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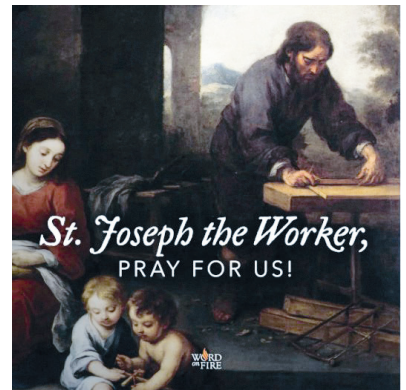
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Mission Statement

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 26 September 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Pope St. John Paul II was deeply grieved by the paedophilia crisis. Shortly before he died, he summoned all of the bishops from the US to Rome and spoke to them of the gravity of the situation.

In order to underline the seriousness with which he viewed this crime, he quoted from today's Gospel reading: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea".

Sobering and really quite frightening words.

Sin and evil are a mystery. God is infinitely good, and the world we live in is wonderful and beautiful in so many ways, but we cannot escape the dark side, the shadows so prevalent both in our own nature and in the world at large. St. Augustine famously reflected, "I sought whence evil comes and there was no solution". His quest for an answer to this dark problem led him ultimately to conversion to Christ and the living God. Years later he would say that "the mystery of lawlessness is clarified only in the light of the mystery of faith". There is no escaping the reality of sin in human history and in our own lives. We, for our part, must resist the tendency so prevalent today to ignore it or to give it a name other than sin. This kind of approach is futile, because giving it another name does not change its awful reality.

Sin is really an abuse of our freedom as creatures, leading us into darkness and all kinds of confusion. We are sinners, we live in a sinful world, and in this life at least we cannot be free from sin and its influence. However, we can resist it, we can overcome it, and we can learn to recognize and identify those movements in our own hearts and minds which lead us away from God and Christ.

"Finding ourselves in the midst of a battlefield we have to struggle to do what is right, and it is at great cost to ourselves and aided by God's grace that we succeed in achieving our own inner integrity".

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 15, 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Mass Dan Vo RIP
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Mass Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Monday 27	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 28	9.00 a.m. Mass Mark Huggins RIP Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 29	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
Thursday 30	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
Friday 1	9.30 a.m. Mass Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Saturday 2	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Mass Josephine Gilligan RIP M Brennan
Sunday 3	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: Edward Bridge, Denise Anne Catterwell, Patricia Young, Ronald Smith, Anthony Slade, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, James Linsay, Christina Newman, and Thomas Hayton.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Gordon Godfrey (2006), Pope John Paul (1978), 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 18 September:	37
Sunday 19 September:	71

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact:

ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk
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Hello and welcome to all our parishioners to our special day with the Lord as we make present the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary for our salvation and the awesome love He has for each one of us in the Mass, the Pascal Mystery. The Mass is the crucified and risen Christ's presence. We come to the Mass with a sense of holy awe and a willingness to humble ourselves before the embrace of this mystery. We need to make time to contemplate our faith in this great mystery.

Our children have asked through their parents to be prepared for this Sacrament and the preparation is now under way. Christ desires to make his home within our children. Our families with their children and all of us are called to open our hearts to Him in order that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ. Every weekend we should make sure that nothing is more important than putting Jesus first. Also, as a family, we should make time for prayer before our holy corner that we have erected in our homes especially the most holy rosary. There are leaflets in the Narthex of the church for this purpose. The month of October is just around the corner. October is the month of the most Holy Rosary. I encourage you all to get familiar with this very important prayer to Mary our Mother.

May God's Love shine upon all our families especially the sick and housebound parishioners

Fr. Leslie

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.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening - September 2022 intake

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2022. For prospective Year 7 students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 30 September 2021 from 6.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. 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, ddillion@bccs.org.uk

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.

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.

CAFOD

To all our parishioners.

Let me begin by saying thank you. Thank you for everything you've done this year to reach out with love and compassion. Now, as always, you are at the heart of our work – your gifts, your efforts, your prayer and your campaigning help our local experts keep doing what they do best – responding to the needs of our sisters and brothers we may never meet, but with whom we share the same earth.

That help has never been needed more. Around the world, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed and deepened long-existing injustice and inequality. This comes when the people and communities we work with are already facing unprecedented hardship because of the impacts of the climate crisis. Harvests are failing. Cities are flooding. Entire communities are finding it harder to survive in the place they call home. But we should never lose hope. The first Christian communities understood this. They lived in difficult times. But they formed one heart and one soul, and they shared their resources in common, bearing witness to Christ's abundant grace in them. And in response to today's unprecedented challenges we can do the same. Thank you so much again for your support. To ensure that everyone can flourish, we need to stop the climate crisis and restore our common home – together.

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.

What is a Rosary Whirlwind?

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and this year, the countries of Great Britain and Ireland are joining nations around the world is hosting a Rosary Crusade.

Catholics are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the spiritual wellbeing of the British Isles and for its preservation from degeneration, disaster, sickness and war.

The Church is under attack, the faith is being undermined, the sanctity of life is not honoured and peace is lacking everywhere. The covid-19 global pandemic threatens a second wave – people are fearful of what the future may hold. More than ever we need to intercede for our Isles and for the conversion to Christ of our peoples and that they be protected from all danger, from all sickness and from all evil. Rosary Whirlwind will invoke the mighty intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary inviting a whirlwind of heavenly grace to blow where it wills across our nations. On Saturday October 31 – the Eve of All Saints – there will be a National Rosary Relay Rally from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. – when dioceses are invited to take an hour to say the Rosary in parishes and homes.

Christmas Gifts (already!)



If anyone needs anything from the Repository for Christmas presents or any gifts generally, please contact Mandy.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Youth Gather

23 October at Walsingham house. There will be an input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbra. This is for Year 9 and above.

VACANCY:

For many years Eddie O'Donoghue has been keeping our financial records, budgeting and doing the parish returns at the end of the financial year. He is shortly moving away from our parish. I wish him well with heartfelt thanks for helping me with this work on your behalf.

I am now looking now looking for a replacement to take this ministry on as soon as possible on a voluntary basis. It can be done at your home and takes a little time but is not too onerous. Our parish administrator will support you with receipts, bank statements etc., everything you will need. You will also be a member of our finance committee which meets four times a year. **Please help if you can as this is an important ministry.**

Mass

Don't forget to have a Mass said for repose of the soul of family and friends or those who are sick or private intentions. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please enclose a donation.



Pope on Twitter



Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. They do not complain about others and the world, but start with themselves. They remind us that God is not to be proven, but shown; not announced with proclamations but witnessed by example.

Those to be served above all are: those in need of receiving who can't give anything back. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus, for He is there. And in the little one, in the poor person we serve, we too receive God's tender embrace.

Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems.

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Mk 9:20-37), the Lord overturns the criteria about what truly matters: greatness and success in God's eyes are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve.

Finance News

For the week ending 19 September you gave £370.15 of which £174.00 was through Gift Aid.

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:

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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

A friend of mine went bald a few years ago but still carries around an old comb with him.
He just can't part with it!!

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