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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 20 October 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m. Catherine Niro RIP <i>M Dodson</i> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Confessions from 5.00 p.m. to 5.50 p.m.
Sunday 20	8.30 a.m. Willie Burns RIP 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 21	9.15 a.m. Willie Burns RIP
Tuesday 22	9.15 a.m. David Balmer RIP
Wednesday 23	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 24	9.15 a.m. David Balmer RIP
Friday 25	9.15 a.m. Ken, Mark, Janet Kotulski and family 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 26	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. Confessions

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. Sandia Fitzgerald RIP Confessions before Mass 5.00 p.m. – 5.50 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 27	8.30 a.m. Jane and John Sammon RIP 10.30 a.m. For all Parishioners

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Why should we pray? Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' parable about the impatient judge, who was constantly being bothered by a widow pestering him for justice. If that judge will answer the woman's need just to get rid of her and get some peace, Jesus tells us, will not our heavenly Father answer the prayers we make to him?

Ever since the age of Enlightenment in the eighteenth century, people of a philosophical bent have questioned the value of prayer, and especially of intercessory prayer. It is said, for example, that the German poet Goethe never prayed because he argued that the world was set on its course anyway. Of course, God knows what we are going to ask in advance of our asking. But the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that God "is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will...". God did not create the world and then leave it to its own devices! He has assured us through the Scriptures that he will change events as a result of our prayers. The world is not just a machine ticking over like a watch. It is more a unity, directed by an infinite mind which we call God. So we must keep praying, as Paul says, "at all times", that is when things are good and when things are bad.

Of course, prayer can be frustrating. Sometimes our prayers never seem to be answered. But God may be leading us to the virtue of perseverance, in Greek *hupomone*, which we might translate as "stickability". Christian faith teaches us the virtue of fidelity even in difficult times. We also have help from others in our prayer. Our reading from Exodus tells the beautiful story of Moses being helped to pray by Aaron and Hur holding up his arms. The Church has a particular role in encouraging our prayers, by giving us the right prayers to say, and by giving us pastors and Christian friends who can help us and guide us as we grow in stickability. Don't give up!

"To thee, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me.. Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to thee for help, as I lift up my hands toward thy most holy sanctuary".



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 Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.

Parish Representatives

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Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (19/20 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ewa Kania Marian Anderson Stella Walker A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis Mary Allum A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Mary Brooks Chris Brooks Sharon Ruffles A N Other

Readers for This Week's Masses (19/20 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Alan Bailey
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (26/27 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Bill O'Regan Ann Howarth Gaye O'Regan A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Mary Allum Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Sharon Ruffles A N Other

Readers for Next Week's Masses (26/27 October 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Julie Stone
10.30 a.m.	Paula Sanders

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.

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, 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:

Sheila Towler, Rosemary Movle, Dora Wailenciak, "Otty" Parker, Margaret Hunt, Kathleen O'Harte, Thomas Riches, Daniel Ginn, Lilian Cairns, Jan Kotulski, and Henry Panting.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Bernard Clay (1970), Canon William O'Neill (1951), and Mgr. Dan Shanahan (1995)

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



Welcome to the parish of St. Joseph the Worker.

Today the readings remind us about the need to be persistent in prayer. We need to be careful not to miss the point of this message. Persistence in prayer is not about continuously presenting the same intentions in a nagging manner. Rather it is about a stable relationship with God. Prayer is presented to us as a loving relationship with God. The proof of this is found in the last sentence of today's gospel: But when the Son of Man comes, will he find

faith on earth? The faith that Jesus Christ is demanding from us is that which understands that victory lies in being in a relationship with God. Jesus Christ demands a stable relationship in prayer.

Enjoy your day and have a wonderful week.

St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

Nearly two centuries ago, John Henry Newman was England's most well-known Anglican priest, until he risked everything to become a Catholic. At his Canonisation last Sunday, Pope Francis read a quote from one of Newman's sermons describing the holiness of daily life: "The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man."

Christmas Greetings

Yes it's early but we are determined to fill the back page of the newsletter this year with Christmas Greetings to each other! And it's all in a good cause. Just £5 donation gets you and your Christmas wishes on to the back page, and BCCS will benefit from the donation. Very simple! And very effective! Starting next week, please let me have your Christmas wishes. And it would help a lot if you put "Christmas Wishes" in the subject matter of the email.

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Sick List

If you wish to go on to the Sick List, please ask Father Leslie. No parishioner must put another person's name on the Sick List without their prior permission. We need to observe GDPR regulations.

Safety Laws

When you attend Mass please make sure you look around the church and the note where the exits are. If a fire occurs and it is at the front of the church, then please assemble near the Parish Hall. If a fire occurs and it is at the back of the church, please assemble in the school playground. Leave everything in place and please leave the building at the direction of the Fire Wardens.

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Christmas Hamper Raffle

We'll be running this again this year to raise much needed funds for the parish. More details next week - but by now you should know the drill. £5 in an envelope, name and address on the outside, etc.

BCCS

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh on Sunday 3 November from 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults, and is free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling all manner of gifts and crafts so do come along and pick up a few early Christmas presents, enjoy some refreshments while helping us raise vital funds for our work. If you have anything to donate which we can sell on our own stall, we would love to hear from you. Please email alison@bccs.org.uk

Donation

Thank you so much for a donation of £500.00 towards our parish maintenance. We have so much to do when funds are available. We thank our donor very much and assure him of our prayers.

November Dead

We have the NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES available at the back of the church. To remember our dead during November please take one and put in the names of those you wish prayed for, together with your donation.

