

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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".

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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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 10 February 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m. Curry, Bradley and Turvey families
Sunday 10	8.30 a.m. Ellen Warren RIP 10.30 a.m. For parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

See inside pages for updates.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request. This service has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Previously every Friday 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. This has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Required for September 2019 DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

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The Governors are seeking to appoint a dynamic and forward thinking practising Catholic teacher to join the leadership team of this thriving and successful school.

St John Payne is a Voluntary Aided Catholic Comprehensive school for 1105 boys and girls aged 11 to 18 including 180 in the Sixth Form. The school enjoys an excellent reputation at GCSE and A Level and also for its pastoral work.

The successful applicant will be an outstanding classroom practitioner with a proven record of school improvement at senior level.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check and fitness to work declaration.

For an application pack please contact the school office or follow the link from the 'Vacancies' section of our website www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

Visits warmly welcomed from 7th to 15th February. Please contact Mrs Morley mmo@sjp.essex.sch.uk

Closing Date: Noon, Monday 25th February 2019
Interviews: Tuesday 12th and
Wednesday 13th March 2019

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

We all know the Sermon on the Mount, which Luke calls the Sermon on the Plain, but we may not be as familiar with the Sermon from the Boat! We don't know what Jesus taught on this occasion, but when he had finished, he gave instructions to seasoned fishermen to cast their nets. Jesus intruded into Peter's sphere of influence, so to speak: he was, after all, a fisherman by trade, and he and his fellow disciples had been fishing all night but caught nothing. How dispiriting and exhausting this must have been!

Peter was a reluctant fisherman on this occasion. Obeying Jesus was against his better judgement: everything he understood about fishing screamed that they didn't stand a cat's chance in hell of catching even one fish! How wrong he was – for the catch was overwhelming, overflowing and almost sank the boat! Clearly Peter was staggered, shocked and humbled, and his response reflects a sober appraisal of his own thinking: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord". Jesus doesn't let Peter or the other disciples, who are clearly beyond astonished, wallow too much in their own sinfulness/ weakness because they have work to do – from now on they will be catching men. In short, their task is to be joy-filled evangelists, missionary disciples.

Historically, we tend to think of the work of evangelizing as the preserve of 'professional religious' (the clergy, religious or lay people employed in this capacity). It is not true, for we are all called to be missionary disciples and win others for Christ. We don't do so with loud acclaim or ecclesial recognition or job title but because it is only natural to want to share the joy of the gospel.

St. Pope John Paul II vividly described this reality: The eyes of faith behold a wonderful scene: that of a countless number of lay people, both women and men, busy at work in their daily life and activity, oftentimes far from view and quite unclaimed by the world, unknown to the world's great personages but nonetheless looked upon in love by the Father, untiring labourers who work in the Lord's vineyard. Confident and steadfast through the power of God's grace, these are the humble yet great builders of the Kingdom of God in history'.

Lord, give me the courage to put out into the deep and be a joy-filled, missionary disciple.



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Parish Pastoral Team:
Chris Brooks

Missio:
Clare Barton

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (09/10 February 2019)

- 6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania
Marian Anderson
Carol Turnbull
- 8.30 a.m. John Spinks
Mary Allum
Angela Mahoney
- 10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson
Sharon Ruffles
Kevin Barber

Readers For This Week's Masses (09/10 February 2019)

- 6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
- 8.30 a.m. Kevin Jackson
- 10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (16/17 February 2019)

- 6.00 p.m. Bill O'Regan
Marian Anderson
Michelle Tobin
- 8.30 a.m. Mary Allum
Jan Jarvis
Lyn Birnie
- 10.30 a.m. Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks
Mary Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses (16/17 February 2019)

- 6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
- 8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah
- 10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

Mass Intentions

During Fr. Leslie's absence, if you wish to make a Mass Intention, please refer to a member of the Parish Pastoral Team. *Thank you.*

Anniversaries

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

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.

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.

A Reminder

We are asked to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. To do so is an act of self-discipline, and a witness to our faith.

Second Collection

There will be a Second Collection after all Masses in aid of World day of the Sick. Please give generously.

Lunchtime Recital

Many of you will remember Domenico GIOFFRE originally a student from the RCM London who last gave a Performance here in March 2016. We are delighted to welcome him back for a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital on Wednesday 13 February at the usual time of 1.00 P.M. TO 1.40 P.M.



Welcome to our parishioners and visitors to the parish of St. Joseph the Worker.

Fr. Leslie is still convalescing but has sent through the following for his newsletter article from his sick bed. We celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Our prayer: God of strength and compassion hear the prayers that rise from our hearts as we join our lives to your son in his most sacred passion. Be with us in the garden of Gethsemane as we acknowledge the sufferings in our bodies, our minds and hearts that is yet hidden from other eyes. Be with us at the judgement seat as we hear the reports that spell out our future. Or even the loss thereof. Be with us at Golgotha as in faith we join our sufferings and our pain to His. As we surrender our lives to your loving guidance give us strength and peace. It is into your hands O Lord that we commend our spirit. Hear us O Lord and have mercy on us.

Finally thank you for your cards, best wishes and prayers. I thank Sr. Jude who will take the parents First Communion course while I'm away.

The message of the Readings today is by our lives we preach the Gospel, reflecting on the mystery of the Eucharist and living out our lives in the presence of Jesus. When we fail, we come with humble hearts to tell Him we are sorry, pick up our cross as He did, and fulfil His mission.

