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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 24 February 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23	6.00 p.m. Jean Douglas RIP <i>R and J Weller.</i>
Sunday 24	8.30 a.m. Bridie Brennan RIP <i>M Brennan</i>
Monday 25	No Morning Mass.
Tuesday 26	9.15 a.m. Eucharistic Service only
Wednesday 27	No Morning Mass. Church will be open for private prayer from 7.00 a.m.
Thursday 28	10.00 a.m. Morning Mass said by Fr. Anthony

MARCH

Friday 1	9.15 a.m. Eucharistic Service only
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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 3	8.30 a.m. Robert Vassay <i>M Moffat</i>

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

See inside pages for updates.

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.

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.

Altar Servers Albs

We have a number of Albs that the Altar Servers use when they are ministering. Sadly, most, if not all of them, are quite dirty, having not been laundered for quite some time. Yes they only get occasional use, but that doesn't stop them from becoming quite soiled.

Would it be possible to ask for volunteers to take, say, 6 Albs home and wash and iron them? I would be happy to set up a rota, as obviously we can't have them all out at the same time being laundered when they are needed! I have taken 6 which I will return freshly laundered next week. If a couple of volunteers could contact me to take the occasional half dozen home for laundry, that would be great. Please don't just take them home without contacting me first. We need to know where the Albs are at all times. *Ian Restall*

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

G.K. Chesterton said, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried". It is relatively or comparatively easy to talk about or give lip service to ideals such as loving our enemy, not judging, turning the other cheek and praying for those who mistreat us - but try doing these things when you actually have someone to forgive or indeed have an enemy who wants to harm you. Then, of course, it isn't as easy, as Chesterton, prophet that he was, highlights.

So what's the solution? Do we have to try harder, pull our socks up, regroup and buckle down to living the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes? For many this is the answer and their best response. The only problem - apart from being heretical - is that it misses the mark, because the Christian faith isn't about trying harder, buckling down and putting in the effort. Of course, many will claim it is - and without doubt we have to co-operate, we have to want to live Jesus' teaching, but simply trying harder isn't the answer. Because grace is the answer - grace building on our nature, so that we can live a new life in and by the power of the Holy Spirit. How does this happen?

As offensive and possibly as scandalous as this may sound, we need to be overwhelmed by our complete inability to live the Christian ethic; we need to touch our bankruptcy and feel deep down in our being a wretchedness born of an insight that we desperately need God's grace. Nevertheless, we do not need to be dismayed or overwhelmed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables us to live holy lives, because holiness is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

We often subscribe to the view that God helps those who help themselves, but this is a myth because God helps precisely those who cannot help themselves. The point is that when we acknowledge this, when at a deep level we recognize our need for God's grace, God's grace and mercy and his Holy Spirit are poured out into our hearts, so that we can love our enemy, we can forgive from our hearts, and we can pray for those who persecute and mistreat us.

Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little better.



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Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (23/24 February 2019)

6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull
Ann Howarth
Stella Walker
8.30 a.m. Angela Mahoney
Lyn Birnie
Jan Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses (23/24 February 2019)

6.00 p.m. Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m. Julie Stone

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (2/3 March 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
Michelle Tobin
Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m. John Spinks
Angela Mahoney
Mary Allum

Readers For Next Week's Masses (2/3 March 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
8.30 a.m. David Holt

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 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.

Transport Rota

We have many older and lonely parishioners who find it difficult to get to Mass or Church social occasions. We would therefore like to start up a Transport Rota and I would urge you to add your name to the list at the back of the church or email ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk

Obviously the more volunteers we get, the lesser the burden on individuals. It's a great way to assist the parish and to help some of our more senior parishioners enjoy all that the parish has to offer.

A Reminder

We are asked to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. To do so is an act of self-discipline, and a witness to our faith.

Repository

There will be a sale of lots of items after both Masses on 9/10 March.

Lots of bargains.

Please stop by and have a look.



prepare for Easter.

The Lenten penance should be difficult. First we should centre it around prayer. Whatever you do ask the Holy Spirit to help you choose it out of love for Jesus whose journey we begin that leads to Easter.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus spells out what it means to honour the commandment of love. It means loving your enemies, doing good to those who hate you, blessing those who curse you and praying for those who mistreat you. It means giving to everyone who asks of you and doing to those who would have them done to you.

