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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 2 June 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

THE SEASON OF EASTER

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 1	6.00 p.m. Carley Cooper D Looney
Sunday 2	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m. David Wood RIP Jackson family

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS

Monday 3	9.15 a.m. Kathleen Andrews RIP
Tuesday 4	NO MORNING MASS
Wednesday 5	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 6	9.15 a.m. Kitty McDermott RIP M Anderson
Friday 7	9.15 a.m. George and Harriet Harper RIP 3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 8	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. (until 10.15 a.m.) Confessions

PENTECOST SUNDAY

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 9	8.30 a.m. For all Parishioners 10.30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available before all weekday Masses and on Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

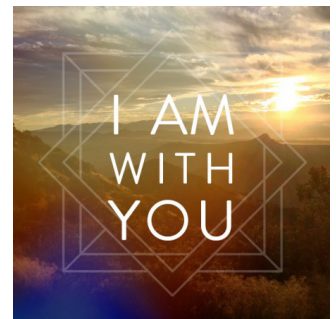
IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The prayer of Jesus to the Father in John 17 sheds light on how important it is to pray for unity: in the family, the parish, the diocese and the Church at large. Today his prayer is for unity among those who will come to believe in him through the word (the teaching, preaching and New Testament writings) that will be passed on by Jesus' disciples. But why should there be unity among Jesus' disciples. And, more importantly, how is this unity to come about? What is it about believing in Jesus that brings about unity as a consequence?

It is all about the new creation that is established through Jesus' resurrection. Jesus is himself the first-born of God's new creation. When Jesus died, he took with him to the cross the sin and fallen nature of all of humanity. Humanity's fallen nature is that nature in which the self-life has been allowed to rule and control us. It is a nature that, in the end, cannot have union with God, because the self-life refuses to let God take the central place – it is my will that I do, rather than God's will. Jesus, throughout his life, revealed a true human life which was completely surrendered to the will of the Father. However, the cross was necessary because the power of the self-life, and of self-will, needed to be put to death. It was brought to an end on Calvary. The resurrected Jesus is now the source of a life that is entirely one with the will of God.

For that same life to be manifested in us today, it is essential that we have union with both the death and resurrection of Jesus. The key element is our willingness to let go of the self-life and self-will that can so dominate our lives - even, and perhaps especially, when our self-will produces actions and thoughts that we consider good. Part of the difficulty for us is that we often fail to realize just how much and how often our actions are determined by self-will. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal the extent of our self-will, and as he brings this to light, it will be his work also to bring that self-life to the cross.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world, the Prince of Peace, Unity and Reconciliation.



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.

Save The Date - 1

The Bishop will be making his Parish Pastoral Visit on Sunday **22 September 2019**. It's a long way off, but is a firm date for your diary.



Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (1/2 June 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ewa Kania Bill O'Regan Gaye O'Regan
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis Mary Allum John Spinks
10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson Chris Brooks Mary Brooks

Readers For This Week's Masses (1/2 June 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	David Holt
10.30 a.m.	Willa Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (8/9 June 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Ian Restall Stella Walker
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Mary Allum Angela Mahoney
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Willa Jackson Hyacinth Albuquerque

Readers For Next Week's Masses (8/9 June 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

Anniversaries

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

Margaret Grean, John Looney, Bernadette Morris, Lillian Gilchrist, Alfred Duffett, John Gordon, Aubrey Teixeira, Annette Draper and Eithne Webster.

Priests of our Diocese:

Bp John Petit (1973) – one time Priest of our Diocese, Canon Eric Goldingay (1978), Fr. Donald Clover (1995), Canon Jerome Deady (1937) and Fr. Edmund Tyler (1984).

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

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 the 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 and Brian Donoghue.

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.



Welcome to the parish of St. Joseph the Worker to all our parishioners and visitors.

This coming week we are waiting in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. After the Ascension the disciples together with Mary went back to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper. They needed that time to pray and reflect on all that had happened. Jesus had promised them a comforter, the Holy Spirit. He would be with them every time they celebrated the Eucharist. Prayer makes us more open to God and to relax in his presence. We too should pray for ourselves and for others.

