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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 2 April 2023

## TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY

### Upcoming Masses

**PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY – YEAR (A)**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1 6.00 p.m.  
Deceased Members of the Dillane Family

Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.  
Mary Whelan  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 4 9.00 a.m.  
NO MASS

Wednesday 5 7.30 p.m.  
Odette Roy RIP

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 6 7.30 p.m.  
Followed by watching at Altar of Repose till 9.00 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)

Friday 7 3.00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross  
7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (During Lent)

#### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 8 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

*Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.*

#### EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Saturday 8 8.00 p.m.  
Roy Weller RIP  
S & A Marie

Sunday 9 8.30 a.m.  
Parishioners  
10.30 a.m.  
Private Intentions of Fr Leslie  
NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Choral Vespers

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

#### Mass Attendance

Saturday 25 March: 39  
Sunday 19 March: 60



Today we begin the solemn week of passion and death and the resurrection of Jesus.

It is this week that Jesus showed us the depth of His love for you personally. Perhaps we could in our daily prayer reflect on the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians – “Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, have nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but by exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light”.

Please avail yourselves and family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Week services so that having entered into the passion and death of the Lord, we may come to the Easter celebrations with mind and heart renewed.

“Sweet Heart of Jesus give us the grace to love you daily more and more”.

Bless our families O Lord especially this Easter .

## Holy Week Services

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Mass is at 7.30 p.m. followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

The veneration of the Cross will be at 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will take place at 7.00 p.m.

### HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Confession From 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

### EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Most important service of the church's year will take place at 8.00 p.m. followed by the First Mass of Easter.

### EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Masses will be at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

**FOR REAL AND LASTING VALUE EACH OF THESE SERVICES WE SHOULD ATTEND.**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

This night Jesus begins his own Passover.

### GOOD FRIDAY

“See my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, use to great height” (IS 52:12)

### EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY.

He is Truly Risen! And so we can say even now: everything said will come true, we have a certain and sure hope.

*Christ is Risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia.*

## Caritas - Homes for Ukraine Matching Service – Can you help?

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

## Easter Ministries

Please sign up on the list at the back of the church for Reading or Eucharistic Ministry at the Easter services *Thank you.*

## Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!



Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278  
Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

## Easter Envelopes

Easter Envelopes for your priest are on the table at the back of the church. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. We know you will be as generous as you have done so in the past.

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Similarly to yesterday, bear in mind as you read or hear Matthew's account of Jesus' Passion that his brutal death wasn't the result of chance, coincidence or circumstance, but part of the mystery of God's plan. Every detail, movement and nuance, every word, action and event were carried out precisely according to God's definite plan and foreknowledge. Again, as we saw yesterday, this doesn't mean that all the key players were merely passive, but be conscious and aware of the heartbeat of God's purpose and Jesus' authority to freely lay down his life and to freely take it up again.

All four Evangelists highlight the crucifixion as the reason why the Son of God became man. He was destined to suffer, die and raise us up with him. Underpinning all of this is God's love for us all. Jesus' heart was full of the Father's love for each one of us. He spent himself out of love for us, and the cross became the source of our eternal salvation. Jesus' death on the cross justifies every human being who believes in him; it makes us righteous, holy and pleasing to God. God wants us to believe, follow and worship his Son, Jesus, acknowledging him as our Saviour. This is why our prayer as we enter into Holy Week must be: 'Hail, O Cross, our only hope.' Jesus' death is the most important death in human history because it alone saved the human race. It was a unique sacrifice, and Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and humankind. As God Incarnate, he has united himself to us all and gives us the opportunity to be sharers in his Paschal Mystery.

We're all called to take up our cross and follow Christ, for just as he suffered, so too must we. Our vocation is to follow in his steps. Our hope and prayer are that, in this most holy and special of weeks, each of us can grow in our love, devotion and worship of Jesus on the cross: the Crucified One who is the Saviour of the world.

'Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.' (St. Rose of Lima)

## Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

## Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

## The Priests Charity Concert



We have received confirmation that 'The Priests' have agreed to host a summer concert for us at Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 30 of June at 7.30 p.m. 'The Priests' are a classical musical trio, made up of three Roman Catholic priests from the Diocese of Down and Connor, North Ireland: brothers Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin O'Hagan and Fr. David Delargy. The trio have been singing together since they were students at St. MacNissi's College, County Antrim in the 1970s. We are absolutely delighted that they have agreed to perform this second concert for us, the first time they visited Brentwood Diocese was in 2019 to perform for our 35th anniversary. They were overwhelmed by the warm welcome they received and tell us they are looking forward to performing for us once again. As before, tickets will be available via the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

For all information regarding the event, please visit our webpage:

[www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

## Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

## Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass.

## Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk) you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@[ewtn.co.uk](mailto:ewtn.co.uk).

Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High St, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

## MISSIO

The Spring 2023 edition of 'Mission Today' is available to collect from the table in the church porch. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. If you do not have a Missio Red Box and would like one, please speak to me. Alternatively, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

Thank you in advance. Clare Barton

## Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.

### Dates for 2023

1 April · 6 May - Coronation Day · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2 September · 7 October · 4 November · 2 December

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.



## Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- ♦ Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- ♦ Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- ♦ Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer mass every weekend for his parishioners. Therefore some of your mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend masses are booked up to June / July. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 26 March you gave £135.00 with £19.00 via Gift Aid. Second Collection for Easter flowers: £90.00 Thank you and God Bless.

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.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Lucy Calabritto, Josephine Connolly, Eileen O'Connell, Gladys Clarke, Arthur Stone, Eithane Pattle, and Florence Milson.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Ronald Roberts (1983), Canon Charles Loughran (2006), and Deacon Geoffrey Piper (2007)

Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.**

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent is available in the Narthex - may God's word guide our lives.

## Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7.00pm during Lent. Please make a special effort to attend.

## Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Light

# Laughter

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any!