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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 12 September 2021

## IN TODAY’S GOSPEL

The goal and purpose of the Christian life are to reveal the person of Jesus, in whom the whole of God’s eternal design reached fulfilment and perfection. This is exactly the understanding that St. Peter comes to in today’s reading. Mere flesh and blood could not have opened his mind to this truth; he could never have figured it out by his natural ability. He received a revelation from God the Father, who opened his mind and his heart to humbly acknowledge Jesus as the Christ.

The word ‘Christ’ comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew ‘Messiah’, which means ‘anointed’. In Israel, those consecrated to God for a mission that he gave were anointed in his name. This was the case for kings, priests, and in rare instances, prophets. Through the grace of revelation, St. Peter understood that this was the name and title proper to Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Lord’s Anointed, and he fulfilled the messianic hope of Israel in his threefold office of priest, prophet, and king.

The Holy Spirit works in us, as he worked in St. Peter, so that we too can proclaim with heartfelt faith ‘Jesus Christ is Lord’ to the glory of God the Father. The sublime mystery of God made man is at the very heart of the faith which the apostles handed on to us: ‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard, we proclaim also to you so that you may have fellowship with us, and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ’  
*‘Let all the house of Israel, therefore, know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified’.*

## The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, known as Circles.

Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise.

You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931



## 200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

## Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary’s Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.



## MISSIO

The Autumn 2021 edition of “Mission Today” is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the porch. Please also help yourselves to prayer cards. Missio is the Pope’s personal charity and the Church’s official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. For more information or to make a donation, please visit the website [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)

Thank you for your support. *Clare Barton.*

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 15, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 4 September:	55
Sunday 29 August:	56

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## Upcoming Masses

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Mass
Monday 13	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 14	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 15	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 16	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Friday 17	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Saturday 18	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m - 10.30 a.m

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Mass Fred Greenfield R.I.P Joan Greenfield
Sunday 19	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

\* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 4/5 September.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Michael Swift, Ercanacron Fern, Agnes Howitt, Margaret Felton (Molly), Alan Nelson, Philip Barrett, Annie Kingsbury, Leonard Driscoll, and Irene Wilson

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Theophilus Borer (1952), Abp George Andrew Beck (1978), Coad Jutor Bishop of Brentwood (1948-1951), Third Bishop of Brentwood (1951-1955), Canon James Hemming (1958), Deacon Arthur Woods (1998), and Fr. John Bergin (1984)

**May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

## Advertising your business

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Today we give a warm welcome to Fr. Joseph (alias Shaun Bailham) who will celebrate our 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Shaun was one of our altar servers for many years. After a time of prayer, and discernment and searching for a career, he responded to the call of God that his vocation in life was to be a priest of the Order of Dominicans. He was ordained in July, and he is known to many of our parishioners. He visited us several times during his preparation. It is a great joy to receive a blessing from a newly ordained priest.

In today's gospel, Jesus says to Peter "get behind me Satan". These words are used for Peter, Jesus' dearest disciple. Why did Jesus use these words? Like any other Jew of his time, Peter waited expectantly for the coming of the Messiah. Different groups had different expectations of what the Messiah would look like. The Pharisees expected the Messiah to be a "New Moses" making the law more stringent, while others wanted him to overthrow the Romans and build a powerful kingdom. However written around 528 BC, when the people were in exile because of their sins, the suffering servant passage brings consolation to the people. As we already know Jesus feeds the hungry, and heals the broken hearted. Peter symbolises you and me. Peter has his doubts and failings but eventually will follow Jesus faithfully.

For us we know only love can bring us satisfaction. The world cannot do that despite the promptings of Satan. Only love can bring us peace. Our world cannot do that. Only love can bring joy. We hunger for so many things but we have to learn the lesson: to love the way God loves. The enemy of love is what Jesus is trying to save Peter from falling into, and that is selfishness, to have everything for ourselves, forcing our point of view on others. Peters words "You are the Christ".

God forgives, He forgives. God loves, He loves. God cares, He cares. Jesus tells us to learn how to love and not count the cost. To love is to serve. We come to church every Sunday even during the week. We pray. We come to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All that is important for us. But when we go out into our world, we have to learn how to love, how to care for others. As Mother Teresa said "you will find God in the kitchen". In other words, all you do for others is an act of love and service. The lesson is simple. God loves the world, we have to love the world. God loves you, you have to love God. That we do by serving others, carrying other people's burdens. We have to be givers in this life. Let us ask our Blessed mother to teach us the lesson of love by our quiet actions and words of comfort and above all a good listener.

May God bless our families.

## Christmas Gifts (already!)



If anyone needs anything from the Repository for Christmas presents or any gifts generally, please contact Mandy.

## Journey Home

Journey of faith for Adults. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic or would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so please contact Gaye O'Regan – 07817 515 207.