We also ask Priests and religious to offer Mass for different intentions. "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; the one who asks and searches will always find. The one who knocks will have the door open to them".

We need to work and pray in our lives. So, like the disciples this week, we should pray like Mary for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church and on all of us that we may respond to God better and a deeper love and respect for Jesus in Holy Communion. This year why don't we go on holiday with the Lord on retreat? Lord God you promise not to leave us orphans but to remain with us always. Be with us in our confusion and disappointment when we do not know what to do. Grant that we hear your call to silence and prayer and withdraw to our "upstairs room". There we ask you not pour out on us afresh your Holy Spirit that we may be better witnesses to you in our families, parish and places of work.

I wish you all a happy day with your families and a wonderful week.

Fr Leslie

For Our Young Parishioners Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

BCYS EVENTS – see also Parish Noticeboard
For more information and to apply for any of our events, please visit www.bcys.net/events

BCYS CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH 13 JULY,

ROBERT CLACK LEISURE CENTRE, DAGENHAM

Last year young people (16-18s) beat the leaders (18-27) by a hefty 6-2. Will 2019 be the year the leaders regain their pride? If you are 16-27 and want to play, sign up now. All proceeds will go towards supporting bursaries for BCYS events. For more information, visit our website.

SUMMER LOURDES 2019

20 - 27 JULY 2019, LOURDES

Join our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We assist the elderly and infirm on the annual Diocesan pilgrimage. This event is open to those in years 10 and above. The trip is now full for 2019; applicants will be added to a waiting list and notified if a place becomes available.

YOUTH GATHER

26 - 27 OCTOBER 2019, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA

Back on Mersea Island, we'll combine climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and more, with speakers and workshops to give you fresh insights into yourself and your faith. This is open to those in year 9 and above, applications will open at the end of July.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

8.00 p.m. First Wednesday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral If you would like to know more, please email group709@hcpt.org.uk.

First Holy Communion – 1

Thanks to everyone who helped prepare our children for their First Holy Communion. It was a very happy and beautiful celebration for our children. I beg our parents and all of us to pray that we may become what we receive in Holy Communion: Jesus body, blood, soul and divinity. What an awesome thought!

First Holy Communion – 2

See on the right a collection of photos from the First Holy Communion celebrations last Saturday. As you can see, it was a momentous and joyous day in the life of our church. It was great to have the children and their families sharing their special day. And special thanks goes to Arthur Edwards for sending through these lovely pictures. What a day!



Light
Laughter

I took the shell off my racing snail to make it go faster, but if anything, it's made it more sluggish!



You are invited to the inaugural Diocese of Brentwood Marriage Conference

Saturday 6th July 2019, 10.30am-2.30pm

The Cathedral Hall, Brentwood Cathedral
Ingrave Road, Brentwood

A gathering for:
members of national and local organisations supporting marriage
those who support married and engaged couples in parishes and deaneries
those helping young people explore the vocation to marriage

Keynote speakers:
Brenden Thompson
Lead Coordinator, Catholic Voices
Laura Thompson
Teacher and Catholic Voice



No charge & lunch is provided. Booking via Eventbrite.
<https://brentwoodmarriageday.eventbrite.co.uk>



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Alan invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life at 3.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral. Fr. Leslie has four invitation cards for the first four couple who wish to attend. If you are planning to bring your children, please let Fr. Matthew know on marriage@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Eucharistic Adoration

We are working towards a time when we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day during the week. At present we have Adoration on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. We all need to come to Jesus on our knees to pray for His Peace for our world, communities, families and in our own hearts.

If you are interested in realising our hope of someone spending one hour at a fixed time and become part of a Mission Team, please see Fr. Leslie. Our first objective would be a Friday afternoon and then hopefully all day Friday. Please give this some thought!

Lunchtime Recitals

Hope you can join us next Wednesday 5 June at the usual time of 1pm - 1.45pm in the Cathedral for a Lunchtime PIANO Recital to be given by Irina VATERL from the RCM Ldn. Irina was born in Graz, Austria in 1991 and in June 2017 she completed her Masters Programme in Piano Performance. She is a most accomplished musician.

