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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 8 March 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m. Frances and George Turner RIP
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m. For all parishioners 10.30 a.m. Bridget Brennan RIP Mark Brennan
Monday 9	9.15 a.m. Sarah Hills RIP
Tuesday 10	9.15 a.m. Mary McKinnon RIP
Wednesday 11	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 12	9.15 a.m. Ints of Walsh family
Friday 13	9.15 a.m. Veronica Williams RIP
Saturday 14	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY (PRECEDED WITH CONFESSIONS AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT)

Saturday 14	6.00 p.m. Ann Coffey RIP R and J Weller
Sunday 15	8.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazer RIP U and A Bailey 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions on Saturday morning 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.
Confessions before 6.00 p.m. Mass every Saturday
5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday before Mass



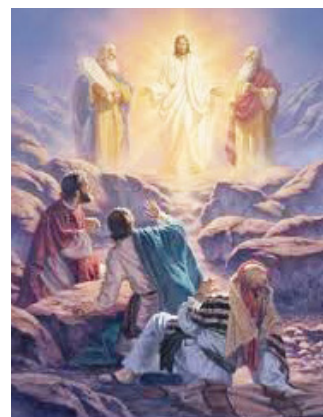
Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.
If there are any gentlemen interested in the Catenian Association please contact
Peter Brisbane our membership officer
on 01277 219746.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today we are given a glimpse into another world – a heavenly, eternal world, far beyond this world but mysteriously right at the heart of it. Jesus was transfigured before the three chosen disciples - Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes became dazzling white and we are told, by these reliable witnesses, that Elijah and Moses appeared among them. The two Old Testament prophets spoke with the Lord about his forthcoming 'departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem'. God the Father also spoke as a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him'. What do you make of this incident in Jesus' life? What is its meaning, its significance? Well, in that holy moment Jesus disclosed his divine glory. He also revealed that this glory was achieved first and foremost by embracing the shame of the cross. Jesus kissed the cross in order to enter the glory of heaven. It also presents us, as St. Thomas Aquinas explained, with a revelation of God as Trinity: 'The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud.' This revelation of God as Trinity also occurred on the threshold of other significant moments in Jesus' life, such as his baptism and his Passion. Jesus' transfiguration can be understood as the sacrament of our future resurrection from the dead. Through the grace of baptism we somehow share in the resurrection of Jesus. The Transfiguration is a foretaste of the life to come, when our lowly bodies will be changed to be like his glorious, heavenly body. However, we too must embrace the shame of the cross in our lives for, as Paul taught, 'We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God'. We like Peter prefer the mountain-top experiences, but St. Augustine exhorts us: 'Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now Jesus says, "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?"'

Lord, teach me to embrace the cross of suffering.



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

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (7/8 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Ian Restall Marian Anderson Ewa Kania
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis John Spinks Willa Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Sarah Barber

Readers For This Week's Masses (7/8 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (14/15 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Gaye O'Regan Carol Turnbull Ian Restall
8.30 a.m.	Mary Allum Lyn Birnie John Spinks
10.30 a.m.	Sharon Ruffles Chris Brooks Mary Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses (14/15 March 2020)

6.00 p.m.	Rose Mulvey
8.30 a.m.	Gerry Sarah
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:

Edward Parker, John Allum, Leslie Denton, Maura Davies, Fredericka Pinfold, Michael Kent, Audrey Daley, Edward Madigan and Mary Smith.

Priests of our Diocese

Canon Joseph Whitfield (1961), Fr. Thomas Lawton (1946), Fr. John Gordon (1992), Fr. Edward Meyer (1921), Fr. Maurice Roche (1989), Mgr. Canon Michael Corley (2017) and Fr. William Luby (1993).

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.



I welcome you all to our Sunday liturgy, to our parishioners, new parishioners and our visitors.

