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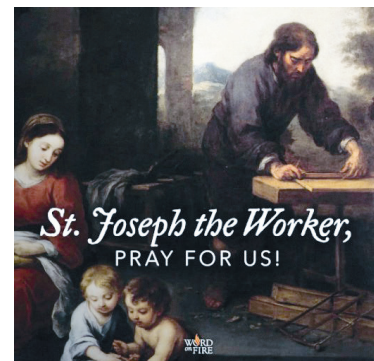
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Mission Statement

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 26 February 2023



"At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him"

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

During Lent we're led by the Spirit into the mystery of Jesus' sojourn in the desert: 'By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself...to the mystery of Jesus in the desert' (CCC 540). Isn't it amazing to ponder that in a mystical way, through our own struggles and temptations, we have some share in Jesus' testing in the desert? The story of Jesus' temptations appears in all three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), but not John. Each of the Evangelists is clear that Jesus was tempted by Satan. The name Satan means 'adversary'. In the Book of Job we're given a vivid picture of Satan in God's heavenly court, where he has the role of accuser or prosecutor (see 1:6-12). The Scriptures identify Satan as the serpent in the Garden of Eden who tempted Adam and Eve (Gen. 3) and, therefore, as the origin of sin and temptation.

What the Scriptures and tradition make clear is that humankind has a mortal enemy who, although a finite being created by God, is in a desperate struggle to overthrow God's reign, usurp his Lordship and lead his creation into darkness and death. How interesting that when we renew our baptismal vows over Easter, we're invited to reject Satan and all his empty promises.

We're constantly tempted in many and varied ways. But temptation isn't a sin; it doesn't become one until we succumb. Jesus didn't succumb and because he was tempted, he can identify with the suffering we endure when we're tempted. Perhaps our religious formation put the accent on resisting sexual sin and temptation is often perceived in these terms. However, we're tempted in many and varied ways: to gossip, spite, arrogance, resentment and anger, and so on.

Lent, then, is a time of spiritual combat; and every soldier knows the dictum: know thy enemy. The devil is finite, merely a creature who can be defeated. Our struggle, then, isn't against flesh and blood but against the devil and his spiritual forces.

Lord, armed with truth, righteousness, and readiness to proclaim the Gospel, I say with confidence, 'Get behind me, Satan!'
(Matt. 16:23)

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Upcoming Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 25 6.00 p.m.
Mariah Contancio
Gonsalves RIP

Sunday 26 10.30 a.m.
People of our Parish
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 28 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls especially
the Clergy

FEAST OF ST DAVID (PATRON OF WALES)

MARCH

Wednesday 1 7.30 p.m.
Odette Roy RIP

Thursday 2 9.00 a.m.
Jayne Hayward RIP
M Anderson

LENT FAST DAY

Friday 3 9.00 a.m.
Tim O'Brien
7.00 p.m. Stations of the
Cross (During Lent)

Saturday 4 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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 4 6.00 p.m.
Jourjon Family RIP
Michelle

Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

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: At the weekends you may
not get the date you request because
everyone wants mass at the weekend. So
you may get a different day. However your
mass can be said on a weekday nearer
the date you request. I am mandated
as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @
Parishioners' each weekend.

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

Choral Vespers

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

Mass Attendance

Saturday 19 February: 61
Sunday 20 February: 67



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors.

Today we begin a very important season leading us to the
joys of Easter. Pope Benedict XVI said "Looking closely at this
little piece of white Host, this bread of the poor, appears
to us as a synthesis of creation..... In this way we begin to
understand why the Lord chooses this piece of bread to
represent him. Creation with all of its gifts, aspires above
and beyond itself to something even greater".

The Lord mentioned its deepest mystery on Palm Sunday,
when some Greeks asked to see him. In his answer to this question is the phrase:
"Truly truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it
remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit".

The mystery of the passion is hidden in the bread made of ground grain. Flour,
the ground wheat, presupposes the death and resurrection of the grain. In being
ground and baked, it carries in itself once again the same mystery of the Passion.
Only through death does resurrection arrive, as does the fruit and new life.
"Every day we walk the way of the cross".

May this season of Lent be a time of repentance and conversion as we prepare for
this solemn occasion leading us to the joy of Easter. Remember every Friday is a
day of abstinence. However, the first Friday of Lent is a Fast Day. Please see the rest
of the newsletter for suggestions of how we can spiritually prepare for Easter.
Many blessings on your families during this Holy season.

For Lester

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.

Lent and Easter

The season of Lent is a time of spiritual combat
for the Christian, to whom the church reaches
out with support and encouragement, feeding
her children with the Eucharist, Word and Prayer.
Drawing on the liturgy of each day we come to a
deeper meditation on the meaning of the Lenten
journey leading to the great Feast of Easter.

Friday Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will be held every Friday
during Lent from Friday 24 February at 7.00 p.m.
in the Church.

Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 10.00
a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held
on Sunday from 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Bible Alive

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

Lecture at Brentwood Cathedral

At Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday March 1
at 7.00 p.m. Baroness Caroline Cox will give a
lecture title: "The pain, passion and privilege of
supporting Christians who are suffering
persecution." I am inviting you and through you,
your parish community, to this important
lecture. (See the notice on the White Board).