We much look forward to her Recital next week which will include the following pieces:-

- Franz Liszt Ballade No. 2 in B Minor
- Robert Schumann Fantasie C Dur, op. 17
- 1. *Durchaus phantastisch und leidenschaftlich vorzutragen*
- 2. *Mässig. Durchaus energisch*
- 3. *Langsam getragen. Durchweg leise zu halten*

Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the SONG SCHOOL.

Missio

For Red Box holders, the Summer 2019 edition of "Mission Today" is available for you to collect from the table in the porch.

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.

Clare Barton

Feast Days

ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

Charles Lwanga (1 January 1860 - 3 June 1886) was a Ugandan convert to the Catholic Church, who was martyred for his faith and is revered as a saint by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. A member of the Baganda tribe, Lwanga was born in the Kingdom of Buganda, the central and southern part of modern Uganda, and served as chief of the royal pages and later major-domo in the court of King Mwanga II of Buganda. He was baptised by Pere Giraud on 15 November 1885. As part of the king's effort to resist foreign colonization, the king insisted that Christian converts abandon their new faith and executed many Anglicans and Catholics between 1885 and 1887, including Lwanga and other officials in the royal court or otherwise very close to him.



Fund Raisers Wanted

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for 35 'Fearless Fundraisers' to join #TEAM35 and undertake a thrilling 80 metre free-fall abseil from the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford. The Abseil will take place on Friday 12 July between 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. and in order to secure a place, participants will need to pay a £50 non-refundable deposit and agree to raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship (before Gift Aid) to support the work of bccs. For further information please visit www.bccs.org.uk or contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk 01268 784544/07912277413

One of our parishioners, 14 year-old Alex Thomas, has already signed up for this, but BCCS could do with a few more volunteers to join Alex and the others already committed. We'll be there on 12 July to take some pics too!

Finance News

For the week ending 26 May 2019 you gave £554.20 of which £28.00 was Gift Aided. Second Collection in aid of Providence Row for the homeless raised £544.00



Pope on Twitter



In our lives there are crosses, there are difficult moments. But in these difficult moments we feel that the Holy Spirit helps us to go forward and to overcome the difficulties

Even today so many Christians are killed and persecuted for the love of Christ. They give their lives in silence, because their martyrdom isn't newsworthy. Yet there are more Christian martyrs today than in the early centuries.

It is the Spirit who makes us arise from our limitations, from our deaths, because we have so many necroses in our life, in our soul. The message of the Resurrection is this: we must be reborn.

Mercy shown to those who can only receive, without giving anything in return, is precious in the eyes of God.

Altar Servers -

THIS IS URGENT - VERY URGENT

Over the years our parish has been blessed with wonderful, committed Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar is not just a hobby that we do each week. It is part of who we are - following Jesus Christ. Serving at the Altar is a privilege - something we do out of love for him. Let others see what a difference our faith makes to our lives. As Altar Servers let us be a people of faith and strong followers of Jesus, let us respond generously to God's call. We require more Altar Servers at each Mass. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

Reflection

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, let us each day invoke the Holy Spirit to fill us with the love of Jesus and help us to seek His mercy and forgiveness, and to deepen our love for the Eucharist, that we may become what we receive. "Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love".

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 prays to his Father in heaven. Jesus asks God the Father to keep all his friends safe.

A PRAYER to SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for being my friend. Please help me to be a good friend. Amen.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRENTWOOD



CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT



SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019

Service at the Chapel Ruins 12.00 noon

led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Diocese of Chelmsford

Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

COME AND WITNESS TO THE RISEN LORD

as the disciples did at Pentecost

Let the people of Brentwood know

It didn't end on Good Friday

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!

After the combined service at 12.00 noon, each Church will have a slot in the afternoon to continue praise and worship at the Chapel Ruins in their own style and tradition; showing our unity and diversity.

"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation."

Mk.16:15 NJB

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.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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