The gospel today is the story of the transfiguration - the vision of the glory of Christ complements the picture of the humanity of Christ portrayed in the Temptations of Christ in the desert last Sunday. The Transfiguration is a moment which offers promise and hope to the disciples - and it is given to us at the beginning of Lent to encourage us as we are called to abandon our security and like Abraham in the first reading to step out in faith - trusting that the one who calls us to follow is he who triumphs over all things, even death, and invites us to share life with the Father.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we reflect in the scriptures portrayed to help us in the little book on sale for £1.00 and available at the back of the church. The scriptures, the God who speaks, offers us the same promise and hope given to the disciples in the Transfiguration story as we journey through our desert doing battle with the evil one who offers us many material pleasures if only we follow him. Like Jesus said - "Be off Satan". Pray to the blessed mother to give us the grace and humility to come to her Son this Lent in the Sacrament of Confession so that we celebrate the Pascal Mystery with mind and heart renewed.

Have a peaceful day with your families with the blessing of our Father.

Fr. Leslie

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School



We are celebrating the school's 50th Birthday this academic year. We would be delighted if you could join us for Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan, on Thursday 26 March, at 10.30 a.m., in the Church. Tea and coffee will be served in the school hall after Mass.

Altar Servers - Training

Training new Altar Servers will begin on Saturday 29 February from 10.30 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. and will last for 5 weeks. Parents are welcome to stay and of course we are always on the lookout for new servers.

Gift Aid Scheme

Chris Brooks will speak about our Gift Aid scheme and how you can participate on Saturday/Sunday 14/15 March.

The Brentwood Cathedral "God who speaks" Lenten Lectures

Wednesday 11 March

Reading the Bible: the challenges of interpretation

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



FREE ENTRY

Lectures begin at 7.30pm in the Brentwood Cathedral parish hall

Further details on Brentwood Cathedral website www.cathedral-brentwood.org



BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Readers And Eucharistic Ministers

Please let Willa Jackson know your availability during Holy Week from 5 April to 12 April.

Palm Sunday	Saturday 4 April	6.00 p.m.
	Sunday 5 April	8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday	Thursday 9 April	8.00 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	Friday 10 April	3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (2 Ministers required)
Holy Saturday	Saturday 11 April	8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter.
Easter Sunday	Sunday 12 April	8.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord 10.30 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord

This is important so that our Sacred Liturgy proceeds smoothly.

Bishop Asks Parishes to Prepare for "Dowry Of Mary" Rededication

Bishop Alan has written to parishes across the Diocese ahead of the rededication of England as the "Dowry of Mary" on 29 March 2020, encouraging them to pray the Angelus after parish Masses as preparation for the event. England has been known as the "Dowry of Mary" for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St. Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth (where the Annunciation took place) was built at Walsingham. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as "her dowry". He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. So for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. Says Bishop Alan: "On 29 March England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary'. This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr. John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, "some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden". We profess our faith in "The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us", and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ. "I hope that many parishes will respond to Mgr. Armitage's invitation to pray this beautiful prayer after our daily Masses, so that our hearts may be spiritually prepared for the rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary'. Mary, Our Lady, welcomed the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives. She will help us to do the same".

Lenten Lunch

Friday 20 March at 1.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Soup, rolls, cheese, plus tea and coffee. Suggested donation £5 which includes a free raffle ticket. Please make an effort to attend, would be lovely to see some more people to socialise with. Any queries please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278. All proceeds to CAFOD.

Choral Concert – Saturday 14 March

The Music Department at the Cathedral would like to inform you of a wonderful short CHORAL CONCERT – DVORAK – MASS IN D taking place in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 14 March at 7.00 p.m. This Concert is to be given by St. Mary's University Choir, directed by Martin Foster (formerly from Brentwood and a pupil from The Campion School, Hornchurch). During his time in Brentwood Martin helped develop the Music Department here at the Cathedral and sang in the choirs. He has worked for many years now as Director of the Liturgy Office and Department Assistant Secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales in London. Martin has directed The Choir for the last ten years and is expertly accompanied on the Organ by Cherry Willow Pauls from Ealing Abbey.

