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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 31 March 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30 18.00 p.m.
Mass said by Bishop Thomas
Sunday 31 8.30 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

APRIL

Because of Fr. Leslie's absence weekday Mass will only be on Thursdays at 9.15 a.m.

Monday 1	Church open all day for private prayer
Tuesday 2	Church open all day for private prayer
Wednesday 3	Church open all day for private prayer
Thursday 4	9.15 a.m. Mass said by Fr. Anthony
Friday 5	Church open all day for private prayer 3.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 6 6.00 p.m.
Mass said by Bishop Thomas
Sunday 7 9.15 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL



Jesus attracted those on the outside of society – the socially unacceptable and scorned. Tax collectors, prostitutes and other public sinners clearly enjoyed his company. They were drawn by his acceptance of them, which made them open to hearing what he had to say. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were scandalized by the company he kept. They harshly judged those they saw as morally bankrupt or spiritually inferior.

Typically, Jesus seizes the moment to teach about his Father. So often, like the Pharisees, our image of God is tainted or distorted. We can fall into one of two extremes: we either imagine God as a tyrannical judge who is angry much of the time, or we settle for the notion that God is indulgent and avuncular, his teaching and commands having little or no bearing on our lives.

Jesus' parable brings us right into the heart of his Father. Firstly, God has given each of us free will – we are at liberty to follow or reject him. However, this immense gift of freedom carries with it a profound responsibility. The prodigal son exercised his freedom and chose to leave the safety of his father's house. At the dawn of creation, we freely chose the path leading away from God. Removed from the love, security and protection of the Father's house we lost our way. Sin, death and corruption robbed us of the dignity we once possessed. Like the prodigal son we became slaves of our passions and drives.

The image of the chastened son returning to his father's house is deeply moving. We do well to meditate upon this picture of profound human need satisfied by divine mercy. Jesus' teaching about his Father exposes us to a love so divine and compelling that it has the power to melt the hardest of hearts. We too can experience the warm embrace of our heavenly Father. His prayer and cry for his returning son comes from his divine heart and speaks to each of us: 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found'.

Lord, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am not worthy to be called your son or daughter.



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 Patrick Keogh our membership officer on 211774.

Praying And Fasting During Lent

Remember to pray. The church is open every day from dawn to dusk for private prayer.

To fast, not only cut down on food, but also from loose talk and behaviour. Don't forget almsgiving, Cafod, and any loose change you gather during Lent for our Retiring Collection on Palm Sunday for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Also please don't forget your Easter Greetings to your friends and parishioners. Money raised is for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (£5 per greeting). Please send your greetings to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)

Alternative Sunday Morning Masses Within The Partnership

The alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership are as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock	09.00
St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst	10.00
St John the Evangelist &	11.00
St Erconwald, Ingatestone	

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (30/31 March 2019)

6.00 p.m. Stella Walker
Marian Anderson
Ewa Kania
8.30 a.m. Jan Jarvis
Mary Allum
Lyn Birnie

Readers For This Week's Masses ((30/31 March 2019)

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

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (6/7 April 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
Michelle Tobin
Carol Turnbull
8.30 a.m. Angela Mahoney
John Spinks
Mary Allum

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6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah

Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request. This service has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed. See elsewhere in the newsletter for detail of times of Confessions at our Sister churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Previously every Friday 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. This has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

Mass Intentions

During Fr. Leslie's absence, if you wish to make a Mass Intention, please refer to a member of the Parish Pastoral Team. Thank you.

Anniversaries

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

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 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.

Eucharistic Ministers And Readers

If you were due to provide Ministry at 10.30 a.m. Mass please make yourself available at the other Masses if required.

Grateful Thanks

We are very grateful to Fr. Anthony and Bishop Thomas who will both be available for Masses up to Easter.

Retiring Collection

Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday.

The Retiring Collection is your Lenten Offerings taken in your homes during Lent for Catholic Children's Society.



Welcome to our Sunday liturgy to our parishioners and visitors.

We are coming close to celebrating the sacred Easter Triduum. Today we hear the story of the Prodigal Son in the Gospel. So often we are like the unforgiving son. Sometimes we are self-righteous and easy to find fault. Pope Francis speaks a lot about God's mercy. It is the concern of each one of us to open our hearts ready to forgive our brothers and sisters who have sometimes offended us. At times we are judgemental and quick to condemn. When God looks at us, he covers one eye not to see

the ugly part of our lives. But on our part when we look at other people we open wide our eyes in order to see the bad side of others. This is where the problem lies. We need to learn from the heart of Our Father in heaven. Jesus invites us "be merciful as your Father is merciful".

Finally, it is not a question of how many sins we committed or how grave our sins are, it is rather our humility and our sincerity of saying sorry, that is what really matters.

On Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. we have the opportunity to exercise that humility to come and say sorry where, as a community, we celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness. There are a number of priests available at the Service of Reconciliation at the Cathedral on this date. Pray to Jesus for that gift of humility to come to Him in this great sacrament of his divine mercy.

Have a great Sunday with your families.

Fr. Leslie

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

LENTEN RETREAT 2019

9 - 11 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. A midweek retreat, timed for school holidays. This is a chance to reflect deeply on the meaning of Lent in the beautiful surroundings of Abbotswick, led by the Walsingham House Team. The retreat is open to those in years 10-13. £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT

12 - 13 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us for our sponsored sleepout, where you'll be sleeping outside overnight in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Money raised will be split between local homeless charities and helping young people in our Diocese.

