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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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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 January 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18 6.00 p.m.
Chrysanthe Zuntz RIP
PLEASE NOTE. From 5.00 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament together with Confessions.

When you arrive in Church, please be as quiet as possible and respect the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar.

Sunday 19 8.30 a.m.
Eric Spinks RIP
Spinks family
10.30 a.m.
For all parishioners

Monday 20 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls

ST. AGNES

Tuesday 21 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 22 11.00 a.m.
Funeral Mass for
Beryl de Prazer

Thursday 23 9.15 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Friday 24 9.15 a.m.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25 NO MORNING MASS
9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.
Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25 5.00 p.m. (until 5.50 p.m.)
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
6.00 p.m.
Mary Fitzpatrick RIP
Jackson family

Sunday 26 8.30 a.m.
For parishioners
10.30 a.m.
Bill Brennan RIP
M Brennan

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions before Mass every Saturday
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5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Why did Jesus come? We might give a number of answers to this question: he came to die for our sins; he came to teach us about his Father; he came to show us the path of love. While it is hard to argue with any of these responses, we do well to listen to the one who was sent to testify about Jesus, John the Baptist.

John the Baptist testified that God the Father had said to him: "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit". Jesus came then to baptize us in the Holy Spirit. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? In the sacrament of baptism, we receive the fullness of God's Spirit, and through the sacrament of confirmation we receive strength and courage to bear witness for Christ. So, yes, through the grace of these sacraments we definitely are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

However, we cannot cage the Holy Spirit. We cannot control God's grace because the Spirit is like the wind which blows where it wills. No movement or institution can lay special claim to the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is God. We are called to be dispensers of God's mercy, ambassadors of God's grace and witnesses of the truth that without the Holy Spirit we are engines without fuel, empty vessels.

The Holy Spirit always leads us to repentance, contrition and conversion. Without the Holy Spirit we risk just being armchair Christians who recite a cold morality without actually living out the gospel. Although we have received the baptism in the Spirit through the sacraments of the Church, we are vessels that leak and so we frequently need to be filled again, or should we say, reminded of the grace of the baptism in the Spirit. How do we receive this constant 'refilling'/reminder? Jesus gives us the picture of a tree with many branches and urges us to 'remain' in him, in the same way that the branch of a tree remains in the trunk. In this way the Spirit will be able to flow through us and bring life to those in need.

Lord, create in me an open, humble and contrite heart, and give me a hunger and thirst to know in a fresh way a coming of the Holy Spirit which will renew my heart and refresh my spirit.



DIOCESAN PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF RESTRUCTURE AND RENEWAL

Almighty and merciful Father, bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood. We give thanks for the witness of past generations and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may be ever more faithful to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Bless our Bishop, the Clergy, the Religious and Faithful of our Diocese as we work together to evangelise our Diocese and fulfil our Vision. Graciously grant plentiful Vocations to the Priesthood, the Consecrated Life, Single Life and the Sacrament of Marriage. Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity, United in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope, and the Universal Church.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen

St. Joseph the Worker	Pray for us
St. John the Evangelist	Pray for us
St. Helen	Pray for us
St. Erconwald	Pray for us
St. Margaret of Scotland	Pray for us
Our Lady of Lourdes	Pray for us

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (18/19 January 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Gaye O'Regan Bill O'Regan Stella Walker A N Other
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Lyn Birnie Mary Allum A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Will Jackson Tyrone Sequeira A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (18/19 January 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	Julie Stone
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (25/26 January 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Stella Walker Ann Howarth Marian Anderson A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis John Spinks A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Sharon Ruffles Hyacinth Albuquerque Sarah Barber A N Other

Readers For Next Week's Masses (25/26 January 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Paula Sanders

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, and Patricia Green.

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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Maura Oakey, Michael Lyons, David Curtis, Maurice Hussey, Dorothy Sutton, Victor Dragoni, Anita Laidler, Kathleen Elliot, Fergal McDonagh, Anna Bloomer, Dorothy Hunt, Maurice Mansfield, Frank Lowen, Stephen Eagle, Patricia Gower, Longin Czuprinski and Anna Smith.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Bernard Clay (1970), Canon William O'Neill (1951).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.



Welcome on this the second Sunday in ordinary time.

Today is also Peace Sunday. The Christmas message from the Angels was "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all of good will". At present with so much going on in our world and so much unrest we all need to pray for peace. Why not say a rosary to our dear mother Mary for this intention?

Just to remind you of our meeting to hear your response to our partnership document which we gave one copy to each family to read and to invite you to our meeting to hear from you on Sunday 26 January at 4.00 p.m. until 5.00 pm. We look forward to see and hear from you. In the meantime, each Sunday we will say the Diocesan Prayer for the reconstruction within our partnership at the end of the prayers of the faithful together. It is printed on the front page of the newsletter.

