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We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under "communication".

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER



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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 14 July 2019 GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEKEND

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEKEND

#### CELEBRATION JUBILEE MASS IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR BISHOP ALAN

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m. Golden Jubilee Mass, Presided by Bishop Alan Parishioners past and present of St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton
Sunday 14	8.30 a.m. Ammanuel Rassam RIP <i>A and S Fadheel</i> 10.30 a.m. For parishioners

#### ST. BONAVENTURE AND FORTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. LESLIE'S ORDINATION

Monday 15 9.15 a.m.  
Ordination Fr. Leslie Int

Tuesday 16 9.15 a.m.  
Breda Conville RIP  
*O Conville*

Wednesday 17 NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 18 9.15 a.m.  
HOLY SOULS

Friday 19 9.15 a.m.  
Francis Dodson RIP  
*M Dodson*

3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 20 NO MORNING MASS  
9.45 a.m. (until 10.15 a.m.)  
Confessions

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.  
Breda Conville RIP  
*B Wignall*

Sunday 21 8.30 a.m.  
Jim Jarvis RIP  
*J Jarvis*  
10.30 a.m.  
For all Parishioners

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available before all weekday Masses (on request) and on Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Do come and join us in prayer and reflection



## GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE GIFT

As you will have seen in the last couple of newsletters, Fr. Leslie is keen to mark the Golden Jubilee with some form of Commemorative Gift from the present generation of parishioners to those of the future, whilst remembering the enormous debt that we owe to the parishioners who built the church 50 years ago.

This picture shows a marble chalice that was unveiled by Bishop Alan recently to mark the fact that, since 1913, 58 parishioners from Saints Peter and Paul Church, Ilford and/or pupils of Saints Peter and Paul Primary School have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Remarkably the 58 comprise 1 Cardinal, 1 Bishop, 55 Priests and 1 Permanent Deacon! Most of these were inspired in their vocation by the remarkable Canon Patrick Palmer, Parish Priest of Ilford from 1896 to 1948. Indeed, from one street alone in the parish (Ripley Road, Seven Kings) there came Cardinal John Carmel Heenan, Bishop Brian Foley, Fr. Francis Heenan and Fr. Alfred Bull.

So this chalice represents and remembers a wonderful period in the life of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Ilford, just as we wish to commemorate our "founding fathers" and celebrate our 50th anniversary milestone.

Maybe we could consider something on a smaller scale that could have all of the past parish priests names carved on it? We also have had two Ordinations into the Priesthood from our Parish – perhaps we should mark that in some way too?

In essence, we are asking you to put your thinking caps on and see if you can come up with some suggestions for a Commemorative Gift from this generation to the next, whilst remembering the past. Please pass on your suggestions, in writing, to Chris Brooks. God Bless, and thanks in advance.



### Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (13/14 July 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Stella Walker Carol Turnbull Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	Mary Allum Lyn Birnie Angela Mahoney
10.30 a.m.	Sharon Ruffles Chris Brooks Mary Brooks

### Readers For This Week's Masses (13/14 July 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Jessica Barber

### Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (20/21 July 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson Gaye O'Regan Bill O'Regan
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Angela Mahoney Jan Jarvis
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Hyacinth Albuquerque Willia Jackson

### Readers For Next Week's Masses (20/21 July 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

### Anniversaries

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

Margaret Wynne, Leslie Stone, Kathleen Cast, Klama Mierson, Francis Dobson, William Gigg, Mary Swift, Marie Toft, and Jim Jarvis,

#### **Priests of our Diocese:**

Canon Daniel Harnett (1983) and Fr. Edmund Dobson (1996).

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

Please pray for Fr. William Young and Fr. John Garrett, parish priests of Barking and Stansted who are in hospital.

### 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, 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.**

### Safety, Safety, Safety

For safety reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent when they use the toilet in the Parish Hall. Children should not use the toilet in the Parish room.

