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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".

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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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 16 February 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15	6.00 p.m. Claude and Odette Roy RIP <i>Preceded with Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sunday 16	8.30 a.m. Monica Day RIP <i>M Donoghue</i> 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 17	Sean Lynch RIP
Tuesday 18	9.15 a.m. Rita Irvine RIP
Wednesday 19	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 20	9.15 a.m. Brenda Matthews RIP
Friday 21	9.15 a.m. Rob Brazier RIP 3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.) <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Saturday 22	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22	6.00 p.m. Ann Coffey RIP <i>J Greenfield</i> For all parishioners
Sunday 23	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m. Mavis Johns RIP

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

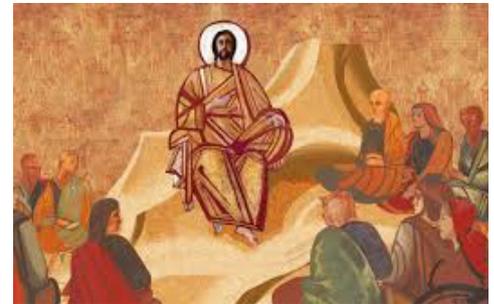
Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist, her voice shaking with anger, told world leaders at the UN in New York, "You have stolen my childhood with your empty words. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is the money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth – how dare you". Many things make us angry, and some anger is right, fit and proper.

Sometimes we know we are wrong to be angry; much more often we think we are right. We think the fault lies with others – they have made us angry. Or else certain situations provoke us to anger – and because these are bad situations, we feel that we have the right to express our anger. Jesus teaches with extraordinary clarity that "everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool' shall be liable to the hell of fire".

Must we take Jesus seriously? Jesus' radical teaching on anger sees it as the root of murder. Angry feelings, if they are nursed and not dealt with, become hatred. The fruit of hatred can sometimes be actual murder. Jesus warns us to avoid the possibility of such appalling fruit of our anger by dealing ruthlessly with the initial feelings of anger. He does not say that we cannot feel anger, express anger or even act on it. What he says is that we do not have the right to hang on to it, nurse it and vent it. Instead we must let it go. Jesus asks us to let go of our anger so that we can imitate him better. There were, of course, occasions when Jesus himself knew righteous anger and expressed it – but his anger never led him to sin. When he was betrayed, insulted, ridiculed, tortured and crucified, he had full right to feel angry. However, Jesus let go of all feelings of anger and forgave his oppressors: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do".

Jesus shows us a new way of living. As his disciples we must emulate him. Whenever we are angry, we must acknowledge our anger and then let it go by calling on the Lord's grace. Christ's Spirit will give us the power to fulfil his commandment to live as he did.

'Be angry but do not sin'.



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



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 Brisbane our membership officer on 01277 219746.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (15/16 February 2020)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Ian Restall
Stella Walker
A N Other

8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie
Jan Jarvis
Mary Allum
A N Other

10.30 a.m. Mary Brooks
Chris Brooks
Sharon Ruffles
A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (15/16 February 2020)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m. Alan Bailey
10.30 a.m. Paula Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (22/23 February 2020)

6.00 p.m. Bill O'Regan
Ann Howarth
Gaye O'Regan
A N Other

8.30 a.m. Mary Allum
Lyn Birnie
Jan Jarvis
A N Other

10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Tyronne Sequeira
Sharon Ruffles
A N Other

Readers For Next Week's Masses (22/23 February 2020)

6.00 p.m. Stephen Howarth
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:

William Woods, Patricia Lowen, Gerald James, Irene Huggins, Joan Williams, Florence Fernandos, Ellen Watson, Joseph Redknapp, and Florence Tunkin.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. John Joyce (1947), Fr. Thomas O'Connor (1956), Fr. Archibald O'Brien (1961) and Deacon Sydney Lewis (1994).

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 everyone today, especially our visitors and new parishioners.

God speaks to us is the proclaiming of the scriptures. Firstly, I ask all our readers to proclaim the Word with clarity. Secondly for our parish community to listen to the Word rather than read it. Thirdly there are talks on the scripture coming up in our Cathedral. The dates and times are on the notice board in the Narthex. I want to encourage as many as

possible to make the time to attend especially our First Communion parents.

