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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.

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 3 October 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

A prevalent view today is that divorce or separation can be amicable and reasonable (which is of course preferable to a complete breakdown), but also that it is painless and civilized - i.e. the process is legally smooth and financially uncontentious, and both parties can remain on speaking terms. However, for many the experience is brutal and painful and lives are torn apart.

From the very beginning, monogamy was God's plan: a man and a woman become 'one flesh' (Gen. 2:24). However, this ideal wasn't upheld by the people of Israel and polygamy was widespread in Old Testament times.

The Mosaic Law - while containing provisions to protect women - did permit divorce, although according to Jesus, this concession was because of the hardness of men's hearts.

Still, today one in every two marriages ends in divorce. The tragedy of the Fall is that we all experience evil and discord both within and without. From the beginning, the marriage union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy and conflict that can and often does escalate into hatred and eventually separation.

Marriage is a divine institution: 'What God has joined together, let man not separate (v. 9 NIV),

Marriage is God's plan for the human race and the marriage bond is a sign of God's covenant. It is a gift of love and by God's grace couples partake in restoring God's original order of creation in which men and women were intended to live together in covenant and unity.

Married couple, then, have received a loft and noble vocation. There is a very real way in which the entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love Christ has for the church. Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her. (Eph. 5:25-26)

'It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to receive the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ.' (CCC 1615)

The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, known as Circles.

Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise.

You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931



200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary's Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.



MISSIO

The Autumn 2021 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the porch. Please also help yourselves to prayer cards. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. For more information or to make a donation, please visit the website missio.org.uk

Thank you for your support. Clare Barton.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 40, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help you to reflect on the scriptures each day. They are an important part of our prayer and our spiritual lives.

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

**THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OCTOBER**

- Saturday 2 6.00 p.m. Mass
Josephine Gilligan RIP
M Brennan
- Sunday 3 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish
- Monday 4 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 5 9.00 a.m. Mass
Mark Huggins RIP
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Wednesday 6 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
- Thursday 7 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
- Friday 8 9.30 a.m. Mass
Feast of St. Therese
of Lisieux
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Saturday 9 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

**THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

- Saturday 9 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of the Parish
- Sunday 10 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 4/5 September.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Patrica Young, Ronald Smith, Anthony Slade, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, James Linsay, Christina Newman, and Thomas Laytor.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Gordon Godfrey (2006), Pope John Paul (1978), and Fr. Bernard Wakeling (1990)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mass attendance

- Saturday 25 September: 49
- Sunday 26 September: 77

November Dead Envelopes

These will be available in the Narthex from October.

Advertising your business

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for details.

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Welcome to our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday celebration of our liturgy of the pascal mystery.

It is very heartening to see more people returning to church. This is happening as well in other parishes in our Diocese. Our faith is nourished by receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. The importance of attending Sunday Mass was emphasised in a third century instruction known as the Didaskalia: "teach the faithful and exhort them to be present at Sunday Mass, lest they decrease the church by their absence and deprive the mystical body of

Christ of one of its members; they should hear the words of Christ as directed to each one of them in particular.

"He who is not with me is against me" - Luke 11:23. Because you are members of Christ your only meeting place is the church. Because Christ makes himself present as promised and communicates with us, you cannot belittle yourselves nor deprive the Saviour of his members, you cannot separate or divide his body. We can begin to practice our faith with much more confidence. The Lord invites us to make the journey home and to gather as a "flesh and blood" community for the celebration of Mass because this is the most complete realisation of the Easter mysteries. St. John Chrysostom says "it is to a banquet that the Lord calls you...you are invited to rest...in the Church joy triumphs over grief, and heals the wounds in your heart. O heavenly call! Let's hurry! But at the same time let's honour this Sunday meeting, by what we are and by what we do".

Finally, the month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary. I encourage you as individuals and as a family to pray the rosary every day. Especially as the Rosary Whirlwind travels across the British Isles. This culminates on Sunday 1 November, the Feast of All Saints, having begun in October. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

May God's blessing come down on our families and keep us in your love and peace.



Fr. Joseph

Just a couple of photos to remind us of the Fr. Joseph Mass a couple of weeks ago. What a great occasion this was for our parish.
Thank you Fr. Joseph!

Second Collection

For World Mission Sunday Weekend 23/24 October. Please see the notice on the white board in the Narthex - on the bottom right. There is a QR code, please use this code if you are able.
Second Collection for National Youth Sunday 20/21 November 2021.