### Church Opening Hours

We are lucky to be able to keep our church open for private prayer during the week from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Sometimes it may close early if Father Leslie is away.



In celebrating this Golden Jubilee of our parish we are celebrating fifty years of parish life as it was lived by our parishioners who saved, worked hard, and prayed for the building of this House of God in Hutton and Shenfield. We pray for them and all our parish family over the years who have worshipped and received the Sacraments.

This weekend we are united in spirit with past generations and those who worshipped in our Parish Hall sixty years ago and in Hutton Poplars. In September we will celebrate the Golden

jubilee of our Parish School. The journey of faith that these generations have made together with their priests through the years have brought them to their eternal reward in Heaven.

Our celebration is not only for those in the past and those who can remember back over fifty years. More importantly we are celebrating with us and the young people among us. Our faith and trust is now in you, because the future is yours. In the coming years you will be the people of future generations who will come and worship here. We are the heirs to the treasure - that is our faith. You are inheriting a great tradition in which this church is a fitting monument - the faith of your fathers and mothers through the ages. Don't forget the one to whom this church is dedicated – "The church of St. Joseph the Worker". He is in a special way the Father of our parish. We also honour Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary and Joseph teach us to appreciate and value God's goodness and God's gift and to give thanks.

O glorious St. Joseph, I choose you to be my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve in me and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervour in the service of God and work for the salvation of all, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

I wish all of you God's blessing on this great weekend.

Fr. Leslie

### **Altar Servers – THIS IS URGENT – VERY URGENT**

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.

**We need help and we need it now!**

### **A Word of Thanks**

To everyone who has worked so hard to make this weekend so special for our parish. It was born of so many prayers, determination and some hostility but above all trust and the love of the Lord by past parishioners to make this happen. I hope future generations will continue to make this place where the Lord dwells a worthy dwelling place. As we read in the preface from the dedication of the church – "Your house is a house of prayer and your presence makes it a place of blessing... Your house of prayer is also the promise of the Church in Heaven".

Thank you again for all the hard work. Have a happy evening and weekend. *Fr. Leslie*

### **Louis O'Donovan RIP**

Thank you to all who came to Louis O'Donovan's Funeral Mass last Thursday. It was much appreciated by Mim and her family. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

### **Stewards Of The Gospel – Urgent**

Thank you to the Stewards for giving us an update on the progress of the Parish Partnership and the importance and seriousness of the situation. Please do help us by sending your responses to the report by 15th July or no later than 16th July. We need to hear your thoughts and feelings about the report so that we can respond to you fully.

### **Parking Arrangements**



Obviously the 6.00 p.m. Mass today (13 July) will be very busy and parking will be difficult. For our Parishioners that live close by, could we suggest walking to church and leaving the car at home?

For those that have to drive to Mass, the school have arranged for the gate through to Hutton Poplars to be open, so that will help a little bit we hope.

As Mass will be very busy, could we politely suggest that all parishioners make a huge effort to get to Church early. Parking and then rushing are two stressful issues that we can help alleviate by making a big effort to get to Church, and get seated, in good time.

Please also be respectful to our neighbours in Highview Crescent. Mass is at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening and it could be that a number of our neighbours would like to go out for the evening! Please respect their driveways and entrances when finding a parking spot.

The school playground will also be open for parking as normal. Please park tidily and try not to block the exit – most people will want to stay for refreshments after Mass but some will want to leave.

Just a few thoughts to help our Golden Jubilee celebrations be enjoyable for all.



### **Lunchtime Recitals**

On Wednesday 17 July at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. we are delighted to invite you all to a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital to be given by Professor David Graham from the Royal College of Music in London. We do hope as many of you as possible are able to join us for this very special Recital which will be the last one before our summer break in August. Programme details to be announced shortly.



## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Catholic social teaching has largely owned the parable of the Good Samaritan and in a way rightly so, because it highlights the care and solicitude we owe every human being, but particularly those in dire need physically, emotionally or spiritually. However, ask yourself, if you will, whether there is a deeper meaning to the parable. Are we missing something? Is the parable simply about being good and kind and decent to your neighbour? We can be sure, absolutely sure in fact, that because Scripture is divinely inspired, there are always layers of revelation to uncover and a deeper meaning behind every verse.



Some of the early fathers of Scripture scholarship, such as Origen, St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, discerned in the parable of the Good Samaritan a much deeper meaning than helping our neighbour. They approached the parable allegorically - in other words, as a device in which the characters or events represent or symbolize real people and real events and communicate a hidden and profound message. Approaching Scripture allegorically can open up deeper and deeper layers to its meaning. Some theologians dislike this approach because they fear that we can read into the text significance which the original author did not intend. But they themselves often approach Scripture in the wrong way, studying and dissecting it like a Shakespeare play or another ancient text. Scripture is the divine Word of God and by its very nature there are always hidden depths to plumb.

So, for today, let us consider an allegorical understanding of the parable. Jerusalem represents heaven and Jericho the earth or the world. The robbers are the devil and his demons. The priest represents the Torah (the Jewish law) and the Levite the Prophets. The victim beaten, bruised, wounded and left half dead by the roadside is you. The Good Samaritan is Jesus, and the donkey is Christ's body, which bears the weight of the broken body of the victim of this terrible robbery on the open highway. Finally, the inn represents the Church, our place of healing and sanctuary.

The Good Samaritan's promise to return is a reference to Jesus' coming again in power and glory.

*Lord, open my eyes and my ears and my heart to understand the hidden depths of your Word and to be taught by the Spirit of the riches and treasures contained in every letter, every word.*

## New Dawn in The Church

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## Baptism at St. Joseph The Worker

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism then firstly please complete a form which you will find at the back of the church, and arrange an appointment to see Father Leslie. Best way to do this is to see Father Leslie after Mass. For your child to be Baptised you attend Mass regularly. In the Catholic Church this is an obligation, not a choice. At least one Godparent must be a Catholic and he or she must obtain a letter from their parish priest that they attend Mass regularly.

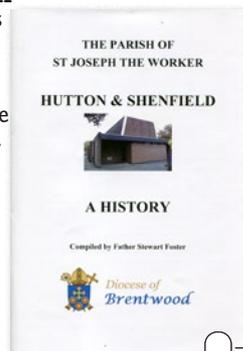
## Prayer For Evangelisation

Loving Father, may we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

## History Of The Parish

Commemorative brochures celebrating our 50th Anniversary are available now. We are looking for donations to offset the quite large cost of printing them. They are a very interesting read with many fascinating photos from the archives, just

a few of which we have featured in the newsletter over the past few weeks. Donations last week totalled £35.00, making the running total £181.00. Please do take one home for the family to read and learn about our fascinating history. And please be generous with your donations (min £5.00 please). **God Bless.**



**Amount raised to date**



## First Holy Communion 2020

First Holy Communion forms are available at the back of the church. You have to be a practising Catholic and have thought and prayed about this next step on your child's journey of faith with their families. When you have completed this form please handed to Father Leslie personally after Mass. Please do not just drop it through the letterbox. Thank you in advance and God Bless.

## Volunteers Needed

We are down to 3 volunteers helping to make tea and coffee after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sundays and really need some new helpers to come forward. We also need a person to organise the tea rota and email it to the volunteers from the end of July.

At the moment you would need to be available once a month to make refreshments, but if more people volunteer it would be less than that.

**If you are able to help, please contact Gemma Daly on 07813 931169. Many thanks.**

## Finance News

For the week ending 7 July 2019 you gave £400.62 of which £119.00 was Gift Aided.

## 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.

Thank you and God Bless you.

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## Pope on Twitter



We pray for the sick who are abandoned and left to die. A society is human if it protects life, every life, from its beginning to its natural end, without choosing who is worthy to live or who is not. Doctors should serve life, not take it away.

