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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 12 January 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

JANUARY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Bridget Massey RIP <i>A Turvey</i> 5.00 p.m. (until 5.50 p.m.) CONFESSIONS. ALSO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Sunday 12	8.30 a.m. Denis Nora and Denis Keane and Deceased members of family 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 13	9.15 a.m. Mercy Sisters RIP (Dublin and Mayo)
Tuesday 14	11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Mary Lunny
Wednesday 15	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 16	Patrick Sammon and Nora Hester RIP
Friday 17	9.15 a.m. Jennings family 3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 18	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. (until 10.15 a.m.) Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 18	6.00 p.m. Chrysante Zuatiz 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 <i>Spinks family</i> 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners

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

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan presents an opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of our own baptism. Most of us receive this sacrament as infants and can remember nothing of the day itself. Those blessed to be received into the Church as adults will have the memory of the occasion to encourage them to relive this most precious and wonderful of sacraments, which we know as the very gateway into the Christian life.

Paul, who unpacks the mystery of baptism, focuses on this subject in Romans 6:1-14. He explains that baptism is first and foremost a baptism into Jesus' death: "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?". What does this mean though? Look at the next verse: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead..., we too may live a new life". In and through our baptism a death occurs: our death, our burial, our demise, if you like. In and through our baptism our old, sinful nature dies: this is what is buried, this is what dies. What is raised up to new life is a new humanity, a new creation, a new human being. Baptism changes us from one kind of human being into another. In and through baptism death and sin no longer are our masters. Yet, deep down, we know that at times sin and death still seem to have free reign in our hearts. The Scriptures may tell us we are dead to sin and alive to God, but we may well feel this is far from the case! We are, however, called to live by faith and not by feelings. Paul shows us what we are to do: "count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus". Proactive effort is required on our part, first in refusing to allow sin to reign in us, and second in offering our whole selves to God, conscious that God's grace and God's Holy Spirit are at work in our lives.

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away. behold, the new has come!"



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 **(11/12 January 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Carol Turnbull Marian Anderson A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis John Spinks A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Sarah Barber Mary Brooks Chris Brooks A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses **(11/12 January 2020)**

6.00 p.m.	Rose Mulvey
8.30 a.m.	Alan Bailey
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next 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 Next 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

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:

William Ostermeyer, George Manning, Lilian Goddard, Gillian Brazier, Catherine Start, Patrick Payne, Mrs Bunn, Freddie Foster, Jean Vowles, Eric Smith, Florence Cronin, Gwendoline Thomas, Antoinette Vasey, James Tobin, Frederick Slaughter, Mary Shaw, Josephine Millett, Horace Hutton, Harry Ford, Margaret O'Regan, James Power, George Porter, Arthur Gilbert and Rosemary Walker.

Priests of our Diocese

Canon Patrick McKenna (1949), Fr. Francis Heenan (1967), Canon John Bloomfield (1932), Canon Francis Dobson (1991), Fr. John King (2012), Fr. Gilbert Pearson (1947), Fr. Neville Banks (2006) – one time parish priest of St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton, Fr. Kenneth Green (1996), and Canon Charles Kuypers (1947)..

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



Welcome to a new year to all our parishioners and visitors.

For all of us it's going to be a challenging year as we pray and discuss positively the document we have already given to you on our partnership with other parishes. The meeting will be on Sunday 26 January from 4.00 p.m. till around 5.00 p.m. We really need to hear what you have to say and also look for your support going forward in the months and years ahead. We implore the help of The Holy Spirit to guide our lovely parish of St. Joseph the Worker.

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord is about living fully and allowing the Lord to do great things in us. Holy is His name. In seeking to do his will is our peace, our fulfilment. May the Lord Jesus draw us deep into His baptism today and help us embrace all the suffering that comes with embracing the Fathers Will and all the joy and delight of seeking the Lord especially this coming year.

Finally thank you all for your generous Christmas offering which is your gift to your priest. Also for your cards and mass bouquets.

