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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 13 January 2019**

### UPCOMING MASSES THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY JANUARY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. Michael Jupp <i>D Looney</i>
Sunday 13	8.30 a.m. Tina Keating RIP <i>B Keating</i> 10.30 a.m. For parishioners
Monday 14	9.15 a.m. Achille D'Agata RIP <i>J D'Agata</i>
Tuesday 15	9.15 a.m. Kathleen Green RIP <i>C Sutcliffe</i>
Wednesday 16	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 17	9.15 a.m. Deceased members of the Sammon family
Friday 18	9.15 a.m. Deceased members of the O'Toole family
Saturday 19	NO MORNING MASS Confessions 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

### 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 <i>Spinks family</i> 10.30 a.m. For parishioners

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

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

### 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.

## Christmas Hamper

**Well we did it! Or more accurately, YOU did it!**

The target was £1,000 and we squeaked past it with £1,060 raised in total. The good news is that all the prizes were donated, so that's £1,060.00 straight into parish funds.

*Well done to you all.*

**And the Hamper Raffle winners are:**

- 1. URSULA SCULLY**
- 2. TED GRIFFITHS**
- 3. DOWNEY FAMILY**

*Well done and we hope you enjoyed Christmas and your goodies!*

**£1,060**

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### **Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (12/13 January 2019)**

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson Ewa Kania Carol Turnbull
8.30 a.m.	Mary Allum Lyn Birnie Angela Mahoney
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Sarah Barber Tyrone Sequeira

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

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m.	Jessica Barber

### **Eucharistic Ministers For Next 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 Next Week's Masses (19/20 January 2019)**

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

### **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:**

Mary Shaw, Josephine Millett, Horace Hutton, Harry Ford, Margaret O'Riordan, James Power, George Porter, Arthur Gilbert, Rosemary Walker, Alfred Said, Maura Oakey, Michael Lyons and David Curtis.

### **Priests of our Diocese**

Fr. John King (2012), Fr. Gilbert Pearson (1947), Fr. Neville Banks (2006 – one time parish priest of St. Joseph the Worker), Fr. Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuyper (1946) and Mgr. Canon David Donnelly.

**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.**

### **200 club December 2018 draw.**

Winners are

- 1st prize £45. E Norman.
- 2nd prize £25 J Greenfield.
- 3rd prize £15 G Sarah.

Well Done to our winners and good luck to all members for 2019



A big welcome to all our parishioners and visitors, and to 2019. We trust our parish to the protection of Mary the mother of God.

I wish to thank all our parishioners for the many cards, gifts and generous Christmas collection. For all our priests, this is a tangible way to thank each one of us and forms a major part of our annual income. Thank you all so much for your support over the past year. I also wish to thank the school for the support given me and our parish over the past year.

This year will be a big year for our parish as we celebrate our 60 year anniversary later in the year. Our Pastoral Committee is already working on this event.

We have just celebrated some great Christmas feasts; the solemnities of the Holy Family; Mary the Mother of God; and Epiphany. With today's feast we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and the beginning of commemorating Jesus' adulthood.

Today is a great feast. Here the Holy Trinity manifests itself for the first time. The Father speaks from heaven, the Son is present, and the Holy Spirit descends. At Jesus' baptism, the skies open – imagery frequently used implying heavenly secrets. Jesus' baptism is a promise to be fulfilled at Pentecost, when the heavens open and the spirit will descend upon the community.

Our baptism is an awe-inspiring phenomenon as was Jesus. Through baptism, we've become branches of Jesus the vine. We've achieved death to sin and life in God. Through baptism we become members of the Body of Christ. Through baptism we are incorporated into the death and resurrection of Christ. Through baptism, we are adopted as children of God, having the Spirit dwelt within us. We must be open to the Spirit and remain faithful to our calling.

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who helped to prepare our church for Christmas and for all who attended our Christmas Masses.

*"God wants to see you here more often, not just for Christmas and Easter"*

**Have a great Sunday with your families and a wonderful week. God bless to you all.**

*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**



## Today's Gospel

Today the season of Christmastide draws to a close. It reaches a wonderful climax in a definitive event in the Lord's life: his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus' baptism was a remarkable event because the baptism offered by John the Baptist was for repentance. The immersion in the waters of the Jordan was a sign of conversion, of a person changing direction in life. John's message was addressed to tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary men and women. It was a message of moral reform, of preparing for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus' baptism is a baptism of solidarity with sinners and began his public life and in this moment, God is revealed as Blessed Trinity.

The Trinity is unique to Christian faith. We are united to Muslims and Jews because we share a common belief in One God, but at this point our faith departs sharply from these two other faiths because we believe that God is Three Persons in One God - the Holy and Blessed Trinity. God is Father, God is Son and God is Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism was the manifestation, the epiphany, of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and the Son of God. This unveiling of Jesus' nature and mission brought forth from the Father a tender and heart-warming affirmation: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased'.

Jesus' baptism was the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among us sinners - he is truly 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' In today's Gospel we are seeing unfolding before our very eyes the 'fulfilling of all righteousness'. We are witnesses of Jesus consenting to submit himself entirely to his Father's will, which was his death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

The coming down of the Spirit at Jesus' baptism looked forward to the coming down of the Holy Spirit on us - a prelude, if you like, to the new creation. We commit ourselves to entering more deeply into the mystery of our baptism, praying about it, seeking to understand it and growing in our appreciation of this wonderful grace.

*Let us be buried with Christ by baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.' (St Gregory of Nazianzus)*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mdareedwards@btinternet.com) or Natasha Radford - email: [tikvahchadasha@gmail.com](mailto:tikvahchadasha@gmail.com)

## Lost and Found

Found outside the church, a pair of black rosary beads. Please contact Fr. Leslie if you think they are yours.

## 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 send an email to Chris Brooks ([chrisdanby.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdanby.brooks@gmail.com)) or Mary Brooks ([maryec.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:maryec.brooks@gmail.com)). *Thanks in advance.*

## 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

## Homeless Young People

Please support Cardinal Hume's legacy and help a homeless young person today. Cardinal Basil Hume passionately believed that in serving the poor we serve Christ. In 1986 he founded the Basil Hume Centre which offers homeless young people a place to turn their lives around in the heart of Westminster - a borough which continues to have one of the highest numbers of rough sleepers in the UK.

To help please contact the Cardinal Hume Centre, 3-7 Arneway St, Horseferry Rd, London SW1P 2BG or [info@cardinalhumecentre.org.uk](mailto:info@cardinalhumecentre.org.uk)

## Finance News

For the week ending 23 December you gave £278.85 of which £47.00 was Gift Aided.

For the week ending 30 December you gave £430.70 of which £51.00 Gift Aided.

For the week ending 6 January 2019 you gave £340.46 of which £60.00 was Gift Aided.

Christmas Greetings (back page of the newsletter) raised £50 for BCCS.

Second collection for BCCS raised £509.25.

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*



God became man in Jesus in order to share our lives. Let us keep this relationship alive with Him and with one another. Happy Christmas to our Christian brothers and sisters from the East.

The Magi offered their precious gifts to the Christ Child. Today, let us ask God: Lord, help me rediscover the joy of giving.

The Church grows in silence, in prayer, and with the good works that give witness.

Jesus is the gift of God for us. If we welcome Him, we too can be a gift of God to others.

## Church Cleaning

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

## 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.**



## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

John baptises Jesus in the River Jordan. The Holy Spirit then comes down from heaven and a voice is heard telling everyone how much God the Father loves his Son, Jesus.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you prayed to your Father in heaven after you were baptised, and he spoke to you. Help me hear your voice in my heart when I pray to 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.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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