"This is not just about migrants", in the twofold sense that migrants are first of all human persons, and that they are the symbol of all those rejected by today's globalized society.

On this sixth anniversary of the visit to Lampedusa, my thoughts go out to those "least ones" who daily cry out to the Lord, asking to be freed from the evils that afflict them

## 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 tells a story to explain who our "neighbour" is. A traveller is badly beaten and left lying on the roadside. Two religious leaders walk past, but both choose not to help him. Lastly, a Samaritan comes by and he chooses to help the injured man. The Samaritan is very kind and takes good care of him. The ending of this story is a big surprise! Samaritans and Jewish people didn't like each other, but Jesus says his friends must be like this man who helped.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to love my family and my friends. Help me to me to be like the Samaritan and care for anyone who needs help. *Amen.*

## Golden Jubilee of the Parish

It has been suggested that the present generation of parishioners should mark this very special occasion, but we are not sure how to move this forward. There is a wide range of things that could be done but we want to open it up to you all, our parishioners, to come forward with suggestions to mark this very special occasion. Please do think about it and make your suggestions, in writing, to Chris Brooks. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our gratitude to our former parishioners who worked so very hard to build this beautiful church of God's abiding presence in Hutton and Shenfield.

## New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please fill in a Registration Form which can be found in the church porch. We will also arrange a home visit from one of our Parishioners to welcome you and help you settle in.

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## Churches Together in Hutton and Shenfield

We need a Parish Representative for the above. Please see Fr. Leslie for what this entails.

## Sick And Housebound Parishioners

Please pray for those who are sick in hospital or at home and those who are housebound. For all who have died may the rest in peace. Loving God, your Son accepted our suffering to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear our prayer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease and the frailty of old age realise that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, Amen. Please pray especially for those being persecuted for their Christian faith throughout the world and for the grace to do likewise if called upon.

## St. Francis Hospice – Can You Help?

Would you and your community consider supporting Saint Francis Hospice in 2020 by opening your own gardens? No matter how big or small, every garden can help us to raise vital funds for your local hospice. To find out more on how to get involved in Opens Gardens 2020, contact Michelle at michellegower@sfn.org.uk or call 01708 753319 ext. 2322

## Church Opening Hours

We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Normally the church is open from 7.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. on weekdays, including Saturday.

## Baptisms

If you wish to have your child Baptised, please complete a Baptismal Form or speak to Fr. Leslie. We would expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

## Eucharistic Adoration

We are working towards a time when we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day during the week. At present we have Adoration on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. We all need to come to Jesus on our knees to pray for His Peace for our world, communities, families and in our own hearts.

If you are interested in realising our hope of someone spending one hour at a fixed time and become part of a Mission Team, please see Fr. Leslie. Our first objective would be a Friday afternoon and then hopefully all day Friday. Please give this some thought!

## Providence Row

"How quietly the great God does all his mighty works! Darkness is spread over us, and light breaks in again". (Sister Catherine McAulay)

Providence Row was founded in 1860 as a Catholic Charity by Fr. Daniel Gilbert who was moved by the poverty he saw around him. With the help of the Sisters of Mercy they raised funds.

This work continues in East London, supporting the homeless, offering advice and support.

On Sunday 26 May (today) Tom Connor will speak briefly at both the 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Masses about this work. There will be a collection to follow.

"Share your bread with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless" (Isiah 58:7).

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## Bible Alive

Bible Alive is available to help you reflect on the Scriptures day by day. Ask what time of the day do I have in my diary for prayer and reflection?

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me".

