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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 19 March 2023

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Upcoming Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Dorothy Duranti RIP J. Duranti
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. For the People of the Parish 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 21	9.00 a.m. Kathleen Andrews RIP
Wednesday 22	7.30 p.m. Fr John Garrett RIP
Thursday 23	9.00 a.m. Paddy Brennen RIP Sean & Anne-Marie
Friday 24	9.00 a.m. For all the dead in our Parish Community 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Saturday 25	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 OF LENT - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. Paul O'Brien RIP
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Valentina De Albuquerque 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.



Welcome today to our parish family and to our visitors to our Sunday Celebration of our Holy Mass. Our reflection this Sunday is on Mary. Give the church the grace to imitate Mary in contemplating the passion of Christ, asks the Prayer. What does contemplate really mean? There is an old phrase from the mystical tradition of the church; divina pati - 'to suffer or undergo the things of God'. That's what happened to Mary at the foot of the cross: 'she underwent divine things'. 'And a sword will pierce your own soul too, old Simeon had said to her many years before'. (Lk 2:35). It was that sword 'that pierces to the division of Soul and Spirit' (Heb4:12); it was the Word of God himself with hands pierced by the nails who pierced his mother's

heart. What does any mother go through at the suffering of Her child? But this suffering, and Mary knew this, was something more than ordinary suffering. Jesus' suffering was more than a personal suffering. It was a suffering only divinity could carry. It was a suffering with us and for us. It was a suffering of all human suffering. Mary opened her mind and heart to it. She knew, intuitively, that her Son was taking on the sins of the world and the suffering they entailed and that only he could do this. All that was left to her was to consent to his death, as she had consented to his birth. She knew there was something divine here, and that she could only undergo it. O my son, beloved and chosen, share your wounds with your mother. As Pope Benedict XVI said 'the fascinating thing about being a Catholic is this great living history into the world we enter. Looked at in purely human terms, it is something extraordinary. That an institution with so many human weaknesses and failures is nonetheless preserved in its continuity and that I, living within this great communion, can know that I am in communion with all the living and the dead; and that I also find in it a certainty about the essence of my life - namely God who has turned to me - on which I can find my life, with which I can live and die'.

A reminder to everyone that we have the devotion of Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Remember during Lent we have entered the desert in preparation for the Pascal festivities. There are leaflets in the Narthex of all the Holy Week services. May this Lenten season be for us a time of reconciliation and joy as we approach Easter with mind and heart renewed. May God bless our families and keep us safe.

Fr. Leslie

Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Mass is at 7.30 p.m. followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

The veneration of the Cross will be at 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Confession From 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL - SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Most important service of the church's year will take place at 8.00 p.m. followed by the First Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Masses will be at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

FOR REAL AND LASTING VALUE EACH OF THESE SERVICES WE SHOULD ATTEND.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This night Jesus begins his own Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY

“See my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, use to great height” (IS 52:12)

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY.

He is Truly Risen! And so we can say even now: everything said will come true, we have a certain and sure hope.

Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia.

Lent and Easter

The season of Lent is a time of spiritual combat for the Christian, to whom the church reaches out with support and encouragement, feeding her children with the Eucharist, Word and Prayer. Drawing on the liturgy of each day we come to a deeper meditation on the meaning of the Lenten journey leading to the great Feast of Easter.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent. Please make a special effort to attend.

"Repentance is the Renewal of Baptism and is a contract with God for a fresh start in life. Repentance goes shopping for humility and is ever distrustful of bodily comfort. Repentance is a critical awareness and a sure rate over one day. Repentance is the daughter of hope and the refusal to despair. Repentance is reconciliation with the Lord by performance of good deeds which are the opposites of the sins." (St John Climacus).

According to St Benedict, ideally, we should always be living Lent, but we are all weak, so let us at least try to keep dear life in all purity during this season and wash away the negligence of other times."

Easter Envelopes

Easter Envelope for your priest are on the table at the back of the church. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. We know you will be as generous as you have done so in the past.

The Priests Charity Concert

Hot off the press! We have just received confirmation that 'The Priests' have agreed to host a summer concert for us at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 30 of June at 7.30 p.m. 'The Priests' are a classical musical trio, made up of three Roman Catholic priests from the Diocese of Down and Connor, North Ireland: brothers Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy. The trio have been singing together since they were students at St. MacNissi's College, County Antrim in the 1970s. We are absolutely delighted that they have agreed to perform this second concert for us, the first time they visited Brentwood Diocese was in 2019 to perform for our 35th anniversary. They were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received and tell us they are looking forward to performing for us once again. As before, tickets will be available via the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

For all information regarding the event, please visit our webpage: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

The school children have been busy!

Another example of the great work being done by the children at our school. Well done to you all!



Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

The institution of the Eucharist.

Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfil what he had announced at Capernaum giving his disciples his Body and his Blood:

Then came the day of unleavened bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us, that we may eat it..." They went... and prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.".... And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood."

By celebrating the Last Supper with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus' passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfils the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

"Do this in memory of me"

The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words "until he comes" does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father. From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. Of the Church of Jerusalem it is written:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.... Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts.

It was above all on "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, they met "to break bread." From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the centre of the Church's life.

Thus from celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus "until he comes," the pilgrim People of God advances, "following the narrow way of the cross," toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

At the Cathedral on Monday 27 March 2023 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. There will be Adoration of Blessed Sacrament and there will be a number of priest present to hear confession.

200 Club

A reminder! If you picked up a 200 Club Application Form/Standing Order in the past couple of weeks could you please return the completed form to the church? It may be in your handbag or on your desk or in your pocket but when you do find it, could you please bring it back into church asap? We don't want to hold up giving away any of the prizes!

Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday from 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 12 March you gave £185.00 with £19.00 via Gift Aid.

Lenten Lunch on Friday 10 March raises £140.00

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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Irene Murphy, Andrew Corbett, Edward Knight (Ted), Ester Gilmore, John Ives, Edwin Costin, and Catherine Streetin.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Sidney Williams (1928), Canon Arthur Holmes (1958), and Fr. John Sherlock (1964)

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.

Choral Vespers

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

Mass Attendance

Saturday 11 March:	51
Sunday 12 March:	52

First Holy Communion

Parents First Holy Communion Meeting on Wednesday 22 March 8.00 p.m. (after Evening Mass at 7.30 p.m.).

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Light

Laughter

"I've decided to sell my Hoover - it was just collecting dust!"