Today in the Gospel we hear of the public life of Jesus. We see John testifying that Jesus is indeed the Son of God and the Son of Man. John says of Jesus "Behold the Lamb of God". He was the Lamb that would be sacrificed on the cross for our salvation. At Mass we say "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". We go to confession to tell Jesus our sin and receive his mercy and forgiveness. Thus is the message that Jesus teaches us and the message we so often forget. Jesus says "I have not come to judge. I have come to teach you love". God loves us but sin can stand in the way of truly loving one another and God. On this peace Sunday we ask that through our sin and the forgiveness of Jesus we bring that peace of Christ to others.

Every blessing on you and your families.

BCCS Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7 March from 7.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/07912277413/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Candles

Fr. Leslie wishes to draw your attention to please be very careful when you light and remove candles and containers with hot wax. Two unfortunate incidents happened last weekend:

1. wax was spilt on the carpet which incidentally is only felt and not a carpet as such;
2. someone really got burnt.

If you are lighting candles at 8.30 a.m. Mass or indeed any of the Masses (6.00 p.m. or 10.30 a.m.) please don't light 4 to 6 candles at a time. It takes around two hours to burn through at least. Particularly if you come to 8.30 a.m. Mass and one person lights four to six candles - then they and others will still be burning when people arrive for 10.30 a.m. Mass. This is where the problem lies.

You should light one or two candles for multiple intentions. We need to think of others. And for our very few church cleaners who have to clean up the mess afterwards. *Thank you. Father Leslie.*

Funeral Masses

the Funeral Mass of Mary Lunny will take place on Tuesday 14 January at 11.00 a.m. Mary was a long-term parishioner at St Joseph. Do please try to come to pray for her and support her family. Also Beryl de Prazer (sister-in-law of Alan Bailey) whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22 January at 11.00 a.m. Please do try to come and pray for Beryl and support Alan and Una Bailey.

Dates For Your 2020 Diary

26 January. Parish Meeting to discuss and take feedback regarding the Parish Partnership Plan at 16.00 in the Hall on 26 January.

Letter From International Prison Outreach

Dear All at St Joseph the Worker,

Thank you so much to you all for your very kind and generous donation to International Prison Outreach of £391.90. We are just so grateful for your donation because it allows us to reach out to some of the most vulnerable people in our society with resources which we know give such hope and encouragement.

We have always taken seriously our call as Christians and as a publishing company to remember prisoners (Hebrews 13:3) and if possible to visit them. We believe in doing so we remember and visit Christ himself (Matthew 25:36). We have always been so encouraged by the feedback we receive from prisoners around the world who receive Bible Alive, Walk with Me, Bibles and other resources through the generosity of our readers and those who know of our work.

We are keen to reach out more and more to prisons around the world. We have discovered that although our society imprisons it does little to provide faith resources for those who find themselves in this predicament. Prison chaplains who do such great work receive very little by way of help and resources.

We know, therefore, that we are meeting a real need and simply could not do this without you. So, thank you so much and be assured that this funding enables us to send faith resources directly to prisoners which build faith, give hope and remind them that they are not forgotten but part of the body of Christ

Be assured of our prayers, our gratitude and our thanks for your donation to International Prison Outreach and International Faith Outreach. *(Stephen and Ann Howarth)*

Late Arrival For Mass

Once the readings have started, please do not enter into the church as it distracts the readers and the priest proclaiming the Word. Please wait in the porch until readings and homily are finished. However, the better course of action is to try to come on time to respect Jesus, the Son of God, and respect other parishioners too. In fact, we should all be present from the beginning and stay right through to the end of Mass. Father Leslie was taught "time is a thing to be on"

Children's Liturgy - Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Dear Parents & Parishioners

We wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little about our children's Liturgy here at St Joseph's, and in doing so we hope to encourage some of you to join our team of liturgy volunteers. No special knowledge or training is required, simply a desire to share the Gospel with the children at a level they can understand. Our liturgy team at St. Joseph's is a strong one but as our own children grow and our need to attend other mass times increases, we are finding our group is becoming smaller. The more of us there are, the less often we are called upon to lead the children's liturgy, allowing us to remain in the church ourselves for the full mass more often.

Your children are a delight to share the word of God with. Their eagerness to participate, answer questions and share their ideas is continually amazing and enlightening. The simplicity of children and their understanding of God's message is a lesson to us all and as Liturgy leaders our own understanding is re learned. The format of our Liturgy is very simple. We follow the structure of the mass and remind the children that we are celebrating mass with them in the parish hall as you are doing in church with our priest.

