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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 6 October 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5	6.00 p.m. Alan Turvey RIP A Turvey
Sunday 6	8.30 a.m. Nicholas Vollaire RIP 10.30 a.m. For Parishioners

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Monday 7	9.15 a.m. Int. Gary Dench
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ST. OSYTH

Tuesday 8	9.15 a.m. Private Intention (Eileen)
Wednesday 9	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 10	9.15 a.m. John McCormack RIP

ST. JOHN XXIII

Friday 11	9.15 a.m. Rob Brazier RIP
Saturday 12	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. Confessions 5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. Confessions with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. Catherine Niro RIP M Dodson
Sunday 13	8.30 a.m. Rob Brazier RIP 10.30 a.m. For Parishioners

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Imagine a young woman standing beside a frozen pond in a local park. There's a sign beside the pond which says "Danger - Thin Ice". But the young woman is carrying a large suitcase which has the word "Faith" in bold letters on the side of it. She thinks to herself: "I've got lots of faith, so I'll step out onto the ice. I believe that the ice will support me". Is this what we think faith is? Something that, if we have enough of it, will enable us to do seemingly impossible things? The words of Jesus today could appear to imply this. Even the disciples asked that their faith be increased - as though it was important to have lots of it. Did the disciples really know what faith is?

Now imagine a similar, but significantly different scene. The same young woman is standing by the frozen pond. But this time the sign reads "Safe - Thick Ice". She is holding not a great suitcase but a mini-purse and you can hardly read the word "Faith" embroidered on it. But she is thinking very differently: "I really don't have very much faith - but I'll use it to put my trust in what the sign says!"

Does this scene more clearly reflect what faith really is? Certainly it does help us to see that the true focus is what we put our faith in, rather than faith itself (and how much of it we have).

Jesus' words seem to suggest that it really doesn't matter how much faith we have. A grain of mustard seed is the smallest possible grain. Having the tiniest speck of willingness is enough, he said, to uproot a sycamore and plant it in the sea. So does this mean that we can perform mighty miracles just by exercising a bit of faith? Not really! There is something unspoken in the text of the Gospel. What is that? It is the word of God that we put our faith in. When God reveals his will, or when God speaks his word, even the tiniest willingness to believe him will connect us to his power and we shall see his will or his word being fulfilled. If God revealed that he wanted the sycamore uprooted, we could command it to do so, and it would. The key to faith is to know God's will or to hear his word.

Father, let me do your will today.



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.

Parish Representatives

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Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (5/6 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall Bill O'Regan Gaye O'Regan A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis Lyn Birnie John Spinks A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson Chris Brooks Mary Brooks A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (5/6 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (12/13 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Ian Restall Carol Turnbull A N Other
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Mary Allum Jan Jarvis A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Sarah Barber Hyacinth Albuquerque A N Other

Readers For Next Week's Masses (12/13 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Rose Mulvey
8.30 a.m.	Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

Remember

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees – "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins".

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Do come and join us in prayer and reflection.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

James Walsh, Jean Mateer, Ernest Ketley, Leslie Burrows, and John Castle

Priests of our Diocese

Canon Edward Heery (1928), Fr. Harold Cahill (1970), Fr. Alfred Clements (1931) and Pope Pius XII (1958)

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

Safety, Safety, Safety

For safety reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent when they use the toilet in the Parish Hall. Children should not use the toilet in the Parish room.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors on this Twenty Seventh Sunday in ordinary time.

It is only 7 weeks to the great season of Advent. Now is the time to make those preparations for the Birth of our Saviour. We can perhaps pray the rosary each evening as a family to Mary the Mother of Jesus. Reflect on the scriptures from Bible Alive and of course the Sacrament of Confession.

Our Christmas cards are at half price. This is a wonderful way to put the real meaning of Christmas into the homes of our Catholic and non-Catholic friends. Christmas is all about Jesus not snow scenes or photos of our families. On Christmas Day God became man to redeem our world. It would be good to reflect on this great mystery during Advent.

In today's Gospel Jesus replies to the Apostles request to "Increase their faith". Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be up-rooted and planted in the sea". Jesus reminds us that we are servants and done no more than our duty.

Lack of faith in the Old Testament by God's people has the great sin. They had forgotten that God had led them out of slavery in Egypt.

Perhaps today we have forgotten God's love for us and by his birth, life, death and resurrection that he redeemed us. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us to guide us on our journey of life. Perhaps we have put material things before Jesus and so we have lost our way? We too have to ask our Lord to "Increase our faith to help us to find him in the business of life. To find the time to be still and know that I am the Lord". To rediscover his presence in the Sacrament of Confession and in the Eucharist – that he is truly present. We need to reach out to touch him each day. As he said to Thomas "Here are my hands, touch them, put your hands into my side, doubt no longer but believe."

Have a great day with your families and a wonderful week.

Fr. Leslie

Eucharistic Ministers

When you arrive for Mass, whether you are on duty or not, please check in with the lead Eucharistic Minister for that Mass. Let them know that you are present, and available to be the fourth Minister at that Mass if required. Thanks in advance.

From Pope Francis

Lukewarm faith leaves so many to find excuses in uncertainty and fuels the tendency to procrastinate. It causes so many people to waste their lives and end up "in tatters because they have done nothing except nurture sentiments of peace and calm within themselves". But that peace is the piece of graveyards. The Lord wants conversion today. Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to fall into "half-Christian" spirit which makes us Christians without substance. Christians who perhaps sowed a lot but reaped very little; lives that promised so much and in the end did nothing.

May the Lord help us to "wake up from a tepid spirit" and fight "this gentle anaesthesia of spiritual life".