Andrew Wright, Director of Music, is hoping for your support, as the choir will be coming from a great distance to perform for us. Tickets are £10.00- (students & under 16 - £5) available from Music Office, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT (enclosing sae – cheques payable to Brentwood Cathedral Music). Email: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel: 01277 265288 Alternatively, tickets will be available at the door.

James Hay Charity Run

James will be joining 11 runners from Ingleton Wood to run the Saucony Cambridge Half Marathon on Sunday 8 March in aid of the Men's Shed Association because we all know there is a husband, father, brother, son, uncle, friend or colleague out there currently living in darkness who feel like there is nowhere else to turn.

Men's Shed Association are a amazing charity who work hard across the country providing a welcoming place for men to go, meet like-minded people who they can share their worries with, have fun, share skills and knowledge to gain a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. Since becoming a registered charity in 2015 they have reduced the feelings of isolation and loneliness, helped men to deal with mental health challenges, remain independent, rebuilt communities and saved many men's lives.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamesdesmondhay>

Refreshments After Mass

Coffee and biscuits after 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Mass offer a good chance to meet and chat with each other. Please do come in for a few moments to catch up with your fellow parishioners and, of course, among your conversations it would help to talk about the future of our parish and how each individual can help.

This week, being the first Saturday of the month, we are also having refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass. Hope you can make it, if only for a few minutes. **It would be nice to get us all together in a social setting even for a short while.**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is Friday 6 March 2020 and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help support the work of CAFOD's global church family (which is one of the largest aid networks in the world)? Please give what you can in this weekend's second collection. Thank you for your support.

MISSIO

The Spring 2020 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders 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. Thank you for your support. *Clare Barton.*

Covid 19

Our parish is asking people to refrain from shaking hands and hugging friends. Liturgically, Holy Communion will be receiving Holy Communion under one kind. We also ask our parishioners to receive Jesus Christ on the hand. The sign of peace will be suspended. Parishioners and hirers are asked to be vigilant and watchful in the parish hall. Those using the kitchens in the parish hall/parish room please make sure it is left clean and all tables are cleaned. Also the Bishops have suggested not to use Holy Water in the church for the time being.

Thank you

Parish Administrator

Our parish administrator is Mary Lockwood. She is present on Fridays in the parish office/parish room situated in the church opposite to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Please contact her by phone 01277 221917 or on email: hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org Mary will deal with any queries or appointments to arrange baptisms or to make appointments to see Fr Leslie. Mary has been employed to assist Fr. Leslie so that the parish runs smoothly and to make life a little easier for Fr. Leslie.

Finance News

For the week ending 29 February you gave £581.80 of which £51.00 was Gift Aided.

This included an anonymous donation of £200 for which we are very grateful. **PLEASE PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR GIVING.** *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



I ask you to remember me in your prayers and also the members of the Roman Curia, who this evening begin a week of Spiritual Exercises.

The #GospelOfTheDay (Mt 4:1-11) shows how Jesus responds to the tempter who tries three times to ensnare Him. May His experience also help us to be vigilant in the face of temptation and not to surrender to any idol of this world

May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with him at our side. #Lent

#RareDiseaseDay offers us the opportunity to together care for our brothers and sisters who are ill, to integrate research, medical care, and social assistance so that they might enjoy equal opportunities and lead a full life.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

During Lent, God asks us to think about the times we are tempted and to try to do what Jesus did – not to give in to temptation. Help your child, as parents, to reflect on temptations which may be problematical for them at their age and in their circumstances. Jesus said to Satan "leave me alone". We can say that too.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus takes three friends up a mountain. Suddenly he begins shining like the sun, and his clothes seem to be made of light. Jesus' friends hear God the Father saying, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him'.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for shining your love through all the world. Help me to shine with your love so that I am a bright light for all the people I know. *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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