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## Ascot Ladies Day Lunch

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting its annual Ascot Ladies' Luncheon on Friday 21 June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544/lphilips@bccs.org.uk

## Vacancy

The Ursuline Sisters in Brentwood require a Care Supervisor to manage the day-to-day provision of care for Sisters resident in the Grange. Applicants should have General Nursing qualifications, experience with staff management and a driving licence. Approximately 25 hours per week with some flexibility. Some weekend, evening and on-call work will be required. Salary dependent on candidate. Vacancy begins in June/July. Please telephone 01277 260156 for application form.

## Charity Bike Ride

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please visit our website [www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events](http://www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events) or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413

## Breaking News

We can confirm that the Bishop will be presiding at our celebration on 13 July. This will be to help us celebrate 60 years since the first Mass was said in Hutton and 50 years since the foundation of our church. This will all take place on 13 July, so make sure that

date is in your diary!

## St. Joseph Friendship Group

We meet 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

## 200 Club

There is a great opportunity for new members to join the 200 Club in the next few weeks and participate in our SUPER DRAW! This SUPER DRAW will take place on 13 July to coincide with the Parish Anniversary celebrations and we will DOUBLE the prize money on offer that month. This will mean that first prize that month will be £100 (usually £50). Second prize will be £50 (usually £25) and Third prize will be £30 (usually £15).

Come and join us now! See Marian Anderson after Mass, or take a 200 Club flyer from the table at the back of the church.

**This is an opportunity not to be missed!**

## Crowned With Glory And Honour

Before it heads to the fringe, the debut performance of the play: CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOUR, will be shown at this year's March for Life uk/lifest19, at The Emanuel Centre from 10.30 a.m. at 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW What is the value of human life? Based on true stories and interviews, Crowned with Glory and Honour explores the value of human life through a number of diverse characters and situations, from a concentration camp survivor, a young man with Down's Syndrome, a pastor told as a child that he was almost aborted, and others whose stories illustrate the emotional cost surrounding the decision made.

More info at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

## WWW.CHURCHPOP.COM

Parents and young people, can I invite you to log on to [www.churchpop.com](http://www.churchpop.com) for very helpful information to help your Catholic faith.

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

## RCIA

RCIA - If there are any non-Catholics who would be interested in knowing more about their faith or about becoming a Catholic at Easter 2020, please contact Mrs Gabrielle O'Regan on 01277 223460

## Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Youth Mass

You are invited to join us for our Youth Mass on the first Wednesday of every month. The Youth Mass is held at Brentwood Cathedral on the first Wednesday of every month, with Mass starting at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Cathedral conference rooms. This is a great chance to meet other young Catholics from around the Diocese. You are always welcome. More info at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter. May I ask our parents to mention this to our

young people?

Recently Pope Francis and Bishops from around the world have held a Synod in Rome on young people. Pope Francis asked you to ask yourselves "Who is Jesus Christ for you"?

## **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 15 June 2019 at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1 March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - look for The Priests under Event, or click the link on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://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.

## **Gift Aid**

Standing Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Gift Aid is the most efficient way for you to support our parish financially. To set up a Standing Order you need to complete the form and return it to your bank. If you are a taxpayer, and not already a member of our parish Gift Aid scheme, please do think seriously about it. We can claim tax back from the Inland Revenue, up to an extra 25p for every £ that has been donated. In other words, every £4.00 donated equals £5.00 for the church if done through the Gift Aid scheme. If everybody that supported the church financially did so through the Gift Aid scheme, this would be a considerable help with our everyday parish expenditure and maintenance of our parish properties.

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## **The Sacraments**

In the New Year we ask the Grace of God to help us to reflect on the past and show us the way forward. God's Word is at the heart and at the root of history. The Word is Jesus and He became flesh. We pray to see the presence of Christ in each one of us and in our troubled and confused world.

May I suggest that we reflect this year on the help that we have to recognise the above, namely the Sacraments? Perhaps as a family we can make part of our prayer once a week to recite and reflect on our Baptismal Promises; to go to confession at least once a month; to receive Jesus in the Eucharist sometime during the week; if we know of anyone who is really sick then invite them to receive the Sacrament of the sick; to renew marriage vows; and have a quiet weekend away once a year.