In other words, stop judging, stop condemning, and forgive and give.

Reflection for parents. Today is a good day to take a love inventory!

Jot down the eight practical directions given in the Gospel summary honouring the commandment of love on a scale of 1 to 5, five being living in love. Rate yourself as a parent, as a spouse, and as a follower of Jesus. Where is there room for growth and change?

First rate yourself as a family according to how you should love others. Second, rate yourselves how you show love to those outside your immediate family, for example your neighbours, friends, and other family members. Ask yourself where you are living in love and where there is room for growth and change?

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

Fr. Leslie

Mass Changes. Please Note.

10.30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAYS

As some of you may already be aware the 10.30 a.m. Mass at St Joseph's will be temporarily suspended as the Diocese are unable to supply a priest for this Mass during Fr. Leslie's absence. The 18.00 Saturday and 08.30 Sunday Masses will have a priest.

If you regularly read or minister at the 10.30 a.m. Mass please do attend one of the other Masses and offer your services.

ALTERNATIVE SUNDAY MORNING MASSES WITHIN THE PARTNERSHIP

Please also be aware there are alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership, as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock 09.00
St Margaret of Scotland, Dodinghurst . . 10.00
St John the Evangelist & 11.00
St Erconwald, Ingatstone

First Holy Communion Children

Bishop Thomas is particularly concerned that the 10.30 a.m. Mass has been suspended especially as it is our busiest service and accommodates the First Communion preparation. As a result of this, he has committed to continue celebrating the 6.00 p.m. Mass throughout March. He has also offered to accommodate any of the First Communion or Confirmation preparation during these Masses. Watch this space for further details.

Weekday Mass On Thursdays

Fr. Anthony has informed us that he is available to say a weekday Mass on Thursdays at 10.00 a.m.

A special thank you to Fr. Anthony!

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.



CAFOD FAST DAY - Friday 15 March



CAFOD is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world; people who are facing drought, conflict, disease, and injustice.

CAFOD believes in a world where every woman, man and child can flourish. But the reality is CAFOD is forced to turn away one in three requests for help, simply because there isn't enough money to go around.

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of 16/17 March. Let's do all that we can to help.

While Fr. Leslie is away

Following his fall, Fr. Leslie is still convalescing in Littlehampton. He will be there until the beginning of April at the earliest. Please keep him in your prayers. During Fr. Leslie's absence the Parish Pastoral Team will ensure that the parish continues to run as smoothly as possible; please contact Chris Brooks or other members of the team if you require assistance (see the front of the newsletter for more details). Weekend Masses will continue as normal, although weekday services will not be held until further notice. Please pass any Mass intentions to Ingatstone whilst Fr. Leslie is away. Thank you.

Mass Requests From St Joseph The Worker

We have been able to schedule the following Mass Intentions at Ingatestone on the dates below.

Mass Intention	Requested By	Date of Mass at Ingatestone
Deceased Members of O'Toole Family		19 March
Deceased Members of Sammon Family		20 March
Deceased Members of Sammon Family		16 April
Bill Brennan RIP		Almshouses 22 March
Patrick Moy RIP		1 April
Bernard + Patsy Tesier RIP		6 March
Theresa Hipple RIP		Almshouses 8 March
Frances Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	2 April
Rogge Family RIP	A.Cirnbuth	3 April
Marion Corder RIP		Almshouses 5 April
Ben Kemezura RIP		8 April
Frank Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	9 April
Alf + Kathleen Hicks RIP	C. Turnbull	10 April
Patrick + Catherine Kelly	B. Dooley	Almshouses 12 April
Margaret + Alan Cronin RIP	C. Turnbull	15 April
Mass Times:	Ingatestone Church	9.00 a.m. (7.00 p.m. if a Monday)
	Almshouses	6.00 p.m.

Church Opening Times

The Parish Pastoral Team have arranged for the church to be open during the day on weekdays for personal prayer. The church will be open from 7.00 a.m. on weekdays and close at, or close to, dusk. This will commence on Tuesday 26 February. Starting on 28 February there will be morning Mass every Thursday at 10.00 a.m. (see above).

There will also be a Eucharistic Service every Tuesday and Friday at 9.15 a.m. from 1 March 2019. Fr Leslie and the Parish Pastoral Team warmly welcome the children and their families to attend any of these services

“Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face”

Parish Pastoral Team News

The Parish Pastoral Team are attempting to keep the church open and available as much as possible during Fr. Leslie's absence.

