

# 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 22 March 2020

### UPCOMING MASSES

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP P and M Barlow
Sunday 22	8.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP Thelma, Carol and Heather 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 23	9.15 a.m. Ruth Roche RIP B Rossiter
Tuesday 24	9.15 a.m. Holy Souls
Wednesday 25	NO MORNING MASS
<b>GOLDEN JUBILEE OF OUR PARISH SCHOOL</b>	
Thursday 26	10.30 a.m. School Intentions
Friday 27	9.15 a.m. Holy Souls
Saturday 28	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 28	6.00 p.m. Mary Cornelius Sheghan RIP S Bolton
Sunday 29	8.30 a.m. Ammanuel Rassam RIP A Fadeel 10.30 a.m. For parishioners

#### PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions on Saturday morning 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.  
Confessions before 6.00 p.m.  
Mass every Saturday 5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday before Mass

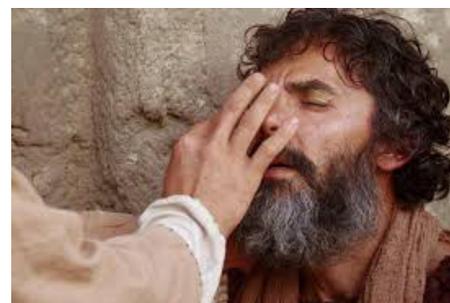


#### Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.  
If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.

### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Light plays an important part in Christian liturgy. Especially memorable is the ceremony of light at the Easter Vigil, now just three weeks away. But we light candles at most liturgical services, a sign to us of the presence of the risen Christ, the light of the world. The early Church referred to baptism as "enlightenment" or "illumination" and the candidates for baptism as "those being enlightened". The story of the cure of the man born blind and his subsequent progress from physical sight to the insight of faith is a picture of what happens to the baptized person. John writes of the physical cure in such a way that it reflects and calls to mind the cure of spiritual blindness granted to those who wash sacramentally in the pool that is truly Jesus, the "sent one".



There is a rich vein of irony in this story. We can see how God turns the world's expectations on their head. The reality of things is precisely the opposite of what it seems to be. Those who are so sure they can see are, in truth, blind. He who starts out blind takes a risk at Jesus' invitation and ends up seeing. He passes from blindness to sight to insight. The blind man contrasts with the neighbours, who remain in ignorance; his parents, who refuse to take a risk; and the authorities and Pharisees, who refuse to believe what their eyes see. No one is so blind as the person who refuses to see.

Jesus affirms that he is the light of the world, and the giving of sight to the blind man is a sign of this. There is both revelation and judgement. The coming of the light brings illumination to those who will accept it, and brings to light the darkness in the lives of those who are obstinate in unbelief.

How is Jesus the light of the world? He opens minds to understand and scatters the darkness of ignorance. This he does by showing us God, revealing the divine purpose and the divine will in his teaching and deeds. He went through the darkness of his Passion and death and rose to the glory of eternal light. He makes us sharers in his light-giving and life-giving work. We are called to be enlightened by Jesus and to become a light to others.

*Lord Jesus, may your light shine ever more radiantly amidst the darkness of the world.*

#### 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 (21/22 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Stella Walker  
Gaye O'Regan  
Bill O'Regan
- 8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie  
Mary Allum  
Jan Jarvis
- 10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque  
Hyacinth Albuquerque  
Willa Jackson

### Readers For This Week's Masses (21/22 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
- 8.30 a.m. Alan Bailey
- 10.30 a.m. Paula Sanders

### Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (28/29 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson  
Ewa Kania  
Ian Restall
- 8.30 a.m. Jan Jarvis  
Mary Allum  
Lyn Birnie
- 10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque  
Tyrone Sequeira  
Sharon Ruffles

### Readers For Next Week's Masses (28/29 March 2020)

- 6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
- 8.30 a.m. Julie Stone
- 10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson

### 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:

Edwin Costin, Catherine Streetin, Hilda Calabritto, and Noreen Farquarson

### Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Denis Hall (2015), Canon Arthur Holmes (1958), Mgr. Canon Alfred Gilbey (1998) and Fr. John Sherlock (1964)

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 to all our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday celebration of our Holy Mass.

Today we are halfway through Lent and again I urge you all to pray for our families, country and world in the light of this virus. It is a time to come to Jesus and ask for his help. Also to pray the rosary to our Lady of Lourdes to implore her protection during the Covid-19 virus pandemic. "We entrust our country and the whole world to the protection of the

Mother of God as a sign of salvation and hope" says Pope Francis.

We pray for all who have died across our country and our world. Bring them all into your eternal presence.