If anyone would like to help Gaye, please contact her, this is a wonderful opportunity for other people to speak about why they are Catholic and help other people who wish to be on this wonderful journey.

Please remember to look at the new Threshold of Hope website at [www.thresholdofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdofhope.co.uk)

All of us now have the opportunity to reflect honestly on the practise of our faith and to mask the decision to make the journey home.

## Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help you to reflect on the scriptures each day. They are an important part of our prayer and our spiritual lives.

## CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY 1 October

Dear Fr. Leslie

Thank you for everything you and your parish do, each Family Fast Day, to help the poorest people in the world. At a time of remarkable challenge, it was truly heartening to see so many parish communities coming together this past Lent to help those who don't have access to clean water.

In their Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021 the bishops remind us of Pope Francis' words - that global politics must look beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially those who are poor and excluded. This Family Fast Day, your parish can help the poorest people in the world adapt to the climate crisis. This is a crisis that will affect each and every one of us - and is damaging our world. Our common home. God's Creation.

The poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are being hit hardest by the climate crisis. Harvests are failing. Cities are flooding. Entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive in the place they call home.

Family Fast Day is on Friday 1 October and we would really appreciate it if you would encourage your parishioners to support our Fast Day Appeal by donating online, or, if possible, through a second collection.

May the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve, and "renew the face of the earth".

## Youth Gather

23 October at Walsingham house. There will be an input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbra. This is for Year 9 and above.

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## Food Hub



This takes place at St. Georges Church in Ongar every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. The Food Hub is also available at St. Peters in Hutton.

## Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

## The Permanent Diaconate: A ministry of service

A study day for those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Brentwood and the future of this ministry in a changing church will be held at St. John Payne Catholic Church, 21 Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 2QD on Saturday 18 September 2021 from 10.00 to 14.30 (Mass at 12 noon). Please bring a packed lunch: tea & coffee will be provided.

## Sunday Offertory

If you give by standing order or by bank transfer, please put your surname and initials as reference. If you gift aid, please put your name GA and gift aid no. If you do not pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. QR codes are a new online donation system which has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate by using the QR codes directly for a parish. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated. Attendance last weekend was a big jump from the previous week. It was great to welcome so many of you back to our Parish community. *Thank you for your support and God Bless to you and your families.*

## Lunchtime Concerts

On Wednesday 22 September at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. we are thrilled to invite you to a Lunchtime Recital given by young Soprano Madeline Robinson who this year won the prestigious Essex Young Musician of the year 2021 Contest. Madeline will be accompanied on the piano by Rachel Plucknett. More details including programme for the recital to follow, but for now please make a note in your diaries.

## Finance

On the back page of the newsletter you will see a number of QR codes. If you do not give by standing order, or enveloped or online donations, then with your phone, please give through the QR codes. The white bucket at the back of the church is there for those who have neither of the above.

## 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.**

## VACANCY:

For many years Eddie O'Donoghue has been keeping our financial records, budgeting and doing the parish returns at the end of the financial year. He is shortly moving away from our parish. I wish him well with heartfelt thanks for helping me with this work on your behalf.

I am now looking now looking for a replacement to take this ministry on as soon as possible on a voluntary basis. It can be done at your home and takes a little time but is not too onerous. Our parish administrator will support you with receipts, bank statements etc., everything you will need. You will also be a member of our finance committee which meets four times a year. **Please help if you can as this is an important ministry.**

## National Mass for Altar Servers

This year's National Mass for Altar Servers will be held at St. Mary's & St. John's in Wolverhampton on Saturday 25 September at 12 noon. Cardinal Vincent Nichols requests that the National Mass should be held in another part of the country every other year alternating with London. Altar Servers who would like to attend this event – contact John McCormack on [johnmccormack528@gmail.com](mailto:johnmccormack528@gmail.com). John will need to know the exact number of Altar Servers and families who will be attending so that John can provide the numbers to St. John's.

## CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news> Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. *Thank you*



## Pope on Twitter

Next Sunday I will travel to Budapest for the conclusion of the International Eucharistic Congress. My pilgrimage will continue for a few days in Slovakia and will conclude with the great popular celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows, Patroness of that country.

God is gloriously and mysteriously present in creation since he is the Lord who reigns over it. To discover this, we need to be silent, listen, contemplate.

May all Afghans, whether in their home country, in transit, or in host countries, live with dignity, in peace and fraternity with their neighbours

I assure my prayers for the people of the United States of America who have been hit by a strong hurricane in recent days. May the Lord receive the souls of the deceased and sustain those suffering from this calamity.

## Finance News

For the week ending 5 September you gave £112.20 of which £16.00 was through Gift Aid.

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.*

## Making Your Donation By Standing Order:

If you can, please support our parish of St. Joseph the Worker by giving by standing order and, if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity.

## Sickness

### We pray for our sick in our parish:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

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.**

Light  
**Laughter**

What is the opposite of a croissant?  
A happy uncle!

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