EASTER LOURDES 2019

14 - 21 April 2019, Lourdes. Every Easter over 1,000 children with additional needs travel to Lourdes with HCPT to enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday, thanks to our young adult volunteers. If you would like to know more, please email group709@hcpt.org.uk.

KSC

"The Story of Rock and Roll" a Buffet Cabernet run by the Knights of St. Columba on 27th April 2019 at the Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood in aid of KSC charities. Tickets £20.00 each (bring your own drinks) available from Tim Murphy on 01277 225652 or Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

200 Club

There is a great opportunity for new members to join the 200 Club in the next few weeks and participate in our SUPER DRAW!

This SUPER DRAW will take place on 13 July to coincide with the Parish Anniversary celebrations and we will DOUBLE the prize money on offer that month. This will mean that first prize that month will be £100 (usually £50). Second prize will be £50 (usually £25) and Third prize will be £30 (usually £15).

Come and join us now! See Marian Anderson after Mass, or take a 200 Club flyer from the table at the back of the church.

This is an opportunity not to be missed!

BCYS News

Pope Francis has just signed the final document of #Synod2018 - Synod on Youth, Faith & Vocational Discernment held in Rome last October. This Papal document will be vital in shaping Catholic Youth Ministry & will be released at a press conference shortly.



Easter Greetings

In the same way that we send best wishes at Christmas to our friends and fellow parishioners, we thought it would be a good idea if we did the same at Easter. So please send your Easter Greetings via our newsletter on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. As before, £5.00 in an envelope and send your message to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) Fr. Leslie wishes you all a very happy and holy Easter with your families.

Flowers For Easter

A second collection will be made this weekend 30/31 March. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **God Bless.**

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 March so that I can count its contents and return it. Please make sure your red box is clearly marked with your name and address. The Spring 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.

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

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Easter Wishes

Father Leslie wishes each and everyone of you a happy Easter.

Confessions

Remember, in preparation for Easter, there will be a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of Grace so that we come to Easter renewed in the love of the Risen Lord.

Fr. Leslie Update

Latest news from Fr. Leslie is that he continues to improve, slowly, and we hope he will be strong enough to come back home in the next week or so. Our prayers are working!

Note For Eucharistic Ministers

If you have a Pyx at home which was supplied by the church and you are not currently taking Holy Communion to the Sick, please could you return it as soon as possible as we are in great need and have no spare ones. *Thank you.*

Vitality 10K Charity Run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This May Bank Holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Baptisms While Fr. Leslie Is Away

If there are any Baptisms planned, then Fr. Anthony will cover for them through March and April. If he is not available, then Fr. Dan will step in.

RCIA

RCIA - If there are any non-Catholics who would be interested in knowing more about their faith or about becoming a Catholic at Easter 2020, please contact Mrs Gabrielle O'Regan on 01277 223460

200 Club

WINNERS

FEBRUARY

1. M Halinan
2. R & E Kania
3. J Greenwood

MARCH

1. C Peters
2. J Sexton
3. A Thomas

Congratulations to all the winners. If you want to join them and have a chance to win cash prizes every month, then please pick up a Standing Order Form at the back of the church. Thank you to all the 200 Club members for their support. We have recently donated £700 to Parish Funds. *Thanks and good luck in next month's draw.*

Service Of Reconciliation

Please be aware that there will be an opportunity for us to prepare for Easter by attending a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of grace to, like the prodigal son, "return to our Father having squandered the gifts he has given to us".

Easter Mass Times

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 18 EASTER TRIDUUM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
WITH WASHING OF THE FEET
8.00 p.m.
Mass said by
Fr. Michael Halsall

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 19 LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS
3.00 p.m.
Mass said by
Fr. Michael Halsall

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 20 EASTER VIGIL
FIRST MASS OF EASTER
8.00 p.m.
Easter Vigil
Mass said by
Fr. Michael Halsall

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21 8.30 a.m.
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

Amended Mass Times

Please see extended Mass Times for our Parish elsewhere in this newsletter.

Charismatic Day Of Renewal

A date for your diary: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Easter Offering

Easter offering envelopes are at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Thank you very much.

Easter offering Envelopes - if you use them in other parishes over Easter, please mark for **St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton.**



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Finance News

For the week ending 17 March you gave £242.50 of which £26.00 was via gift aid. Second Collection for CAFOD raised £211.21.

For the week ending 24 March you gave £232.66 of which £40.00 was via gift aid. Second Collection for the Mozambique Disaster Fund raised £340.58.

Thanks and God Bless



Pope on Twitter



May the Blessed Virgin help everyone, especially young people, to follow the path of peace and fraternity, based on welcome and forgiveness, on respect for others, and on the love that is the gift of self.

Today we remember in prayer the victims of modern forms of #slavery. Their suffering impels us to fight against these inhuman scourges

It is worthwhile to welcome every life because every man and woman is worth the blood of Christ himself. We cannot have contempt for what God has loved so much!

If we abandon the law of love, the law of the strongest over the weakest will be asserted.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation Times (Confessions) Throughout The Pastoral Partnership

Confessions can be heard at our Partnership churches at the following time.

Our Lady & St. Joseph, Stock
Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

St. Helens, Ongar
Saturdays 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist & St. Erconwald, Ingatstone
Saturdays 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Additionally, Confessions can be heard at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

Welcome to our children's corner. 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

A son asks his father for half of his money, leaves home and wastes it all. Now poor, the son decides to go home and ask his father to forgive him. But before he can even say sorry, the father hugs him and throws a party to welcome home his lost son.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, the son in today's Gospel wasted all his father's money, but his father still welcomed him home with open arms. I am sorry when I waste the talents you have given me. Thank you for always welcoming me back with open arms! *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.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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