Re Stations of the Cross – Michael Wild has agreed to say Stations of the Cross on a Friday at 3.30 p.m. during Lent

Weekday Eucharistic Services - Gaye O'Regan will lead a Eucharistic Service on Tuesday mornings at 9.15 a.m. This will start on 26 February.

Michael Wild and Ann Howarth will lead a Eucharistic Service on Friday mornings at 9.15 a.m. This will start on 1 March.

Communion at home for the Sick. Between us, we are trying to cover all the calls that Fr. Leslie made but if you know of anyone that is not receiving communion, and should be, please let us know.

Fr. Leslie Update – 2

As above, Fr. Leslie is convalescing at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, 41 East St, Littlehampton BN17 6AU. If you wish to send him a card, then please do so. I'm sure he will be pleased to hear from you. He is not on email, as you know, so if it is easier for you to send good wishes by email, send it to me with Fr. Leslie in the Subject bar, and I'll make sure he gets to see your message. ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk

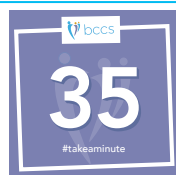
“Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not”

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

BCCS Anniversary Charity Ball

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball is their largest and most glamorous event of the year and takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 9 March. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544/ 0791 227 7413/jabbott@bccs.org.uk



From Fr Leslie.

You will have already noticed that we have to suspend the 10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass for the foreseeable future. I am sorry we had to do this but it is increasingly difficult to get priests to supply in parishes due to illness and retirement. All the more urgent for us all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is also important for our community to support each other during this time and stay together. Our pastoral team are doing a fantastic job of balancing the spiritual life of our parish with the practical life also. Pray for our parish at this time. For those parishioners who have booked masses for 10.30 a.m. Mass please contact Catherine Bray. Or the Parish Pastoral Team. *Thank you all.*

St. Joseph Friendship Group

We resume our meetings on Friday 1 February and every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We are always open to any suggestions of what you would like to see happening at these afternoon sessions. OPEN TO ALL AGES. Why not pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be made very welcome. Any enquires contact Jan Jarvis on 200278

Save The Date – 2

Our celebrations to mark our BIG anniversary will be held on **Saturday 13 July 2019**, starting at 6.00 p.m. It is 60 years since the first Mass was said here in Hutton, and 50 years since the foundation of the church. We hope to have the Bishop in attendance too, but we are currently awaiting confirmation. Watch this space! And make sure 13 July is in your diary!

P.S. We would welcome any suggestions that you have as to how we can celebrate these milestones; please drop Ian Restall an email at ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk



Finance News

For the week ending 16/17 February you gave £242.35 of which £66.00 was gift aided.

Second Collection for Racial Justice raised £175.81 of which £7 was Gift Aided. If you are a Tax payer, please sign a Covenant Form so that we can claim back 25p of every £ that you give in your weekly offering.

Please consider helping with our Parish maintenance, by possibly:

- ♦ Gift Aiding your giving;
- ♦ 200 Club;
- ♦ Raising your giving;
- ♦ One-off donations.

Many thanks and God Bless.

If you pay income tax and have not signed a Gift Aid form, please do so. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read of the huge benefits to your parish.



Pope Francis

The Pope on Twitter



In the darkest moments of our history, the Lord draws near, opens paths, lifts up discouraged faith, anoints wounded hope, and awakens sleeping charity.

Let us enter into the mystery of the sorrowful heart of God who is Father, and let us speak with Him as we witness the many calamities of our time.

I invite you to pray during these days for the Meeting on the Protection of Minors in the Church, an event that I want to be a powerful gesture of pastoral responsibility in the face of an urgent challenge of our time.

Christians promote peace, starting with the community in which they live.

Light

Laughter

So I went to buy a watch, and the man in the shop said "Analogue?" I said "No, just a watch."

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

Mary my dear Mother, may you help me this week to be kind and loving to my parents and family. Help me at school to work hard and listen to my teacher. At the end of the day before I go to sleep to say sorry where I made a wrong choice and to tell Jesus I love him.

Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of my death. Amen

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus teaches us; to love everyone by being kind, sharing what we have and being ready to give to others when they need our help.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to share God's love with everyone and to think of ways to help people in need. 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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