish hall to play bingo. She who had been adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament was now with Him face to face in adoration in heaven.

We never know the day or the hour when we will end our earthly journey. Lent is the season of returning back to the Father in the Sacrament of Confession. A time to prepare to meet our God face to face. Every Saturday in our parishes the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. Your priest is there often unemployed, waiting to celebrate this Sacrament. It is the priest's task to get you to heaven.

On Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. in our Cathedral in Brentwood we have a service of Reconciliation where there will be several priests in attendance. This is a God-given time to exercise our humility to come and say sorry and celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness as a community.

In today's Gospel Jesus says to the woman "go away and don't sin again". Jesus expects her to live a life of grace. That is the attitude with which we come to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. However, in weakness we may commit the same sin again but when we come we truly try not to sin again. As we approach Holy Week we pray to the Lord to draw us ever closer to Him. We ask the Blessed Mother to draw us ever closer to her son and when our earthly pilgrimage is over she may lead us into the presence of her son. Let us pray that God will look upon our families with kindness, and keep us close as we enter into your passion, death and Resurrection.

May your Holy Angels watch over us and lead us to the joys of Easter.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

BCYS EVENTS – see also Parish Noticeboard
For more information and to apply for any of our events, please visit www.bcys.net/events

LENTEN RETREAT 2019

9 - 11 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. A midweek retreat, timed for school holidays. This is a chance to reflect deeply on the meaning of Lent in the beautiful surroundings of Abbotswick, led by the Walsingham House Team. The retreat is open to those in years 10-13. £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

12 - 13 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us for our sponsored sleepout, where you'll be sleeping outside overnight in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Money raised will be split between local homeless charities and helping young people in our Diocese.

EASTER LOURDES 2019

14 - 21 April 2019, Lourdes. Every Easter over 1,000 children with additional needs travel to Lourdes with HCPT to enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday, thanks to our young adult volunteers. If you would like to know more, please email group709@hcpt.org.uk.

Charity Run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Fr. Leslie Update

Fr. Leslie has returned home to rest and recuperate. Hurrah! He is well, but not as mobile as he would like to be. He looks forward to seeing you all in due course, and thanks you all for your best wishes and cards.

KSC

"The Story of Rock and Roll" a Buffet Cabernet run by the Knights of St. Columba on 27th April 2019 at the Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood in aid of KSC charities. Tickets £20.00 each (bring your own drinks) available from Tim Murphy on 01277 225652 or Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

200 Club

There is a great opportunity for new members to join the 200 Club in the next few weeks and participate in our SUPER DRAW!

This SUPER DRAW will take place on 13 July to coincide with the Parish Anniversary celebrations and we will DOUBLE the prize money on offer that month. This will mean that first prize that month will be £100 (usually £50). Second prize will be £50 (usually £25) and Third prize will be £30 (usually £15).

Come and join us now! See Marian Anderson after Mass, or take a 200 Club flyer from the table at the back of the church.

This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Note For Eucharistic Ministers

If you have a Pyx at home which was supplied by the church and you are not currently taking Holy Communion to the Sick, please could you return it as soon as possible as we are in great need and have no spare ones. Thank you.

Mass Requests From St Joseph The Worker

We have been able to schedule the following Mass Intentions at Ingatestone on the dates below.

Mass Intention	Requested By	Date of Mass at Ingatestone
Ben Kemezura RIP		8 April
Frank Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	9 April
Alf + Kathleen Hicks RIP	C. Turnbull	10 April
Patrick + Catherine Kelly	B. Dooley	Almshouses 12 April
Margaret + Alan Cronin RIP	C. Turnbull	15 April
Mass Times:	Ingatestone Church Almshouses	9.00 a.m. (7.00 p.m. if a Monday) 6.00 p.m.

Easter Wishes

Father Leslie wishes each and everyone of you a happy Easter.

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Easter Greetings

In the same way that we send best wishes at Christmas to our friends and fellow parishioners, we thought it would be a good idea if we did the same at Easter. So please send your Easter Greetings via our newsletter on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. As before, £5.00 in an envelope and send your message to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) Fr. Leslie wishes you all a very happy and holy Easter with your families.

MISSIO Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in March so that I can count its contents and return it. Please make sure your red box is clearly marked with your name and address. The Spring 2019 edition of "Mission Today" is available for you to collect from the table in the porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton*.

RCIA

RCIA - If there are any non-Catholics who would be interested in knowing more about their faith or about becoming a Catholic at Easter 2020, please contact Mrs Gabrielle O'Regan on 01277 223460

Service Of Reconciliation

Please be aware that there will be an opportunity for us to prepare for Easter by attending a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of grace to, like the prodigal son, "return to our Father having squandered the gifts he has given to us".

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

Baptisms While Fr. Leslie Is Away

If there are any Baptisms planned, then Fr. Anthony will cover for them through March and April. If he is not available, then Fr. Dan will step in.

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Charismatic Day Of Renewal

A date for your diary: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Easter Offering

Easter offering envelopes are at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Thank you very much.

Easter offering Envelopes - if you use them in other parishes over Easter, please mark for **St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton.**



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Confessions

Remember, in preparation for Easter, there will be a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of Grace so that we come to Easter renewed in the love of the Risen Lord.

Finance News

For the week ending 31 March you gave £240.11 of which £22.00 was via gift aid. Collection for Easter Flowers: £142.54.
Thanks and God Bless



Pope on Twitter



Through prayer we learn to renounce the idolatry and self-sufficiency of our ego, and to admit we need the Lord and His mercy.

If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails.

The Church is young when she receives ever anew the strength born of God's Word, the Eucharist, and the daily presence of Christ and the power of His Spirit in our lives. The Church is young when she shows herself capable of constantly returning to her source

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation Times (Confessions) Throughout The Pastoral Partnership

Confessions can be heard at our Partnership churches at the following time.

Our Lady & St. Joseph, Stock

Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

St. Helens, Ongar

Saturdays 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist & St. Erconwald, Ingatestone

Saturdays 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Additionally, Confessions can be heard at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.
Welcome to our children's corner. 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

Some men want to punish a woman for doing something wrong. They ask Jesus what he thinks about this law. Jesus says that if one of them has never done anything wrong, they can punish her. The men walk away, because they know they are sinners too. Jesus lovingly forgives the woman and tells her to go home and not sin any more.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to show us how much you love us. Help us to love our family and friends. Help us to forgive each other lovingly when we upset each other. *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.

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