Today's Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount is very radical. It goes right to the root of human life in the presence of God. Jesus addresses several moral issues. Firstly Jesus calls us to be persons of peace and compassion. We are called not to harbour anger in our hearts. Anger can build up until it erupts. It is so important to fight every tendency that causes anger, hatred, grudges, our hurts of the past because they can destroy our peace with Jesus Christ. Another issue is marital relationships. For Jesus, marriage was part of God's plan reflecting God's fidelity to his chosen people. Married relationship is a place of safety, nurture and love. So today we are challenged to the values of forgiveness, fidelity and honesty. By so doing we choose God's wisdom which transform our lives. We are also called to pray and support one another in difficult moments of unhappiness and despondency and turn to Jesus who is love and Mercy.

May God bless each one of us and have a happy Sunday.

The Brentwood Cathedral "God who speaks" Lenten Lectures

Wednesday 4 March

The Bible: alive and active or dead and irrelevant?

Professor Anthony Towey, Director of Aquinas Centre, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London



Wednesday 11 March

Reading the Bible: the challenges of interpretation

Professor John Barton, Oriel & Laing Emeritus Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture, University of Oxford



Wednesday 18th March

Sharing the Good News: Sacred scripture as beacon and promise.

Dr Maria Heath, chair of Catholic Charismatic Renewal



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



Ash Wednesday, 26 February 2020

This day is a day of fasting and abstinence. You should refrain from consuming meat (abstinence) and only have one main meal and two light meals during the day. You should refrain from eating between meals.

In this year of the Word of God we have a Lenten daily prayer book which is available for only £1.00 and can be found at the back of the church.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 9.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. During Lent please try to come to a weekday Mass as much as possible.

The Re-Dedication Of England

England has been called the "Dowry of Mary" since around the 11th century. The title means that she acts in a special way as the nation's protectress. As Mary's Dowry will be in March, I do encourage everybody (if you do not have one) to purchase a Rosary. One of the greatest devotions to our Lady (disliked by the devil). Prayer Cards will be available soon. We have a beautiful statue of our Lady of Walsingham in our church - England's most ancient shrine.

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 or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

Words For Reflection

Pope Francis says
"Essence of life is our relationship with God".
"Jesus is the medicine of forgiveness".
"God will judge us with the same measure we have for others".
"The Beatitudes are a message for humanity (an invitation to conduct a life of humility, poverty and mercy)".
"Christians without joy are prisoners of formalities".

Altar Servers



Shortly we will begin to train Altar Servers. We do have some names, thank God. If you would like to add your name to the list, please let Fr. Leslie know. Or Mrs Gilligan at St. Joseph's school. Remember it is a great privilege to respond to God's call to serve.



Training will take place on Saturday morning 10.30 a.m. to 10.50 a.m. for about five weeks. Thank you. Our parish has always had a wonderful team of Altar Servers.

Church Opening Hours

We are very fortunate to be able to keep our church open every day from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The church is therefore available for daily prayer every day of the week. We also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and also before Mass on Saturday evening from 5.00 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. Confessions are on Saturday morning between 9.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. and also between 5.00 p.m. and 5.50 p.m. on Saturdays, preceding Mass.

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.

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

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.

BCCS Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7 March from 7.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/07912277413/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk

God's Housekeepers – please help

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. We need your help. Please!

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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.

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The Pope on Twitter



Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings.

Painful reports are still emerging from #Syria regarding the conditions facing women and children, as people are forced to flee the war. I renew my appeal to all parties involved to engage in dialogue and to respect Humanitarian Law in order to safeguard the lives of civilians.

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Mt 5:13-16), Jesus calls His disciples to be salt and light in the world. The person who lives and spreads the grace of Christ is salt. The person who lets the Gospel shine with good deeds is light.

Together against trafficking. Only together can we defeat this scourge and protect the victims. Prayer is the strength that sustains our commitment.

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 said that we must be kind to each other and make friends with people we may not like. We must keep our promises to God too.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Lord Jesus, it's not always easy living as you ask but we know that following you is the best way to live. Help us to be friendly to everyone, whether we like them or not. *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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