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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 10 October 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

We have an amazing ability to avoid talking about important things. The desire to talk about life's profound questions seems increasingly unusual in modern life. Nowadays, such questions are considered too "deep" or "heavy", and most feel that politics and religion shouldn't be discussed in polite circles. The clergy and those who work in church-related roles have often swallowed the "black humour pill" and teasing is commonplace for anyone who is perceived as being "too intense" or who "takes things too seriously" by simply asking a question about faith or life. This attitude is to our detriment because in avoiding these topics we are avoiding the fundamental and vital issues of life on earth.

The ancient world did not suffer from any such reticence, as we witness in today's Gospel. The rich young man – clearly focused on obtaining eternal life – approaches the very One who can give it, and reveals that, although he is committed to keeping the Ten Commandments, he is unable to renounce his possessions. His departure from Jesus is one of the most moving and poignant moments in the New Testament, as he was brought face to face with his inability to relinquish that which prevented him from entering into the eternal life he longed for.

Thomas a Kempis said "For a small reward a man will hurry away on a long journey: while for eternal life many will hardly take a single step". Today's Gospel story also illustrates that the moral life, while noble, falls far short of the life of grace. Although the rich young man honoured the law, he lacked the insight to understand that his heart was not right with God and only Jesus could set him free. Jesus – who came to redeem and save sinners – is the One who gives eternal life. As Paul so eloquently said to Timothy, our goal is to "Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good profession in the presence of many witnesses".

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40)

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

Christmas Gifts (already!)



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

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 40, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

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

Thank you for your support. Clare Barton.

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OCTOBER

- Saturday 9 6.00 p.m. Mass
Marina Moffat RIP
C Waters
- Sunday 10 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish
- Monday 11 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 12 9.00 a.m. Mass
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Wednesday 13 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
11.00a.m. Funeral mass for
Anne Rimmer
- Thursday 14 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
- Friday 8 9.30 a.m. Mass
Feast of St. Therese
of Lisieux
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Saturday 15 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 15 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of the Parish
- Sunday 116 10.30 a.m.
Marina Moffat RIP

* 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: Barbara Fowles, David Goner, Margaret Stone, Rina Ellingford, Hannah Ebeira, Cianna McKenna, James Walsh, Jean Mateer, and Ernest Kettley.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Michael Hopkins (1994), Fr. Henry Healy (1967), Fr. David Logue (1976), Canon Edward Henry (1928), Fr. Alfred Clements (1931), and Pope Pius XII (1958)

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.

November Dead Envelopes

These will be available in the Narthex from October.

Advertising your business

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ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk
for details.

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Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our parish to celebrate our Sunday Mass. It is good to see our numbers beginning to continue to grow as we gradually come back to church with more confidence.

Last Sunday was our CAFOD collection. Thank you very much for your donation to the poorest of our world. You also received a leaflet regarding the Laudato Si invitation for your commitment and actions in order to cherish God's creation and strive for justice for the world's poorest people. We also gave you an action card for you to fill in. The blue half you keep, the green half you return to the church. By making your personal pledges - in working to heal the planet, and in striving for justice for the poorest people in the world - you are living witness to Jesus Christ. Do not be afraid to tell people why you are doing whatever you choose to do. Please pray the Rosary each evening especially during the month of October.

In today's gospel we hear about the rich man asking Jesus how he could attain eternal life. Jesus' reply was to be poor and free from everything and to do God's will. The rich man had more possessions than faith in God. Why do we put so much time to our world and little time to God? Let us truly believe in Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and before Him tell Him you love Him above all things. This is our faith. O Sacrament Most Holy, Most Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

May God bless you all and your families.

Christmas Hamper



Our Christmas hamper will be arriving shortly – to raffle towards our much needed parish funds – as we have so many repairs to do on our parish property. Each year you have been very generous to St Joseph's and I know you will be equally generous this year. I realise that many are struggling in one way or another, but we must not neglect God's house.

Also we will encourage you to send your Christmas Greetings to one another via the newsletter as we have done in the past. Proceeds will go towards Brentwood Catholic Children's society. Thanks again for your unflinching support.

First Holy Communion

Our children and parents are preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation in December. As a parish community we pray for them and their families at this time. May I respectfully remind everyone to prepare for Christmas by attending this sacrament.

Second Collection

For World Mission Sunday Weekend 23/24 October. Please see the notice on the white board in the Narthex – on the bottom right. There is a QR code, please use this code if you are able.