Please note when you come into Mass on Saturday evening the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. If you come in when Jesus is blessing, please stand still and not walk to your seats. In our church and every church reverence for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament whether on the altar or in the Tabernacle.

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.

Novena With Newman

All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday, October 13. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven. We encourage you to form links in that chain by joining in the Novena with Newman – nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday, October 4 and finishing on Saturday, October 12, on the eve of the canonisation.

Online at: www.newmancanonisation.com/novena

Youth News

Did you know Pope Francis is about to Canonise the first English Saint for decades? Cardinal John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint in October; for young people who want to discover more the October Youth Mass will be devoted to Cardinal Newman, with his inspiring quotes and timeless hymns; Wednesday 2nd October, 8pm, Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome. Full details at www.bcys.net/events

Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a Red Box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in October so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned in November. Please make sure that your Red Box is clearly marked with your name and address.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.

World Day of The Poor

Just a reminder. This will take place on Sunday 12 November. The needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever (Psalm 9:18)

Cafod Harvest Fast Day:

Friday 4 October 2019

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY WAS
FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019.**

On Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Please give what you can in this weekend's second collection.

Thank you for your support. Clare Barton

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School Admissions

Our Admissions Policy for September 2020/2021 is now available on the school website. If you have a child due to start school in September 2020 and would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01277 227282.

MISSIO

The Autumn 2019 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the porch. This is a special edition of the magazine for the Extraordinary Month of Mission called by the Pope for this October. There are also prayer cards for the Extraordinary Month of Mission at the back of the church. If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. *Thank you for your support,* Clare Barton.

Our Repository

Mandy has taken over running the Repository, and she wants you to know that the Repository holds a wonderful selection of cards for every occasion... gifts too. Many items at half price. Why not browse after Mass?

BCCS Ladies Christmas Lunch

This year, our Ladies' Christmas Luncheon takes place on Friday 6 December 2019 at the Rayleigh Golf Club. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two-course Christmas luncheon with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room overlooking the golf course at this exclusive club.

Tickets cost £25.00 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

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.

Holy Land 2020

A Day with Mary Pilgrimage. Sunday 22 March to Tuesday 31 March 2020. 4 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Old Jerusalem. £1,300 pp, Full Board. For more details call 020 8642 6418

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.

A Day With Mary

Saturday 9 November 2019. Westminster Cathedral

Rosary Groups

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.

National Rosary Crusade of Reparation

The 35th Annual National Rosary Crusade of Reparation will take place on Saturday 12 October 2019. Assemble by 1.45 p.m. outside Westminster Cathedral (Ambrosden Avenue). The nearest Underground is Victoria. There will be a procession to Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, London, SW7. Nearest Underground is South Kensington. Patron: His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Sermon by Reverend Lawrence Lew, O. P. Saint Dominic's Priory. Holy Mass is offered for benefactors every month. Donations Required. The event will end about 5.15 pm (Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6.00 pm). For Information Contact: Web: www.rosarycrusadeofreparation.blogspot.com E-mail: rosarycrusade@duc-in-altum.co.uk

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening

Brentwood Ursuline are holding an Open Evening for Sixth Form on Wednesday 6 November 2019, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. There will be a Head Teacher's talk from 6.30 p.m. Please note there are no on-site parking facilities available. Please contact Admissions Officer Miss Lester to book a place. 01277 227156.

First Communion Parents

There will be a First Communion Parents meeting on Wednesday 2 October 2019 in the Parish Hall from 8.00 p.m. Since there are only two meetings before 1st Confession it is imperative that parents attend this meeting.

Journey Of Faith (RCIA)

The above begins in October, for anyone wishing to become a Catholic at the Easter Vigil 2020 or who are not Catholic and wish to know about living of our Catholic faith.

Please Note – Mass Times

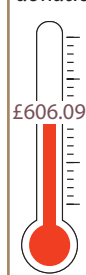
Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.

Candlelight Fund

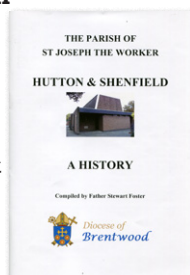
A Candlelight Fund is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. It will celebrate their life. There are no targets. This is your fund and you can grow it in whatever way you feel comfortable. It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark special moments like your loved one's anniversary – for a daughter, son, husband, mum, or dad. To set up your candlelight fund please contact Roisin on 020 7095 or email candlelight@cafod.org.uk with your details.

History of Our Parish

Our "History of the Parish" books are available at the back of the church. All we require is a donation. So far we have raised £606.09p to defray the cost of printing, which was around £1,500.



Maybe you should buy one or two for the family as a Christmas present? Or for your friends?



Finance News

For the week ending 29/30 September you gave £203.18 of which £27.00 was Gift Aided.

Hall Income was £45.00

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 Word of God fills us with joy and this joy is our strength. We are joyful Christians because we have welcomed the Word of God in our hearts. This is the message for today, for all of us

May the memorial of our #HolyGuardianAngels strengthen in us the certainty that we are not alone. May it sustain us in proclaiming and living Christ's Gospel for a world renewed in God's love.

Through our small steps of love, God does great things. He accomplishes the salvation of the world. Let us entrust to St. Therese of the Child Jesus, our faithful friend, the #ExtraordinaryMissionaryMonth that begins today.

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures.

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' friends asked him to help them have more faith in God. Jesus says that if the disciples have faith the size of a mustard seed, they could tell the mulberry tree to go and be planted in the sea, and it would be. All we need to do is to live as God asks and God will help us do amazing things!

A PRAYER TO SAY

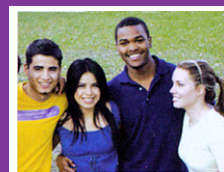
Dear Jesus, please help me to trust in you and do what you ask. Amen.

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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