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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 6 March 2022



The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread”.

IN TODAY’S GOSPEL

The Spirit led Jesus into the desert for 40 days to be tempted and tested. During Lent we too are tested and tempted, although it’s different for each of us. Some find food an overwhelming temptation, whilst others struggle instead with envy and jealousy. In this sense temptations are a mystery: ‘By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert’. So, during this holy season we too can expect to be tempted and tested.

The Scriptures make clear that Jesus was tempted by Satan and so are we! The name Satan means ‘adversary’. In the Book of Job, we’re given a vivid picture of Satan in God’s heavenly court, along with other angels, where he has the role of accuser or prosecutor. The Scriptures also identify Satan as the serpent who tempted Adam and Eve and thus as the origin of sin and temptation.

Therefore, the Scriptures and tradition clarify that we have a mortal enemy who, although created by God, is in a desperate struggle to overthrow God’s reign and lead his creation into darkness and death.

Over Easter, we will recite and renew our baptismal promises. Bear this in mind as we move through Lent, because, as you know, this renewal involves us actively and freely rejecting Satan. Lent is also a time for us to discover anew the Gospel, the ‘good news’, which Jesus began to proclaim immediately after his time of testing. The good news is a message of two parts: firstly, to repent, and secondly, to believe in the Gospel.

We walk together on this road marked out for us by the Church and take up our call to stand firm and resist Satan, knowing that he will flee, and embrace freely and with love the Gospel, which is Christ with us and in us, the hope of salvation.

‘In these days, let us add something beyond the wonted measure of our service, such as private prayers and abstinence in food and drink. Let each one, over and above the measure prescribed for him, offer God something of his own free will in the joy of the Holy Spirit’. (St. Benedict)

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Upcoming Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

MARCH

Saturday 5	6.00 p.m. Mass Beryl de Prazer RIP U&A Bailey
Sunday 6	10.30 a.m. Mass People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8	9.00 a.m. Elizabeth Kent RIP R&J Weller
Wednesday 9	7.30 p.m. Mass
Thursday 10	9.00 a.m. Mass
Friday 11	9.00 a.m. Mass 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12	10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church Open all week for Private prayer
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 13	10.30 a.m. Mass Michael Ellis RIP J Dunne

* 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: Stations of the cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent. As the church is open all day, you will be able to pray the stations of the cross Privately on any day. Books on sale in the Narthex, Money in the red box.

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Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Frederick Rackstraw, Henry Smith, Edward Parker, John Allum, Leslie Denton, Maura Davies, Frederika Pinfold, and Michael Kent.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Joseph Whitfield (1961), Fr. Thomas Lawton (1946), Fr. John Gordon (1992), Fr. Edmund Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roache, (1989), Mgr. Canon Michael Corley (2017).

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.

Ministries

Church Cleaners - We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

Altar Servers - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

Eucharist Ministers - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.

Tea and Coffee after 10.30 a.m. Mass - We are resuming tea and coffee after the 10.30 a.m. Mass from Sunday 13 February, but need more helpers to be able to make this a weekly occurrence. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church for dates you could help or email Willa: willajackson789@btinternet.com Full instructions will be given.



Welcome to our parish family on this the first Sunday of Lent.

The season of Lent is a time when we are called to reflect on our relationship with Jesus. It is an encounter with God our Father. This season is a journey to Calvary, where we discover the depth of God's love and be filled with the fullness of God.

Lent is also a time to experience the joy of conversion. In Galatians chapter five verse twenty two 'joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit'. It is heavenly because heaven rejoices when one sinner repents, as we hear in Luke's gospel. We seek forgiveness for we have sinned: we show mercy because we have been forgiven. We can ask ourselves in the silence of our hearts, when did you last experience the grace of the Sacrament of Mercy, the Sacrament of forgiveness? In this wonderful Sacrament God's mercy and forgiveness is made real and present - through it we are touched by his forgiving and merciful heart.

May we experience that mercy and joy this Lent, cleanse us from our sin and lead us to a joyful celebration of the Risen Lord.

May God bless our families.

First Holy Communion

For those children who are currently in school Year 3, we will be beginning a new First Holy Communion course in the autumn, and we will be announcing more information about this shortly. Please note that the course in the autumn will only be for children who will be in school Year 4 or above from September 2022. If your child will be entering school Year 3 in September, they will have to wait until they have entered school Year 4 in September 2023 before being able to join the First Holy Communion programme.

Reader Training

Training for new Readers and refresher training for existing readers will take place on Saturday 19 March 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the church. Please email Willa Jackson - willajackson789@btinternet.com for more details and to confirm attendance.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 11 March 2022

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 11 March 2022 and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 11 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help those affected by extreme hunger and malnutrition? Through CAFOD's global church network, which is one of the largest aid networks in the world, your support can reach some of the world's poorest people. Please give what you can in next weekend's collection or by visiting the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk/lent Thank you for your support.

MISSIO

The Spring 2022 edition of 'Mission Today' is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch. There is also a leaflet with information about the life and legacy of Pauline Jaricot, who will be beatified this year 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (now Missio). Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. If you do not have a Missio Red Box and would like one, please speak to me. Alternatively, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website: www.missio.org.uk There will be a second collection to support the work of Missio towards the end of Lent. Thank you for your support, Clare Barton

During Lent

We shall have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. An opportunity to come to know Jesus in Quiet adoration of blessed sacrament.