Sacraments are given to us to help us on our Journey of Life and to keep us close to Jesus. And as we approach World Youth Day, pray for our young people who will be going to South America and those who are at home.

## **Socks and Pants!**

With all this cold weather, please keep the Homeless in your thoughts and prayers. Mary Brooks volunteers three days a week at the West London Missionary in Seymour Place. This organisation helps the local homeless who are mainly men and who are desperately short of socks and underpants.

We all thought it would be a good idea, the next time you are out shopping, if you could just pop some dark coloured socks in your

basket and donate them to the charity. Or dark coloured underpants, mostly large and extra large.

At minimal cost you would do a great service to the homeless who find themselves in such short supply of these items, which I'm sure we all take for granted.

Mary will organise a day or two when the items can be collected – or you can always leave them in the box at the back of the church.

*Thanks in advance.*

## **Our Catholic Press**

The Catholic Herald and Catholic Times are recognised throughout the Catholic world as exemplars of how a Catholic publication should support and defend the church, and the faith of Catholics throughout the UK and Ireland. From 7 September the Herald and Times will be £1.50 instead of the present price £1.30. This is the first increase since 2011. This increase will help with the cost of wages, print and distribution. Please support our Catholic papers as we do with the secular press.

## **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**

You are invited to join us for a Youth Mass on the First Wednesday of the Month at 8.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral.

Our monthly Youth Mass is held at Brentwood Cathedral on the first Wednesday of every month. Mass starts at 8.00 p.m. and is followed refreshments in the Cathedral Conference rooms. It's a great chance to meet other young Catholics from around the Diocese or catch up with those you've met at previous events!

Could parents please encourage your young people to join the Youth Service in our Diocese?

## **Choral Vespers**

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## **Church Fire Wardens**

We need a Fire Warden at each of our weekend Masses and a Deputy in case of illness or holiday. Training will be given by Natalie Gunther. Please submit your name to her as soon as possible. The details are on the front of the newsletter. This is a matter of urgency and has been mandated following our Health and Safety inspection.

## **Parish Pastoral Team**

As a result of the consultation with the parish following the presentation from the Stewards of the Gospel at a meeting in March, we have set up a Parish Pastoral Team. This group held an inaugural meeting last weekend. The group will meet every two months and will endeavour to be an effective conduit between the parish, our priest, and our school.

There are many other areas where this group will have a role to play going forward; better communication being one of them. In this respect we want to draw your attention to the fact that in July 2019 we will be celebrating 60 years since the first Mass was said here in Hutton, and 50 years since the foundation of the church. So a double birthday! We cannot let such important milestones pass us by and so please save the date of the weekend of 13/14 July 2019 when we plan to organise some parish-wide celebrations/parties.

**And watch this space!**

## **Health And Safety – Best Practice Guidelines**

Before a property is secured and at the end of each day, ensure that all candles are extinguished (other than Sanctuary Lights kept in glass containers).

Candles should be only placed on a non-combustible surface and all combustible

materials should be removed from their proximity at all times.

Votive candle stands should be used for holding multiple candles; each candle should be adequately spaced (approx. 10cm) apart and consideration on the height of candles used should be given as these can easily collapse and ignite each other.

Always keep candles away from drafts

Ensure that tea lights are placed in fire resistant holders

Check the candle holders are sufficient in size to accommodate any molten wax

Suitable fire extinguishers must be available in areas where candles are used

The risk candles pose should always be considered as part of regular risk assessments.

## **A Maturing Conscience**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the education of the conscience as 'a lifelong task'. As people mature in the Christian life, through deepening their prayer, their familiarity with the Scriptures and their practice of love, the way that they examine their conscience will also change. Their sense of freedom will grow, as they experience the desire for goodness within themselves, not imposed from outside.