Fr. Leslie



Pope's Visit to the Arabian Peninsula

Fresh from saying Mass in Panama for World Youth Day, Pope Francis became the first pontiff to visit the Arabian Peninsula, the birthplace of Islam, as he arrived last Sunday in the United Arab Emirates on a trip seeking to improve relations with the Muslim world and to offer encouragement to Catholic migrants amid increasing persecution and bloodshed. The Emirates is a relatively tolerant oasis that is home to some one million Catholics.



Fr. Leslie Update - 1

Following his fall, Fr. Leslie is still convalescing in Littlehampton. He will be there until the beginning of April at the earliest. Please keep him in your prayers. During Fr. Leslie's absence the Parish Pastoral Team will ensure that the parish continues to run as smoothly as possible; please contact Chris Brooks or other members of the team if you require assistance (see the front of the newsletter for more details). Weekend Masses will continue as normal, although weekday services will not be held until further notice. Please pass any Mass intentions to Ingatestone whilst Fr. Leslie is away. *Thank you.*

Mass Intentions

In Fr. Leslie's absence, Mass intentions agreed for future dates will not be said until Fr. Leslie's return to the parish. If anyone would like to rearrange their Mass intention at another parish please see Jan Jarvis, Michael Wild or Marian Anderson.

Save The Date - 1

The Bishop will be making his Parish Pastoral Visit on Sunday **22 September 2019**. It's a long way off, but is a firm date for your diary.



Fr. Leslie Update – 2

As above, Fr. Leslie is convalescing at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, 41 East St, Littlehampton BN17 6AU. If you wish to send him a card, then please do so. I'm sure he will be pleased to hear from you. He is not on email, as you know, so if it is easier for you to send good wishes by email, send it to me with Fr. Leslie in the Subject bar, and I'll make sure he gets to see your message.
ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk

BCCS Anniversary Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9 March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/ 0791 227 7413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk



World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2019

February 11 is World Day of Prayer for the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991. Pope Benedict XVI also declared his decision to resign from his post as the Pope on this day in 2013. He cited his failing health as the reason behind his decision.

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses in aid of World day of the Sick.

Save The Date – 2

Our celebrations to mark our BIG anniversary will be held on **Saturday 13 July 2019**, starting at 6.00 p.m. It is 60 years since the first Mass was said here in Hutton, and 50 years since the foundation of the church. We hope to have the Bishop in attendance too, but we are currently awaiting confirmation. Watch this space! And make sure 13 July is in your diary!

P.S. We would welcome any suggestions that you have as to how we can celebrate these milestones; please drop Ian Restall an email at ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk



St. Joseph Friendship Group

We resume our meetings on Friday 1 February and every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We are always open to any suggestions of what you would like to see happening at these afternoon sessions. OPEN TO ALL AGES. Why not pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be made very welcome. Any enquires contact Jan Jarvis on 200278

“Adam and Eve –
The first people to not read the
Apple terms and conditions”

200 Club

Enrolment into the 200 club continues apace such that we only have 10 spaces left. If we were to fill these 10 “vacancies” then the prize-money each month will rise to £50, £30 and £20 for first second and third prizes respectively. Application forms/standing order forms are at the back of the church. **Hurry hurry hurry!**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Anniversary Concert:

We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on Saturday 15th June 2019 at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1st March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk - look for The Priests under Event, or click the link on our website www.bccs.org.uk under Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.



THE PRIESTS Anniversary Concert



Saturday 15th June 2019
Brentwood Cathedral
7.30pm

Tickets available from: www.eventbrite.co.uk
For further information visit: www.bccs.org.uk or telephone 01268 784544

Rosary

This is a wonderful prayer when we reflect on the life of Jesus as we pray to Mary our Mother. It is a relaxing, repetitive prayer which helps us to relax and be at peace. The Church's devotion to Mary is intrinsic to Christian Worship. We honour Mary with special devotion. Let this be also our devotion. It can also be a great family prayer.

Children's Mental Health Week

This is taking place 4-10 February. In a tweet, the Diocese of Brentwood offered advice, which makes perfect sense. “Because our bodies and minds are very closely linked, simple things that we do to improve our physical wellbeing – like eating, being active and sleeping – can help our mental wellbeing as well.”



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 contact Chris or Mary Brooks.

“ Jesus takes as we are and makes us what we should be ”

Altar Servers

Over the years our parish has been blessed with wonderful, committed Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar is not just a hobby that we do each week. It is part of who we are – following Jesus Christ. Serving at the Altar is a privilege – something we do out of love for him. Let others see what a difference our faith makes to our lives. As Altar Servers let us be a people of faith and strong followers of Jesus, let us respond generously to God's call. We require more Altar Servers at each Mass. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

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.**

Finance News

For the week ending 02/03 February you gave £191.01 of which £26.00 was gift aided.

Donations this week totaled £20.00

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



Prayer purifies the heart from turning in on itself. Prayer of the heart restores fraternity

The Document on Human Fraternity, which I signed today in Abu Dhabi with my brother the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, invites all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity to unite and work together.

God is with those who seek peace. From heaven He blesses every step which, on this path, is accomplished on earth.

I am about to leave for the United Arab Emirates. I am visiting that Country as a brother, in order to write a page of dialogue together, and to travel paths of peace together. Pray for me!

Light

Laughter

What is red, and smells like blue paint?

Red paint!

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

Mary my dear Mother, may you help me this week to be kind and loving to my parents and family. Help me at school to work hard and listen to my teacher. At the end of the day before I go to sleep to say sorry where I made a wrong choice and to tell Jesus I love him.

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of my death. *Amen*

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells Peter to put his nets out to catch some fish. Peter does as Jesus asks, but explains to Jesus that they have been fishing all night and have not caught anything. Peter and Jesus catch so many fish that the nets almost burst.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to have the faith to follow you. Help me to trust you, like the disciples did. *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.

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