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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 9 February 2020

## UPCOMING MASSES

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8 6.00 p.m.  
Preceded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Confession

Sunday 9 8.30 a.m.  
For all parishioners  
10.30 a.m.  
Vince Ma RIP  
Design Portfolio

#### FEAST OF ST. SCHOLASTICA

Monday 10 9.15 a.m.  
Willie Burns RIP

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE

Tuesday 11 9.15 a.m.  
Ints Sue Cummings

Wednesday 12 NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 13 9.15 a.m.  
Rob Brazier RIP

#### FEAST OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Friday 14 9.15 a.m.  
Paul Clerkin RIP  
3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 15 NO MORNING MASS  
9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.  
Confessions

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 6.00 p.m.  
Claude and Odette Roy RIP  
Preceded with Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday 16 8.30 a.m.  
Monica Day RIP  
M Donoghue  
10.30 a.m.  
For all parishioners

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

'Oh, they are the salt of the earth,' we often say when we are referring to a person who is straightforward, honest and without guile. Another common saying in the same vein is 'what you see is what you get'. In today's reading, Jesus' description of his disciples as 'the salt of the earth' would have struck a chord and meant something very specific to his listeners.

In Jesus' day salt was a valuable commodity.

In order to preserve food from decay in the heat, salt was applied as a preservative. It also served to enhance the flavour of the food. The ancient tradition of salting the sacrificial offerings denoted a purifying function. It was perhaps for this reason that new-born babies were rubbed with salt to denote purification of the addition to God's people and as a reminder of the covenant.

Those who heard Jesus speak would have understood the meaning and tradition behind the idea of being 'salt of the earth'. In the same way as salt prevents decay and corruption, so the witness of Spirit-led Christians protects society from decay and corruption.

It also adds much-needed flavour to society. And, drawing on the idea that too much salt in our food can make us thirsty, St. Augustine once wrote, 'O Heavenly Father, you have put salt in our mouths that we may thirst for you.'

The work of the Holy Spirit is to create within us a thirst for the things of God: for union with God, for communion with him and for grace to live a life which is holy and pleasing to him. When Jesus said 'I thirst' from the cross, his thirst wasn't just physical, it was spiritual – God thirsts that we come into his presence as we long to come into his.

Jesus also calls us to be 'the light of the world'. In this way we are to be like our Master, for in John 8:12 Jesus describes himself as 'the light of the world'. We are to be countercultural, signs of contradiction, heralds of the gospel of life in a world which, in so many respects, has lost its way.

*'What does light give me compared to what Christ's light and love gives? The light is useful to me in my present life, but your light and love weaves for me a crown in the future.'* (St John Chrysostom)

## Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## 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



**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.

## 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 (8/9 February 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Gay O'Regan Bill O'Regan Ann Howarth A N Other
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Mary Allum Jan Jarvis A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson Sarah Barber Hyacinth Albuquerque A N Other

### **Readers For This Week's Masses (8/9 February 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Rose Mulvey
8.30 a.m.	Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

### **Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (15/16 February 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson Ian Restall Stella Walker A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis Mary Allum A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Mary Brooks Chris Brooks Sharon Ruffles A N Other

### **Readers For Next Week's Masses (15/16 February 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
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:

Eileen Wolwood, Teresa Deakes, Elizabeth Guilfoyle, David Hills, Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty and Irene Finch.

**Priests of our Diocese**

Fr. Donald Mills (2013), Canon Bernard Manning (1956), Pope Pius XI (1939) and Fr. Charles Snell (1949).

**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 everyone to our Sunday liturgy today.

In the Gospel Jesus says you are the light of the world. Jesus wants us to preserve the world from the darkness of evil. The darkness of violence, the darkness of sin and television certainly needs the light of Christ.

What we say and what we do allows the light of Christ to shine. Jesus also says "seeing their good works we praise Our Father in heaven". There are many unknown charitable

acts which lets Jesus' light into our lives. Neighbours helping neighbours, family members helping family members. Of course, visiting sick people that we know and many other good deeds.

At night when we examine our conscience and look over our day, we can reflect how we were the light of Jesus today. Where we failed and allowed darkness into our lives, we then ask God's mercy and forgiveness. Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see naked, and turn not from your own kin, and your light shall shine like the dawn. And St. Paul tells us... I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Every blessing on you all. Have a great Sunday and a wonderful week.

Fr. Leslie

### **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](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or email Bernadette, our Director on [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk)

### **Lunchtime Recitals**

Please be informed that on Wednesday 12 February at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. we will be welcoming the Jazz Quartet HEADS UP to perform for us in the SONG SCHOOL. Details to follow.

Then on Wednesday 19 February Eric CHAN from the Royal College of Music will be giving a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital. Again details to follow nearer the time.

### **Beryl De Prazer Rip**

Beryl was a parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker for many years and was also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She was the sister of Una Bailey and the sister-in-law of Alan Bailey. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



### **Words For Reflection**

Pope Francis says "Essence of life is our relationship with God".

"Jesus is the medicine of forgiveness".

"God will judge us with the same measure we have for others".

"The Beatitudes are a message for humanity (an invitation to conduct a life of humility, poverty and mercy)".

"Christians without joy are prisoners of formalities".