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 October so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned in November. Please make sure that your red box is clearly marked with your name and address.

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.

London Marathon 2020

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 26 April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544/lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15 November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

Advent Wreaths

We have Advent Wreaths on sale at the back of the church. A great centrepiece to gather round as we pray awaiting to celebrate the Birth of Our Redeemer.

The Feast of Sunday Cannot Be Understood Without The Word of God.

Pope Francis says "When we hear the word of God, what happens? Do I pay attention to the word of God? Do I pay attention? Or do I stand there staring at the ceiling thinking of other things, the word going in one ear and out of the other? What do I do to prepare myself for the word of God? When the word of God reaches my heart there are tears of joy and there is a feast..... The encounter with the word of God fills us with joy and this joy is strength..... May the Lord give us the grace to open our hearts for this encounter with His word, and not be afraid of joy, to not be afraid to make the feast of joy from the encounter with the word of God".

The Word Of God

Today marks the launch of the God who speaks. Pope Francis has instituted a day dedicated to celebrating the Word of God on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This will be known as "the Sunday of the Word of God" and will take place in January.

Eucharistic Ministers

When you arrive for Mass, whether you are on duty or not, please check in with the lead Eucharistic Minister for that Mass. Let them know that you are present, and available to be the fourth Minister at that Mass if required.

Thanks in advance.

Come And Join Us – Something New

At the last Pastoral Council meeting we suggested that once a month we should have light refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 6.00 p.m. Mass. Please don't be in a hurry to rush off – come and meet one another so that we can get to know one another and enjoy each other's company.

A strong church community will be needed in the future. The refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass on a Saturday will be on the first Saturday of each month.

This was very successful when we ran the inaugural get-together last Saturday and we all had a good chat. **The next one will be on Saturday 2 November. Don't miss it! And thanks to Willa and Mary for providing the teas and coffees.**

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Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

World Day of The Poor

Just a reminder. This will take place on Sunday 12 November. The needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever (Psalm 9:18)

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School Admissions

Our Admissions Policy for September 2020/2021 is now available on the school website. If you have a child due to start school in September 2020 and would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01277 227282.

BCCS Ladies Christmas Lunch

This year, our Ladies' Christmas Luncheon takes place on Friday 6 December 2019 at the Rayleigh Golf Club. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two-course Christmas luncheon with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room overlooking the golf course at this exclusive club.

Tickets cost £25.00 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to!

Our Repository

Mandy has taken over running the Repository, and she wants you to know that the Repository holds a wonderful selection of cards for every occasion... gifts too. Many items at half price. Why not browse after Mass?

Future of Our Diocese/Parish

Each day please pray to Mary, Our Mother, for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Without a Priest, there would be no Eucharist. Our church is open every day – Come and spend time with Jesus, especially on Fridays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also before 6.00 p.m. Mass from 5.00 p.m. until 5.50 p.m. with confessions. Let us go forward together in prayer and discussion to share the Good News of the Gospel with our fellow parishioners.

Holy Land 2020

A Day with Mary Pilgrimage. Sunday 22 March to Tuesday 31 March 2020. 4 nights in Nazareth, 4 nights in Old Jerusalem. £1,300 pp, Full Board. For more details call 020 8642 6418

God's Housekeepers

In many ways, volunteers are the fuel that runs your church. Not only do we need volunteers to get stuff done, but volunteering is a way members of the church can fulfil their calling. Please consider volunteering for the many jobs that need doing to help the church run efficiently such as cleaning inside and outside the church, watering plants, perhaps help with flower arranging, washing of the altar linen etc. If you can help at all, please contact Jan Jarvis 200278.

A Day With Mary

Saturday 9 November 2019. Westminster Cathedral

Rosary Groups

What about holding a Rosary Group in our homes? It only takes one family to open up their home for the benefit of many. Just a suggestion. **We are now looking for volunteers to host a Rosary Group. Any offers? Please see Fr. Leslie.**

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evening

Brentwood Ursuline are holding an Open Evening for Sixth Form on Wednesday 6 November 2019, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. There will be a Head Teacher's talk from 6.30 p.m. Please note there are no on-site parking facilities available. Please contact Admissions Officer Miss Lester to book a place. 01277 227156.

First Communion Parents

There will be a First Communion Parents meeting on Wednesday 6 November 2019 in the Parish Hall from 8.00 p.m. Since there are only two meetings before 1st Confession it is imperative that parents attend this meeting.

Journey Of Faith (RCIA)

The above begins in October, for anyone wishing to become a Catholic at the Easter Vigil 2020 or who are not Catholic and wish to know about living of our Catholic faith.

Please Note – Mass Times

Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.

Finance News

For the week ending 5/6 October you gave £247.52 of which £45.00 was Gift Aided.

Donation: £500.00

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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Pope on Twitter



The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to **put them at the service of others**

Today we give thanks to the Lord for our new #Saints. They walked by faith and now we invoke their intercession

The Lord always reminds us how precious we are in His eyes, and He **entrusts us with a mission.**

May the Holy Spirit, the builder of fraternity, give us the grace to walk beside one another. May He make us courageous as we experience unprecedented ways of sharing and of mission.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Do come and join us in prayer and reflection.

Safety, Safety, Safety

For safety reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent when they use the toilet in the Parish Hall. Children should not use the toilet in the Parish room.

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 tells a story about a woman who goes to ask a judge for help. The judge does nothing for her but the woman keeps asking. Finally, the judge helps the woman just to stop her asking! Jesus tells his disciples that God, who loves us, will always help us if we ask.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Loving Father, thank you for hearing my prayers and always being there to help me. *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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