They will become less likely to commit bad actions, and more sensitive to the ways in which their words, thoughts and feelings, and their underlying character, fall short in love. For example, rather than, 'Did I get drunk and start fighting?', they may now ask, 'Was I tactless?' They will gradually set higher standards for themselves.

When our consciences are immature, they will bother us only when something is seriously wrong. As they mature, they will become more continually alert and attentive, silently assessing for us the goodness of everything that we are doing or thinking, as a good driver always has a background awareness of the road conditions ahead.

As people become more practised in examining their consciences, they develop an eye for the areas of their lives that need attention. This also helps them, like a good driver, to anticipate hazards in their moral life. As their life of prayer deepens, they will also connect their outward actions more closely with the work of the Holy Spirit through and within them. In this way, their examination of conscience will become ever more closely united with their search for God's will for their lives, and with gratitude.

## **CONSCIENCE AND TRUTH**

Our conscience is what allows us to take responsibility for our actions. For this reason, we should always follow it, even though we know that it is not infallible. Therefore we cannot ever be blamed for honestly following our conscience. However, we may well be at fault for having a mistaken conscience, for example if we have not listened to good advice, or have failed to educate ourselves in the Church's teaching.

In short, to examine our conscience is an essential part of our search for truth: the truth about ourselves and the truth about God, who is Truth itself. As we grow in the practice of examining our consciences we become more truthful and more sensitive to what is true. In this way, we also become more loving, for the God who is Truth is also the God who is Love.

## **ONE SUGGESTED METHOD**

There are many ways of examining, one's conscience. Find what suits you and try to practise this regularly, though your approach may change over time.

Here is an example of a possible method:

- ♦ Choose a regular 5-10 minute period,



## Parish Pastoral Team (PPT) Update

The Parish Pastoral Team meets regularly (every month or two months depending on Parish needs) and consists of the following roles:

Our Priest:	Fr. Leslie Knight
Chair:	Chris Brooks
Vice Chair:	Willa Jackson
Secretary:	Catherine Bray
Communication:	Ian Restall
Steward of the Gospel:	Mary Brooks
Parish Co-ordinators:	Jan Jarvis & Mary Allum
Finance:	Chris Brooks
Head usher:	Tim Murphy

The most recent meeting was held on Sunday, 3 June; the topics we discussed are summarised below, the main topic of discussion was the Parish 50th anniversary celebration. Please contact any member of the PPT for further information and ideas for future agenda items are always welcomed.

### 1. Parish 50th anniversary celebration

The celebration will focus around the mass to be held on Saturday, 13th July at 6pm. This is the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time and Liturgically it is the first Mass of Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan and Fr. Stewart Foster, Diocesan Archivist and Historian, will say the homily.

Fr. Stewart has kindly created a commemorative booklet which documents the history of our church with references to significant events from the reformation to the current day, including many photographs and images to ensure this is a thoughtful and engaging celebration of our parish and church. We are arranging for the booklets to be printed in time for our celebration; a donation of £5 is suggested for each booklet to cover costs.

A cold buffet and drinks will be available after Mass and all parishioners are encouraged to join Bishop Alan, current and prior priests of our parish and other guests to celebrate this historic event.

Finally, all parishioners are asked to bring photos of the church and parish events prior to the celebration to be carefully displayed in the parish hall. Photos from the diocesan archives will be displayed too, to bring our history to life.

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### 2. Parish partnership group

A formal communication will be sent to parishes in the partnership in early July. This will include information on masses, finance and administration across our partnership.

### 3. Parish administrator

We are pleased to confirm that Mary Lockwood has agreed to take on the role of Parish Administrator for St Joseph the Worker, providing support to Fr. Leslie and the parish.

### 4. Next meeting

The next meeting of the PPT will be held on Sunday, 30th June.



## Word Cloud

This Word Cloud was produced from a number of comments sent in by you to the Stewards of the Gospel team. We think it captures the spirit, faith and love of our Community perfectly. We hope you do too!