### **MISSIO**

Fr. Anthony Chantry (National Director) wrote recently and has asked for financial support to help young men's training on their journey towards the priesthood in Mission countries.

Could we sponsor a Seminarian for the last four years of his formation? If you can, please contact Missio on 020 7821 9755 or visit [info@missio.org.uk](mailto:info@missio.org.uk) Missio continues the vital work of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. If you can help, please contact the above. Thank you. Fr. Leslie

### **Altar Servers**



Shortly we will begin to train Altar Servers. We do have some names, thank God. If you would like to add your name to the list, please let Fr. Leslie know. Or Mrs Gilligan at St. Joseph's school. Remember it is a great privilege to respond to God's call to serve.



Training will take place on Saturday morning 10.30 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. for about five weeks. Thank you. Our parish has always had a wonderful team of Altar Servers.

### **First Holy Communion Parents**

The First Holy Communion parents meet with Sister Jude this coming Wednesday 12 February at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme is the Most Holy Eucharist.

### **Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020**

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### **Advance Notice - Brentwood Diocese Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2020**

This will be under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams and will take place from 26 to 31 July. Travel will be by air from London Southend to Lourdes. The theme will be - "I am the Immaculate Conception" and leaflets are available at the back of the church or you can find more info on [www.langney-tours.com/brentwood](http://www.langney-tours.com/brentwood)

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Please Note - Mass Times**

Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.



## Late Arrival For Mass

Once the readings have started, please do not enter into the church as it distracts the readers and the priest proclaiming the Word. Please wait in the porch until readings and homily are finished. However, the better course of action is to try to come on time to respect Jesus, the Son of God, and respect other parishioners too. In fact, we should all be present from the beginning and stay right through to the end of Mass. Father Leslie was taught "time is a thing to be on"

## BCCS Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7 March from 7.00 p.m. 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. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/07912277413/ [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)



## God's Housekeepers – please help

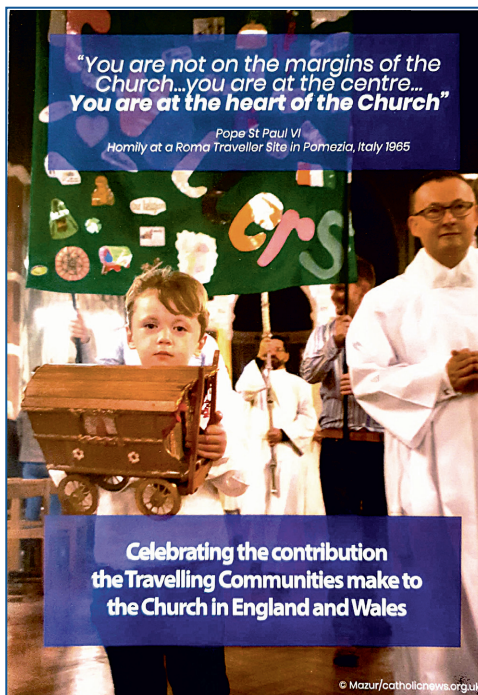
In many ways, volunteers are the fuel that runs your church. Not only do we need volunteers to get stuff done, but volunteering is a way members of the church can fulfil their calling. Please consider volunteering for the many jobs that need doing to help the church run efficiently such as cleaning inside and outside the church, watering plants, perhaps help with flower arranging, washing of the altar linen etc. If you can help at all, please contact Jan Jarvis 200278. We need your help. Please!

## Future of Our Diocese/Parish

Each day please pray to Mary, Our Mother, for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Without a Priest, there would be no Eucharist. Our church is open every day – Come and spend time with Jesus, especially on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also before 6.00 p.m. Mass from 5.00 p.m. until 5.50 p.m. with confessions. Let us go forward together in prayer and discussion to share the Good News of the Gospel with our fellow parishioners.

## 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](http://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?"



"This weekend sunday 9th february 2020 the catholic church in England and Wales will celebrate racial justice- the theme is: "you are at the heart of the church" it will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. To support the church in its work with Travellers, a second collection will be taken this weekend. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference"

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## Rosary Groups. Any offers?

What about holding a Rosary Group in our homes? It only takes one family to open up their home for the benefit of many. Just a suggestion. We are now looking for volunteers to read that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

## 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. Also 5.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. on Saturdays before Mass.



## Finance News

For the week ending 26 January you gave £290.63 of which £37.50 was Gift Aided.

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



There is a poverty that we must accept, that of our own being, and a poverty that we must seek instead - a concrete one - from the things of this world, in order to be free and to be able to love

The Document on Human Fraternity, signed one year ago, has written a new page in the dialogue between religions and people of good will. As brothers and sisters, we want to say "no" to violence, and together promote peace, life, and religious freedom.

Brothers and sisters, in moments when we are far from God, it would do us good to hear this voice in our heart: "My son, my daughter, what are you doing? Please, don't kill yourself. I died for you."

Loneliness is not overcome by closing in on ourselves, but by crying out to the Lord, for the Lord hears the cry of those who find themselves alone.



## 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

Jesus said that we should be like salt to the world. Salt makes food tasty. We are to be lights for all of the world to see, like a lamp on a lamp stand. When we shine, everyone will see the good things we do in God's name.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God help us to be like light and salt. Help us to make a difference in the world and show everyone that we love you. 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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