Second Collection for National Youth Sunday 20/21 November 2021.

200 CLUB – WINNERS

August

- 1st J & Duranti
- 2nd K & W Jackson
- 3rd S Morris

September

- 1st M Simpson
- 2nd R & E Kania
- 3rd M Dodson

Journey Home

Sunday is a day of life and glory. On that day, Christ the life of the faithful, rose from the dead. We remember and celebrate this saving event in a special way on a Sunday. But more than that, the crucified and Risen Christ comes to us in the celebration of the Mass. He speaks to us through the living word and sacred scripture. He feeds us, body and soul, with his own divine life in Holy communion. He calls us out of our individual activities and isolation and gathers us together as his Church, all people set apart to give thanks and praise to him. Sunday is the day of the Lord. It is on this day that we meet the risen Christ and we are formed into a community of faith, hope and love by the power of his Holy Spirit.

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.

Funeral Masses

Funeral Mass for Marina Moffat will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 22 October.

May they rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Bible Alive

For October is available from the Narthex £5.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of your home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.

Christmas Cards can also be ordered – which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

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Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

Thank you for the three people that have volunteered so far. We will be in touch shortly.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening – September 2022 intake

For Sixth Form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4 November 2021 from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 6.30 p.m.

Saint Francis Hospice

Saint Francis Hospice have asked each parish to arrange a coffee morning to raise funds. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mary on hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Supporting Children's emotional health and well being

As we begin the huge task of dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and well being of children and young people in our diocese, our message to families is simple "We are here for you if and for as long as you need us." If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact BCCS.

Visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk

Contact us: headoffice@bccs.org

Childcare, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9EH

Please see poster in the notice board outside the church Damian Dillon, Community Engagement Officer, ddillion@bccs.org.uk

Rosary Whirlwind - British Isles

On Saturday October 31 – Eve of All Saints – National Rosary relay from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Diocese are invited to take an hour. The designated hour for our diocese is from 11.00 a.m., we are invited to pray the rosary sometime between 11.00 and 12 noon. Contact for our diocese is Fr. Mark Swires at Brightlingsea.

Culmination of the Rosary mission – Sunday 1 November – Feast of All Saints – Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will lead a thanksgiving rosary at 8.00 p.m. from St. Mirin's Cathedral Paisley. Participants are invited to join with him that evening from their homes.

Candlelight Fund

This is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory now and in the future will be combined to make a life changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest communities.

It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark special moments like your loved one's birthday or you can invite others to join in too. Leaflets will be available in the narthex.

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.

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.

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 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.

What is a Rosary Whirlwind?

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and this year, the countries of Great Britain and Ireland are joining nations around the world is hosting a Rosary Crusade.

Catholics are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the spiritual wellbeing of the British Isles and for its preservation from degeneration, disaster, sickness and war.

The Church is under attack, the faith is being undermined, the sanctity of life is not honoured and peace is lacking everywhere. The covid-19 global pandemic threatens a second wave – people are fearful of what the future may hold. More than ever we need to intercede for our Isles and for the conversion to Christ of our peoples and that they be protected from all danger, from all sickness and from all evil. Rosary Whirlwind will invoke the mighty intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary inviting a whirlwind of heavenly grace to blow where it wills across our nations.

On Saturday October 31 – the Eve of All Saints – there will be a National Rosary Relay Rally from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. – when dioceses are invited to take an hour to say the Rosary in parishes and homes.

Mass attendance

Saturday 2 October: 48

Sunday 3 October: 50

Repository – help needed

The Repository is opened up before and after Saturday Mass by Mandy but we urgently need someone to do the same at the 10.30 Mass. Please! Full training given. It really is very simple and will help our parish community immensely. Thanks in advance. Just let Fr. Leslie know if you can spend a little time to help or email Mary direct from our website.



Pope on Twitter



Freedom makes free to the extent to which it transforms a person's life and directs it toward the good.

If we desire a more fraternal world, we need to educate the younger generations to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, place of birth or where they live

Openness to interdependence and sharing, the dynamism of love and a call to respect: these are three interpretative keys that can shed light on our efforts to care for our common home

#COP26 in Glasgow is called to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations. Let us accompany it with our spiritual closeness

Finance News

For the week ending 3 October you gave £260.00 of which £23.00 was through Gift Aid.

CAFOD Second Collection raised £165.00

Also received as a donation of £50.00

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.*

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

I'm thinking of a career where I estimate crowd sizes at different outdoor events.

I wonder how many people are in that field!

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