I wish you all a Happy and Holy year ahead. Please keep God the centre of each day of your hearts and minds. We ask the help also of Mary our mother and St. Joseph to keep us daily close to her Son Jesus.

Every blessing on your families.

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.

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.

Christmas Hamper

The Christmas Hamper was won by Carol Turnbull. Congratulations to her and her family and thank you to all who supported the Christmas Hamper raffle. The hamper was donated so all proceeds of the raffle (£955.00) went straight into parish funds. *Thank you all so much.*

Catholic Papers

Unfortunately, at the end of the year, we will no longer be selling Catholic papers at the back of the church. This is due to the publisher changing their payment system, meaning that we no longer would be compensated for unsold copies and thus we would be running at a continual loss.

However, if you wish to continue to purchase a paper, you can take out an annual subscription or apply online – forms are available at the back of the church.

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, YOU ALL SO MUCH.

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)

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.

Christmas Gift To Your Priest

Thank you so much for your kind and generous support. Greatly appreciated.

Fr. Leslie

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Peace Sunday 19 January 2020 - 1

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. Pax Christi - 2

"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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families from Essex and East London have direct therapeutic support to our highly experienced counselling team. We provide support directly to children, adolescents on a 1:1 basis or the whole family. We help children with various reasons including anxiety, emotional health, bereavement, behaviour, bullying, family separation and illness. Sessions take place during the day or after school at our counselling suites at our offices in Rayleigh. There is a sessional charge but support may be given if required. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you would like more information, please contact Sarah D'Lima - sdlima@bccs.or.uk or 01268 947061.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020

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Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you for taking Holy Communion to our sick parishioners. However, please return the Holy Communion containers (known as the PYX) to the church after use, unless they are your own. We will need them for other people. *Thank you and God bless.*

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.

Rosary Groups. Any offers?

What about holding a Rosary Group in our homes? It only takes one family to open up their home for the benefit of many. Just a suggestion. **We are now looking for volunteers** read that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

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!**

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.

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.

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.

Outreach: This is important

There are a few people at present who want to get to Mass but they are unable to, due to lack of transport. As we get older this number will inevitably grow. These people also tend to live on their own and can be very lonely. By coming to Mass they will meet people and maybe have a cup of coffee and a chat afterwards. Also we need someone or some people to bring them once a month to our Over 50s club on Fridays (the date will be in the newsletter). The Over 50s club meet between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. A rota of people willing to do this would be very helpful as an act of kindness and which would be much appreciated by many. There will be a list at the back of the church for your name and contact details. Please do what you can to help.

Finance News

For the week ending 21/22 December 2019 you gave £288.74 of which £57.50 was Gift Aided. Collection for Christmas Flowers raised £164.80

The Christmas Hamper raised £120.00, making the total raised £955.00 For the week ending 28/29 December 2019 you gave £238.00 of which £22.00 was Gift Aided.

For the week ending 5 January you gave £358.88 of which £58.00 was Gift Aided. The Crib Collection and the Christmas Greetings on the back page of the newsletter raised £326.62 for BCCS. *Thank you and God Bless.*



The Pope on Twitter



In worshiping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience "a great joy"

Worship means concentrating on what is essential: ridding ourselves of useless things and addictions that anesthetize the heart and confound the mind.

The #GospelOfTheDay (Mt 2:1-12) teaches us that, when we do not worship God, we end up worshiping ourselves. This is a grave risk: we use God instead of serving Him.

This is the meaning of Christmas. If the Lord continues to come among us and give us the gift of His Word, it is so that each of us can respond to this call: to become saints in love

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 goes to the River Jordan to be baptised by John the Baptist. John knows who Jesus is and wants Jesus to baptise him instead, but Jesus persuades John to baptise him. As Jesus comes up from the water, the Holy Spirit comes down from the heavens like a dove. A voice from heaven says, This is my Son and I love him."

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, God our Father loved you very much. Please help me remember that God loves me too. *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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