The imagery of light and being able to see the thread through all of our readings. The emphasis that is made is the ability to see the light of God. Our only hindrance to God's light is sin. Our obstinance to be able to see again the grace of the Lord in his Sacraments. He physically healed the blind man because of his faith. He wants also to heal us. To do this each person must encounter Jesus for themselves and to come to know him directly. We need a deep longing for the Lord's healing presence to change us and give us his mercy and love. May God meet each one of us at the point of our need.

May we all have a happy Sunday and a safe week, taking care of ourselves, our families, our neighbours, and those in greater need.

### St. Joseph The Worker



### Catholic Primary School

We are celebrating the school's 50th Birthday this academic year. We would be delighted if you could join us for Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan, on Thursday 26 March, at 10.30 a.m., in the Church. **Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall after Mass.**

### A Prayer For These Troubled Times

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### James Hay Charity Run

Unfortunately James went down with a torn calf muscle at the 4 mile mark, but limped along to the end and completed in 2hr 20min - most put out as he normally finishes in sub 1hr 45mins! The good news is that he raised almost £900 for "Men's Shed", and he is very grateful to the generosity of his supporters which kept him going.

## The Brentwood Cathedral "God who speaks" Lenten Lectures

**Wednesday 25 March**

The Gospel: the power of God or cause of shame and division?

Rev Dr Richard Ounsworth OP,  
Scripture lecturer, Blackfriars, Oxford



**FREE ENTRY**

Lectures begin at 7.30pm in the Brentwood Cathedral parish hall

Further details on Brentwood Cathedral website [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org)



**BRENTWOOD**  
CATHEDRAL

### Altar Servers

We have started to train four new altar servers for St. Joseph. Saint John Paul II said it was a great privilege to serve at the altar for any person. It also keeps them involved in the Holy Mass. We are still open for more volunteers. Please pray and think about this wonderful ministry.

### Readers And Eucharistic Ministers

Please let Willa Jackson know your availability during Holy Week from 5 April to 12 April.

**Palm Sunday** Saturday 4 April 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 5 April 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

### Easter Tridium

**Maundy Thursday** Thursday 9 April 8.00 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday** Friday 10 April 3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (2 Ministers required)

**Holy Saturday** Saturday 11 April 8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter.  
**Easter Sunday** Sunday 12 April 8.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord  
10.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord

This is important so that our Sacred Liturgy proceeds smoothly.

## Bishop Asks Parishes to Prepare for "Dowry Of Mary" Rededication

Bishop Alan has written to parishes across the Diocese ahead of the rededication of England as the "Dowry of Mary" on 29 March 2020, encouraging them to pray the Angelus after parish Masses as preparation for the event. England has been known as the "Dowry of Mary" for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St. Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth (where the Annunciation took place) was built at Walsingham. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as "her dowry". He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. So for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. Says Bishop Alan: "On 29 March England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary'. This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr. John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, "some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden". We profess our faith in "The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us", and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ. "I hope that many parishes will respond to Mgr. Armitage's invitation to pray this beautiful prayer after our daily Masses, so that our hearts may be spiritually prepared for the rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary'. Mary, Our Lady, welcomed the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives. She will help us to do the same".

## BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the Diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or email Bernadette, our Director on [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk)

## Things to do During Lent

### PRAY

- ♦ pray the Rosary every day
- ♦ attend daily Mass as often as you can
- ♦ reflect on the Scriptures (Bible alive available at £2.50)
- ♦ stations of the cross at home (small booklets available at £1.00)
- ♦ stations of the cross in church on Fridays at 7.00 p.m.
- ♦ adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### FAST

- ♦ make a sacrifice at least once a week

### GOOD WORK

- ♦ visit housebound or give them a call.
- ♦ pray for the housebound and/or send a card.
- ♦ homeless - sign up a Gift Aid form (leaflets and envelopes available at the back of the church) g
- ♦ attend Sacrament of Confession (obligation at least once a year).

## Fr. Leslie

Fr. Leslie is having a small hand operation on 2 April and therefore there may not be week day Masses on 1, 2 and 3 April. An update will follow.

## Church Collection - Important

The collection will be taken up as you leave church. There will be someone at the back of the church with a basket. This is to stop people touching the basket as they pass it on. It's a fast moving situation and other things might change as we move on. However we must not panic. God is present in our world and will support us according to his Divine Will. Now is the time to exercise our faith and I encourage everyone to say the rosary daily to Our Lady of Lourdes.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Coronavirus - A Reminder

Just a reminder about measures we have already taken while this pandemic is upon us:

- ♦ no Chalice
- ♦ receive the Blessed Sacrament on the hand
- ♦ no sign of peace
- ♦ no missalettes
- ♦ no hymn books
- ♦ parishioners not to crush together in the back benches.