We read the Gospel and then we discuss what we have heard with the children. We, the leaders, are guided by literature from several catholic websites and from our liturgy books and the children share their ideas and understanding freely, with us guiding them. Full details and guidance will be given and all new liturgy leaders will be buddied with an existing member until they feel confident to lead themselves.

We would be delighted if you would consider joining our team of liturgy leaders. It takes 2 adults to take the children out to Liturgy. At the moment we are a team of 5 so we are currently leading or helping once every 2 to 3 weeks. If we could get our team up to 10, each one of us would only need to lead or help once every 5 weeks.

Our parish can thrive as a community, and with all of us coming together we can help secure the future of our children's Liturgy at St. Joseph the Worker. Please speak to anyone of us for further information or with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming as many new members to our team as possible.

With kind Regards, Rene, Mary Brooks, Sharon Ruffles, Brian and Hector

Advance Notice - Brentwood Diocese Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2020

This will be under the leadership of Bishop Alan Williams and will take place from 26 to 31 July. Travel will be by air from London Southend to Lourdes. The theme will be - "I am the Immaculate Conception" and leaflets are available at the back of the church or you can find more info on www.langney-tours.com/brentwood

Document of Restructure and Renewal

The parish meeting to discuss the above will be held on Sunday 26 January in the Parish Hall from 4.00 p.m. to approximately 5.00 p.m. Please bring with you your copy of the parish document you received recently. All are welcome.

There will be a young person's gathering in February for those youngsters 14+. The exact date is still TBC.

Please Note - Mass Times

Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.

Peace Sunday 19 January 2020 -

1. TODAY

The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the annual World Peace Day (yet to be announced). The day has a particular 'flavour' this year because we pass so many significant anniversaries in the coming months: the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, marked by Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January; the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe - marked by a special Bank Holiday on May 8; then again in August, the 75th anniversaries of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the 75th anniversary of Japan's surrender. All a long lifetime ago and yet all events which continue to mark our history; events which show both the human capacity for inflicting evil and the human capacity to resist evil.

Both these events also invite us all to examine the roots of violence in our culture today and, especially, in our own hearts. They call us to conversion, to a rejection of the logic of violence and to a commitment to rebuild what has been broken in ways which lead to peace.

Peace Sunday 19 January 2020 -

2. TODAY

Pax Christi

"The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice". There will be a second collection. Thank you in advance.

Come And Join Us - Something New

At the last Pastoral Council meeting we suggested that once a month we should have light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 6.00 p.m. Mass. Please don't be in a hurry to rush off - come and meet one another so that we can get to know one another and enjoy each other's company.

A strong church community will be needed in the future. The refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass on a Saturday will be on the first Saturday of each month. This has proved to be very successful. Do come along if you can.

God's Housekeepers

In many ways, volunteers are the fuel that runs your church. Not only do we need volunteers to get stuff done, but volunteering is a way members of the church can fulfil their calling. Please consider volunteering for the many jobs that need doing to help the church run efficiently such as cleaning inside and outside the church, watering plants, perhaps help with flower arranging, washing of the altar linen etc. If you can help at all, please contact Jan Jarvis 200278. We need your help. Please!

Future of Our Diocese/Parish

Each day please pray to Mary, Our Mother, for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Without a Priest, there would be no Eucharist. Our church is open every day - Come and spend time with Jesus, especially on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also before 6.00 p.m. Mass from 5.00 p.m. until 5.50 p.m. with confessions. Let us go forward together in prayer and discussion to share the Good News of the Gospel with our fellow parishioners.

Finance News

For the week ending 12 January you gave £336.90 of which £51.00 was Gift Aided.

Standing Orders received: £1,490.00

Thank you and God Bless.

Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

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The Pope on Twitter



In the Christian life, it is not enough to be knowledgeable: unless we step out of ourselves, unless we worship, we cannot not know God. Christian life is a love story with God.

On the Feast of the #BaptismoftheLord, we rediscover our Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know that we are beloved children of God, brothers and sisters among many other brothers and sisters.

In worship, we make it possible for the Lord to transform us by His love, to kindle light amid our darkness, to grant us strength in weakness and courage amid trials.

Worship means going to Jesus without a list of petitions, but with one request alone: to abide with Him. In worship, we allow Jesus to heal and change us.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

Welcome to our children's corner. Have you noticed the Stations of the Cross in the school playground?

We invite parents and children to say this prayer together. God of mercy and forgiveness, you ask us to listen to your son, Jesus Christ. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and the lives of others. Amen

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, tells everybody that Jesus is the Lamb of God. John saw the Holy Spirit come to Jesus from heaven like a dove.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, let the Holy Spirit live in me. Help me to follow you, just as the sheep follow their shepherd 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.

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