Funeral Masses

Funeral Mass for Marina Moffat will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 22 October.
Funeral Mass for Anne Rimmer will take place on Thursday 7 October at 11.00 a.m. Her body will be received into the church on Wednesday 6 October at 4.00 p.m.
May they rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Bible Alive

For October is available from the Narthex £5.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of your home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.
Christmas Cards can also be ordered - which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

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First Holy Communion for those in Year 4 now.

The programme of preparation is now underway – you and your child will be preparing first for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A sacrament left to the church by Jesus “Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven.” Your role, as you promised when you brought your child for Baptism “You promised to bring them up in the practice of the faith. See that divine life which God gives them is kept safe from the poison of sin.” And the church said “On your part you must make it your constant care to bring them up in the practice of the faith, so that the Divine life which is given by God be kept safe.” Help your child to speak to them about Jesus. Share with them your own faith and how precious it is to you. Help them acquire gradually a precise sense of right and wrong and instil in them a deep trust in infinite love of God, who always forgives them.

Dear God, be with us as we talk or give us your joy and love.

Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

Thank you for the three people that have volunteered so far. We will be in touch shortly.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening – September 2022 intake

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding Open Evenings for prospective Sixth Form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2022. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. For Sixth Form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4 November 2021 from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. There will be a Headteacher’s talk at 6.30 p.m.

Saint Francis Hospice

Saint Francis Hospice have asked each parish to arrange a coffee morning to raise funds. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mary on hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Supporting Children’s emotional health and well being

As we begin the huge task of dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and well being of children and young people in our diocese, our message to families is simple “We are here for you if and for as long as you need us.” If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact BCCS.

Visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk

Contact us: headoffice@bccs.org
Childcare, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9EH

Please see poster in the notice board outside the church Damian Dillon, Community Engagement Officer, ddillon@bccs.org.uk

Food Hub



This takes place at St. Georges Church in Ongar every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. The Food Hub is also available at St. Peters in Hutton.

Rosary Whirlwind - British Isles

On Saturday October 31 – Eve of All Saints – National Rosary relay from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Diocese are invited to take an hour. The designated hour for our diocese is from 11.00 a.m., we are invited to pray the rosary sometime between 11.00 and 12 noon. Contact for our diocese is Fr. Mark Swires at Brightlingsea.

Culmination of the Rosary mission – Sunday 1 November – Feast of All Saints – Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will lead a thanksgiving rosary at 8.00 p.m. from St. Mirin’s Cathedral Paisley. Participants are invited to join with him that evening from their homes.

Candlelight Fund

This is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory now and in the future will be combined to make a life changing difference to families in some of the world’s poorest communities.

It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark special moments like your loved one’s birthday or you can invite others to join in too. Leaflets will be available in the narthex Family Fast Day this year will be 4 October.

Journey Home

Journey of faith for Adults. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic or would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so please contact Gaye O’Regan – 07817 515 207. If anyone would like to help Gaye, please contact her, this is a wonderful opportunity for other people to speak about why they are Catholic and help other people who wish to be on this wonderful journey.

Please remember to look at the new Threshold of Hope website at www.thresholdofhope.co.uk All of us now have the opportunity to reflect honestly on the practise of our faith and to make the decision to make the journey home.

The Permanent Diaconate: A ministry of service

A study day for those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Brentwood and the future of this ministry in a changing church will be held at St. John Payne Catholic Church, 21 Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 2QD on Saturday 18 September 2021 from 10.00 to 14.30 (Mass at 12 noon). Please bring a packed lunch: tea & coffee will be provided.



Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel

To respond concretely to the serious phenomenon of global warming is a moral imperative. Lack of action will have secondary effects, especially on the poorest, who are also the most vulnerable

Let us #PrayTogether for maritime personnel and fishermen, who have recently faced many sacrifices so as to provide, through their work, food and other primary needs to the greater human family to alleviate the sufferings caused by the pandemic

Dear young people, I would like to thank you for your dreams and good projects, and for the fact that you are as concerned about human relations as you are about caring for the environment. *Thank you. It is a concern that is good for everyone*

Finance News

For the week ending 26 September you gave £165.00 of which £21.00 was through Gift Aid.

Also received as a donation of £100.00 Thank you and God Bless

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. *God Bless and thank you all so very much.*

Making Your Donation By Standing Order:

If you can, please support our parish of St. Joseph the Worker by giving by standing order and, if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

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.

Light

Laughter

Why do we tell actors to “break a leg?”

Because every play has a cast!

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