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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 29 January 2023



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven"

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

The Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes fulfil and surpass the Ten Commandments. They are the Magna Carta, the New Law. Not etched on stone but written on our hearts.

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. They are the fulfilment of the teaching of the Torah, the most beautiful manifesto of what it means to live on earth as a new creation. They reveal that the kingdom of heaven isn't about power, strength, land, wealth or possession but rather about what's within us. The kingdom of heaven is an attitude, a way of the heart and of thinking and acting which is shocking, radical and life-changing.

The Beatitudes are said to reveal the face of Christ because he lived them perfectly. They are the pathway to happiness and true human fulfilment.

Do you want to live a happy life? If you do, and God knows we all do, there's only one way to do this and that's to live out the Beatitudes. They show us the goal of human existence, the ultimate end of every human act. We're called to beatitude by living the Beatitudes and one day beholding the beatific vision. As St. Augustine so beautifully and eloquently expressed it, 'There we shall rest and see, we shall see and love, we shall love and praise. Behold what will be at the end without end. For what other end do we have, if not to reach the kingdom which has no end?'

We're put in this world to know, love and serve God, and at the end of our lives enter the joy of eternal life. Death is not the end, but the beginning of a new life. When we put the Beatitudes into practice, we begin to taste the eternal life to which we're called. For in the kingdom of heaven we encounter the poor in spirit, those who mourned but now know the joy of Christ, the meek the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who whilst on earth hungered and thirsted for righteousness.

'God alone can satisfy the will of a human being.'(St. Thomas Aquinas)

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Upcoming Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 28 6.00 p.m.
Brian Green RIP
C Sutcliff
- Sunday 29 10.30 a.m.
For Our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 31 9.00 a.m.
Eric Spinks RIP
JGA Spinks

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1 7.30 p.m.
Holy Souls

Presentation of the Lord

- Thursday 2 9.00 a.m.
Elizabeth Lodge RIP
G. Sarah

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

- Friday 3 9.00 a.m.
Fr. Ken Payne
- Saturday 4 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament
of Reconciliation) or by
appointment. Also before
6.00 p.m. Mass.

*Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 4 6.00 p.m.
Kathleen Green RIP
C Sutcliff
- Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to
Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time
with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Come and find that peace and
tranquillity in the presence of your
dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so
intimately.

- Remember your loved ones by
having a Mass offered for them. Your
donation also forms part of your
Priests salary.
- Please remember to have a Mass said
for family and friends. Envelopes in
the Narthex.
- Please note there are plenty of space
during the week for mass to be said
for your intentions or deceased
members of your family or for the
Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to
be in a week in advance as our newsletter
is printed a week in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may
not get the date you request because
everyone wants mass at the weekend. So
you may get a different day. However your
mass can be said on a weekday nearer
the date you request. I am mandated
as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @
Parishioners' each weekend.
We should have regular mass for our loved
ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the
Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m.
Please try and join us.

Mass Attendance

- Saturday 21 January: 58
Sunday 15 January: 86



Reflection

Many of us have a sincere faith, but we wish it were more alive and more life-giving. Sometimes we are not very aware of God's presence in our lives, and we wonder if Jesus has disappeared or forgotten us. Faith can feel very empty. The doubts can creep in very easily.

It's so important to remember the solemn promise he made to us after his resurrection: 'Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of time.' Jesus Christ is Emmanuel: 'God with us.' He is the eternal Word who came to dwell among us. And even after

his Ascension into heaven, he is present with us now, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, and through the life of the Church. He has not left us alone. We just need eyes to see and ears to hear.

There are many different ways that Jesus speaks to us and touches our lives. It's often in very personal ways: through an event, an encounter, a conversation; through an experience of beauty, or kindness, or even of suffering; through the voice of conscience or the needs of those around us; through a moment of prayer, or a line from the Holy Scriptures, or an unexpected inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus made a special promise to be with us through the liturgy and the sacraments. In each of the seven sacraments the great gift of salvation is made present. Through these sacred signs we worship God, and his work of making us holy is carried out. This is especially true of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, which is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.'

As Catholics, we try to go to Mass each Sunday, but it can become just routine, and we often forget the staggering truth and beauty of what is happening. Whenever we go to Mass, the Lord is present in the praying community; he speaks to us through his Holy Word; we are united with Jesus in the sacrifice he offered on the cross for our salvation; we meet him, if we are able, in Holy Communion; we receive the power of his Holy Spirit; and we united with the whole Church across time and space. It is the holiest act of worship possible on earth. We should be awestruck and amazed.