Faith Lift Day

This will be held at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Saturday 12 March. The programme begins with Mass at 12.00, followed by lunch (please bring your own); 2.00 p.m. praise and worship; 2.45 p.m. talk followed by Adoration until 4.30 p.m. during which time Confession and prayer ministry will be available. Please feel welcome to join the day at any time, no booking is required. Tea and coffee will be available. Please share with anyone you think may be interested.

Situation in Ukraine

We ask you all to pray for the gift of peace in Ukraine today, so that those responsible may be filled with, and radiate, a peace that is 'contagious' and that the crisis will be overcome exclusively through dialogue.

Friends of the Holy Land

We ask for your help in the Holy Land in prayer and action. Could a group of people meet regularly in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters? Father bless our Brothers and Sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in their homes, in that land and in their hearts. Give to pilgrims a new vision of your kingdom, fill them with compassion and love. We make this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ. Amen. We know of the financial challenge of many people and of the church. Can we get together especially in the summer months to organise a fund-raising event, more details on 01926 512580 or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

Walsingham House

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/2023 - If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young catholic community. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. More information Contact Joseph Beathe 01277 373959 or josephbeathe@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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Finance News

Eddie has very kindly prepared a financial forecast for the income and expenditure of the parish through to end March 2022. This forecast predicts the parish will be over £22,000 in debt by the end of this financial year – March 2022. There is some mandatory, and expensive, work that has to be completed due to Health & Safety repairs, which will total in excess of £16,000.

Please see detailed Income and Expenditure spreadsheet below for the year to 31 March 2022. Our financial situation needs addressing urgently.

St Joseph the Worker - Financial Position at 31st Dec 2021

INCOME	ACTUALS										FORECAST			Total 2021_22
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Offertory Income	£2,974	£2,481	£2,800	£2,596	£2,571	£3,340	£3,605	£2,540	£3,492	£2,600	£2,600	£2,600	£34,200	
Non Offertory Income														
Tax Refunded (Covenants and Gift Aid)	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0		£5,226	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0		
Other income - Donations / Bazaar etc	£162	£165	£814	£265	£519	£397	£281	£600	£677	£315	£315	£415		
200 Club	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£0		
Total Non Offertory Income	£162	£165	£814	£265	£519	£397	£5,506	£600	£677	£1,315	£315	£415	£11,149	
TOTAL INCOME	£3,136	£2,646	£3,614	£2,860	£3,090	£3,737	£9,111	£3,140	£4,169	£3,915	£2,915	£3,015	£45,349	
GENERAL EXPENSES														
Pastoral Expenses	£774	£902	£991	£803	£795	£836	£904	£794	£812	£795	£795	£795	£9,995	
Pastoral Other Expenses - Liturgical / Catechetical	£895	£855	£836	£578	£191	£1,183	£181	£550	£766	£890	£890	£890	£8,707	
Premises (all Parish Buildings)- Utilities, Rates, Insurance etc	£974	£2,061	£1,640	£1,466	£1,280	£1,757	£1,002	£980	£2,049	£1,343	£1,146	£1,146	£16,843	
Financial - Diocesan Quota / Overdraft Interest	£712	£682	£700	£682	£682	£902	£692	£694	£732	£682	£682	£682	£8,522	
Other Diocesan charges	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£703	£8,436	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	£4,057	£5,203	£4,869	£4,232	£3,651	£5,381	£3,482	£3,721	£5,061	£4,413	£4,216	£4,216	£52,503	
INCOME vs GENERAL EXPENSES	£-921	£-2,557	£-1,255	£-1,371	£-561	£-1,644	£5,629	£-581	£-892	£-498	£-1,301	£-1,201	£-7,154	
OTHER EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE - ALL PREMISES														
Already Spent - Year to Date	£2,099													
Planned Mandatory Health & Safety repairs (Feb & March)	£16,488													
EXPECTED BANK BALANCE AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR													£-22,100	

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

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.

Coffee after 10.30 mass

There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to host a coffee morning after mass.



Baptism

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

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23 – 30 July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a two-year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

Candles

Lighting candles has restarted – Please be careful when sanitizing your hands – that you don't over-do them especially if you are lighting a candle. (Sanitiser and flames do not go together!). If you can use the QR for your candle donation, that would be wonderful.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the Diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

CAFOD 5k Walk Against Hunger

This could be the only Lent challenge you need! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so people can let us know if they are participating. Willa and Kevin Jackson will be walking to Shenfield, stopping for refreshments and walking back as part of their 5km Walk Against Hunger on Tuesday 1 March following 9.00 a.m. Mass. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church if you would like to join them, with a donation to CAFOD.



Pope on Twitter



Let us ask ourselves what type of words we use. Words that express care, respect, understanding, closeness, compassion, or do we pollute the world by spreading venom: criticizing, complaining, feeding widespread aggression?

On the synodal journey, humility alone can enable us to encounter and listen, to dialogue and discern.

Let us never grow tired of doing good

I would like to appeal to those with political responsibilities to make a serious examination of conscience before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.

Finance News

For the week ending 27 February 2022 you gave £185.00 of which £19.00 was through Gift Aid. Blue Box collection for our sister parish of Dundee in Africa: £100.00 Hire of hall: £36.00

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.*



What do you call an alligator in a vest?

An investigator!

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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.

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QR Codes

What are they and how do they work?

A QR (Quick Response) code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. In our instance, the QR code will take you directly to a website where you can make your donation digitally, instead of using cash. The Diocese is wanting ALL churches to use this form of giving to replace cash which is time consuming and expensive to count and check.

Using the QR code enables the parish to save time and money - both of which are very welcome! So please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the back page of the newsletter each week. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then take to the bank. And amazingly some banks have actually stopped taking cash! *Thank you and God Bless.*



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