At present Masses will continue on Sunday as usual and weekday Masses (with the exception of Wednesday) will continue also. The Sacraments are the best preventative and solace at this time. However it is still under review and should we have to cancel Masses then we are looking into live streaming the Sunday Mass. However the cost may prove to be prohibitive.

## Knights Of St. Columba (KSC)

The KSC will hold the Installation of New Officers at the Evening Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 21 March.

## Covid 19

Our parish is asking people to refrain from shaking hands and hugging friends. Liturgically, Holy Communion will be receiving Holy Communion under one kind. We also ask our parishioners to receive Jesus Christ on the hand. The sign of peace will be suspended. Parishioners and hirers are asked to be vigilant and watchful in the parish hall. Those using the kitchens in the parish hall/parish room please make sure it is left clean and all tables are cleaned. Also the Bishops have suggested not to use Holy Water in the church for the time being. *Thank you*

## Parish Administrator

Our parish administrator is Mary Lockwood. She is present on Fridays in the parish office/parish room situated in the church opposite to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Please contact her by phone 01277 221917 or on email: [hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Mary will deal with any queries or appointments to arrange baptisms or to make appointments to see Fr. Leslie. Mary has been employed to assist Fr. Leslie so that the parish runs smoothly and to make life a little easier for Fr. Leslie.

## Emergency Exits

Please ensure that while you are in the church you are aware of the position of all emergency fire exits. *Thank you and God Bless.*

## God Who Speaks

Word of God talks will be held at the Cathedral during Lent. Please see noticeboard in the Narthex and the newsletter.

## Light Laughter

Which type of key opens a Banana?  
A monkey!

## Finance News

For the week ending 15 March you gave £255.88 of which £27.00 was Gift Aided.

Standing Orders received this month total £1,470.00

The Second Collection in aid of CAFOD Family Fast Day raised £258.35.

Thank you.

**PLEASE PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR GIVING.**

*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.

HSBC Account name:

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church,

Hutton. Sort Code: 40 13 22.

Account No.: 61018884



## The Pope on Twitter



Let us allow ourselves to be loved by God, so that we can give love in return. Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter.

The parable Jesus tells us (Mt 18:23-35) is very clear: asking forgiveness means forgiving. Both go together and cannot be separated. Forgiving is a condition for going to heaven.

Pray Together for the elderly who are suffering in a particular way at this moment from great interior solitude, many times with a lot of fear. They gave us wisdom, life, our story... May we be near them with our prayer.

"Repent", in other words, "Change your life" (Mt 4:17), for a new way of living has begun. The time when you lived for yourself is over; now is the time for living with and for God, with and for others, with and for love.

## Children's corner

### Welcome to children's corner.

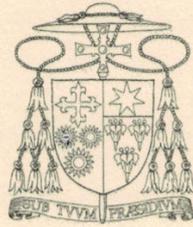
During Lent, God asks us to think about the times we are tempted and to try to do what Jesus did - not to give in to temptation. Help your child, as parents, to reflect on temptations which may be problematical for them at their age and in their circumstances. Jesus said to Satan "leave me alone". We can say that too.

### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus sees a man who is blind. Jesus tells the disciples that he is doing God's work and that he is the light of the world. Then Jesus mixes dust with his spit and smears it on the man's eyes. He sends the man to wash in the pool of Siloam and straightaway the man can see!

### A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help us to be like you and to notice when someone needs help. Help us to see the world and other people like you do, through the eyes of love. *Amen.*

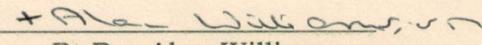


ALANUS  
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA  
EPISCOPUS  
BRENTWOODENSIS

**DECREE AUTHORISING THE GRANT OF A PLENARY INDULGENCE ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO  
THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON 29TH MARCH, 2020**

In accordance with Canon 995 §1 and the Indulgentiarum Doctrina (Norms 7-10), as Bishop Brentwood, I grant a Plenary Indulgence to all Catholics within the Diocese of Brentwood who, beside the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin, on the **29th March, 2020**, use the prescribed prayers for the Re-Dedication of England to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and who within a week prior or a week following this Act of Re-Dedication make their sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and pray for the Holy Father's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be).

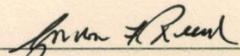
The Act of Re-Dedication should take place publicly, within the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, but in keeping with canon law, it may also take place privately; and, within the Diocese of Brentwood, for those who reside in places where they cannot go to confession or communion at all or can do so only with great hardship, they may gain a plenary indulgence without actual confession and communion, provided they have inner contrition and the resolution to go to these sacraments as soon as possible.

Signed:   
Rt Rev Alan Williams, sm  
Bishop of Brentwood

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1 March 2020

Signed:   
Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read  
Chancellor