Sometimes we do feel inspired, sometimes we feel a bit dry; sometimes we feel very peaceful, sometimes we are completely distracted. What matters is that we are there, and that we are trying to be open to the Lord.

Faith is a gift, but it's also something we need to work at. We don't come to Mass as strangers or indifferent spectators. We want to be conscious of what we are doing and what is taking place. We want our hearts and minds to be open and attentive, so we can enter into the prayers and the worship.

This isn't always easy, especially if we are tired, or sick, or caring for young children. And God loves us and delights in the simple fact that we are there. But the more we 'pray the Mass' and enter into it in a personal way, the more it will touch us and transform us. The sacramental reality can bear fruit in our lives, and our Sunday worship will become truly life-giving and give us joy and strength for the week ahead.

Ron Plumber RIP

Our prayers of sympathy to Monica and her family on the death of Ron Plumber. They were regular Mass attenders at 10.30 a.m. Mass.

Ron's funeral will be at Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay on 7 February at 11.00 a.m. If you are able to attend, that would be good. They were faithful parishioners. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Diocesan Directory

Brentwood Diocesan Directories 2023 are available to purchase from the Narthex – cost £2.95

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m.
Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator
hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

- Saturday 28 January 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Marian Anderson
- Sunday 29 January 10.30 a.m.
Percy Sam
Chris Brooks

Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

- Saturday 4 February 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Marian Anderson
- Sunday 5 February 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles
Jan Jarvis

Readers for this week's Masses

- Saturday 28 January 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
- Sunday 29 January 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

Readers for next week's Masses

- Saturday 4 February 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
- Sunday 5 February 10.30 a.m.
Rose Mulvey

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Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharist sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"

The Eucharist – Source and Summit of Ecclesial Life

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

Parish Family Social with Music and Dancing

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 7.00 P.M. – 10.00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

Bring your own food and drinks, soft drinks will be available. £5 donation per adult.

A similar event held in February 2020 was a great success. Come along and bring the whole family or just yourself! Please confirm your attendance and book your tickets by emailing: sjw.huttonparishevents@btinternet.com



BCYS Events For The Diocese

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 6.00PM YOUTH MASS AT CATHEDRAL

Saturday 4 March FLAME at Wembley Arena

(Hope for a good attendance across the diocese including our Young people who will attend as part of their World Youth Day Programme) More information will be available in the New Year.

Christian Leadership Formation Programme for Sixth Formers at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PT.

Further information about the programme contact 01254 827074 or admin@christianheritagecentre.com

Application forms available at www.christianheritagecentre.com/clf

Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

Funds can be remitted to:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

Account Number: 20927317

Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is: Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

Help Wanted

After many years of sourcing and arranging of flowers in our church, I am looking for someone to take over this task, and perhaps, if possible, be part of a team.

Also some help with the washing of the altar linen would be most welcome.

Please consider giving some time to help and care for God's house if you can.

If interested please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie.

Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass.



Pope on Twitter



The solution to these divisions is not to oppose another person, because discord generates more discord. The true remedy begins by asking God for peace, reconciliation, unity

Today the Week of Prayer for #ChristianUnity begins. This year's theme is: "Learn to do good; seek justice" (Is 1:17). Let us thank the Lord who faithfully guides his people towards full communion.

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Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 22 January you gave £170.00 with £17.00 via Gift Aid. *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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: John Halsey, Florence Scannel, Agnes Young, Mary Tuffin, and Sarah Postoj.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Clifford (2010), Fr. Joseph Burns (1990), Fr. Enda Keenan (2021), and Fr. Eric Bindloss-Smith (1981)

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Light
Laughter

I used to live hand to mouth. Do you know what changed my life? Cutlery!

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

CAFOD

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering?

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk

Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

Dates for 2023

4 February · 4 March · 1 April · 6 May –
Coronation Day · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August ·
2 September · 7 October · 4 November ·
2 December

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.



Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29 May 2023, led by Bishop Alan. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

Knit and Natter

**Or just knit.
Or just natter!**

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278

Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass. This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance. We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Help also needed, come on we are a family.

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.

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