Eucharistic Minister for this week's Masses

Saturday 25 Feb 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Mark Brennan

Sunday 26 Feb 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks

Eucharistic Minister for next week's Masses

Saturday 4 March 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Marian Anderson

Sunday 5 March 10.30 a.m.
Willa Jackson
Jan Jarvis

Readers for this week's Masses

Saturday 25 Feb 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson

Sunday 26 Feb 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles

Readers for next week's Masses

Saturday 4 March 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson

Sunday 5 March 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey

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Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

The signs of bread and wine.

In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice among the first fruits of the earth as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to the Creator. But they also received a new significance in the context of the Exodus: the unleavened bread that Israel eats every year at Passover commemorates the haste of the departure that liberated them from Egypt; the remembrance of the manna in the desert will always recall to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God; their daily bread is the fruit of the promised land, the pledge of God's faithfulness to his promises. The "cup of blessing" at the end of the Jewish Passover meal adds to the festive joy of wine an eschatological dimension: the messianic expectation of the rebuilding of Jerusalem. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist, he gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread and the cup.

Friday Obligation

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

Lent Hunger Lunch 10 March 13.00

Please join us for soup and a roll in the Hall on Friday 10 March at 13.00.

Suggested donation £5 or whatever you can afford. All proceeds to CAFOD.



200 Club

Would you like the opportunity to win a cash prize every month, and help parish funds at the same time? All you need to do is sign up for our 200 Club which costs just £2.00 per month, by Standing Order. That's it. Couldn't be simpler. And you'd be joining many of our parishioners in both supporting the church and winning cash prizes. What's not to like?

200 Club Winners

Congratulations to this month's winners, as below.

January 2023

1st Prize. £50.00 Chris Bailey
2nd Prize. £30.00 C & H Fitzpatrick
3rd Prize. £20.00 Jessica Barber

Lent Foodbank Collection Sat/Sun 25/26 February - TODAY

Please help us support the Hutton Community Food Hub by bringing tinned items, toiletries, nappies etc to the church on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February. There are increasing numbers of people asking for support from the foodbank at this time, so give generously if you can. We understand that not everyone is able to give a donation; please remember those in need in your prayers.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. For more details please go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes> or contact Suzanne or Kathryn at Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org. If you are interested in going as part of a parish group please let Fr. Leslie know.

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!

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Taking Liturgy Seriously & Eucharist

Module 2 – Word of Prayer will take place via Zoom on 16, 23, 30 March 7.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

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.

Banking Coins

The banking of Coins has become a challenge as HSBC refuse to accept them. We now bank coins in the post office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers waiting to be served. Therefore, if possible, please support our parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking.

Diocesan Directory

Brentwood Diocesan Directories 2023 are available to purchase from the Narthex – cost £2.95

Exciting Youth Event coming 3 – 5 March 2023!

ave an amazing opportunity as the weekend will include a day at Flame which is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, and takes place at the Ovo Arena in Wembley.

It's going to be an exciting day with loads of international speakers, great music including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike – Adenike was herself a 17 year old at a previous Flame, and since then has been a Finalist on The Voice. Plus loads of young people passionate about their faith!

So, come and join us in Brentwood for an amazing weekend from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime! It's an event not to be missed!!

The cost for the whole D-Max event is £95 plus transport into London

To book onto D-Max go to the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/nzecz27n>



Pope on Twitter



Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to Jesus. He speaks to us in the Word of God and through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and stories of those who are in need

SocialJustice demands that we fight against the causes of poverty: inequality and the lack of labour, land, and lodging; against those who deny social and labour rights; and against the culture that leads to taking away the dignity of others.

Let us not forget those who are suffering. I think of Syria and Turkey, of the very many victims of the earthquake; of the dear Ukrainian people and the many populations who suffer as a result of war of poverty, lack of freedom, or environmental devastation.

God never leaves us on our own. God waits for us to ask Him to give us a hand. We need to learn how to distinguish God's voice through silent #Prayer and intimate dialogue with Him, treasuring in our hearts that which does us good and gives us peace.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 19 February you gave £170.00 with £9.00 via Gift Aid. *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: Alma Tincey, Edward Pearce, Audrey Field, and Raymond Bolt
Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Jules Van Meewen (1986), Fr. Clifford Beecroft (2012), Fr. David Chapman (1998), Fr. John Wall (1952), Mgr. Canon Patrick O'Donnell (1981), Fr. Brian Galvin (1994), and Fr. Francis Hastings (2003).

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.

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the diocese and in our specially adapted therapy rooms in Billericay. Currently we are seeking to appoint new trustees to our Board to help guide and develop our work. Further information is available on our website <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/our-trustees/> or please email Bernadette our Director at bfisher@bccs.org.uk who will be happy to discuss this important role with you. Thank you.

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

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 you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email ewtn@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.

SPUC Pro-Life News

Ten thousand prayers needed from 10 million lives lost to abortion. The society is calling for a national day to pray to help secure an end to abortion.

Go online to spu.org/national-prayer campaign to make your pledge. SPUC 2023 youth conference 24-26 February, Yardfield Park Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NL

Our Lady Of Walsingham

The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to ask the Holy See to elevate the Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to the status of a Feast in England.

Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

Funds can be remitted to:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund

Account Number: 20927317

Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to

Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases.

The address for cheques is:

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain,
22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

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**

4 March · 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.





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