

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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 9 April 2017

UPCOMING MASSES

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 8	6.00 p.m. Mary and Jack Connaughton RIP
Sunday 9	8.30 a.m. People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Simon Baker RIP <i>B and G O'Regan</i>
Monday 10	9.15 a.m. Cath McIntosh RIP <i>H McIntosh</i>
Tuesday 11	9.15 a.m. Ints of Susanna
Wednesday 12	8.30 a.m. Teresa Gleeson RIP
Holy Thursday 13 April	8.00 p.m. Mass of Our Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet John Hayes RIP Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00 p.m.
Good Friday 14 April	3.00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 15 April	8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and First Mass of Easter Bridie Galvin RIP
Easter Sunday 16 April	The Resurrection of the Lord 8.30 a.m. Deceased members of Fr. Leslie's family 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

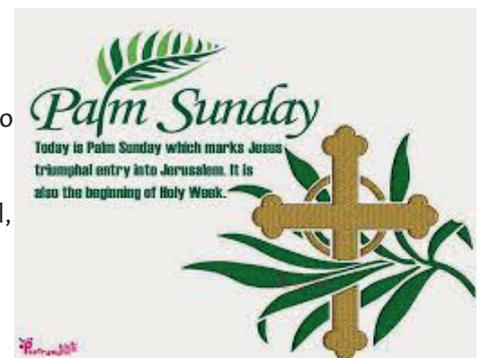
Easter Offering Envelopes

These are your gifts to your priest and forms a major part of his income. They are available from the back of the church.
Thank you

Now Holy Week begins. While Palm Sunday recalls the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, it is seen in two different ways. For those who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, it has all the joy and expectation of a Messianic arrival, a Davidic king entering his city. But for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, there is the rumble of opposition. It is their voices that will grow increasingly loud, until they drown out the voices crying "Hosanna" and replace them with cries of "Crucify him!" The liturgy today solemnly recalls both sets of voices: the triumphal remembering of Jesus' entry into the Holy City and the waving of palms quickly give way to the sombre reading of the Passion.

Our participation in the liturgy can be helped by realizing that the two different cries ("Hosanna" and "Crucify him") came from two different sets of people. Both voices reveal the plan of God being brought to fulfilment. It was indeed a triumphal entry - Jesus was and is the Messianic King. However, his reign as Lord of a New Creation and a New Covenant was accomplished precisely through dying and rising. And it is those who also truly enter his dying and rising that belong to his kingdom.

So, once again, we celebrate today's liturgy and read the Matthean Passion, always keeping in mind the renewal of our baptism - indeed, they will help us to prepare for it. Try to think of the solemn but joyful entry into Jerusalem as an anticipation of our daily resurrected life, in which we acknowledge Jesus as our King, and with him seek to do the Father's will day by day. In the reading or the hearing of the account of the Lord's Passion, let us acknowledge that there is a self-centred life within us that also needs to go to the cross, to die and be buried with him. Are we prepared to let go of that life and be recreated anew? Perhaps we could make time this week for a more thorough examination of our lives and an examination of conscience. How much do we live out of our self-centred fallen nature? How much do we live as new creations, seeking each day to know and carry out the Father's will? This too will help prepare us to eagerly look forward to that baptismal renewal.



Eucharistic Ministers at This Week's Masses (8/9 April)

- 18.00 Marian Anderson
Paul Bolton
Carol Turnbull
- 8.30 Ken Eady
Lyn Birnie
Mary Allum
- 10.30 Chris Brooks
Kathy Hillhouse
Mary Brooks

Readers at This Week's Masses (8/9 April)

- 18.00 Pat Creavin
8.30 Margaret Bailey
10.30 Sheila Jones

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Arthur Stone, Florence Milson, Kathleen Fehily, Mary Anderson, Kazimierz Kotulski, Jean Manning, Len Manning, Ethel Dragoni, Mary Smith, Kathleen Banda and John Field.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Thomas Adkins (1937), Fr. Andrew Lawson (2003), Fr Patrick Donohue (1985), Fr. Owen Fitzgerald (1937), Fr. John O'Mahoney (1979), Fr. William Donelan (1944) and Fr. George Duckett (2000).

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

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:

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio, Paul Denton, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Mairead O'Driscoll, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Beryl de Prazer, Jim Jarvis, James Connolly and Diana Pearce.

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

Prayer Support

Thank you to all those who regularly pray for the parish intentions. Please pray during Lent especially for the sick and housebound of the parish. May they be part of our community through our prayers.



A warm welcome to St. Joseph the Worker to all our parishioners and visitors.

We now enter into Holy Week leading up to the important Christian festival of Easter, beginning today Palm Sunday, including Holy Thursday and ending on Holy Saturday. Pilgrims in Jerusalem enact the way of suffering at this time. Holy Thursday commemorates the washing of the feet and the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles.

Good Friday is the solemn liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The purpose of Holy Week is to re-enact, relive and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ.

The liturgy of Palm Sunday is very powerful. It seems incredible that the very same people who lined the streets to acclaim Jesus with shouts of joy, throwing their garments onto the ground, will soon be shouting "crucify him". We wonder at the fickleness of the human heart and examine our own conduct to see where we have turned our backs on Jesus; when we have not been bothered; when we have not loved Jesus; when we have been cowards and not stood up for our faith.

Palm Sunday confirms Jesus as King; we too have received an anointing in baptism which makes us part of God's family, children of the King and therefore share in his mission. Please come this week to join ourselves with Jesus, through his Passion to the Glory of the Resurrection.

Have a great Sunday with your families and a wonderful week

"Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom".

St. John Payne School

Jacqueline Capps would be interested in hearing from any Brentwood/Shenfield parent whose children are faced with difficulties in getting to and from St. John Payne School in Chelmsford. She is pulling together a list of those interested in a regular school coach and has found a coach company that is willing to provide this service on the basis that she can secure the minimum requirement of 30 seats.

In order for her to put a possible route and numbers together (which will then result in the coach company providing a cost per child for this service), she would like to hear from you. If you are aware of any other parents who are looking for help with transport to this school can you please pass on her contact details.

Email: jacquelinecapps@msn.com

Dates for your diary

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Essex on 22 March 1917 and the subsequent erection of the Diocese of Brentwood on 20 July 2017. There will be a programme of liturgical, historical, educational and cultural events to celebrate the centenary as set out below.



Wednesday 22 March to Thursday 29 June:

Exhibition of History of the Diocese in the Conference Hall foyer. The exhibition will then travel to several locations throughout the Diocese including Colchester, Chelmsford, Leigh-on-Sea, Ilford, Upton Park and Harlow.

Saturday 29 April:

International Choirs Concert, St. Antony, Forest Gate, at 5.00 p.m., ending with 6.30 p.m. Mass.

Friday 12 May:

Clergy lunch at Chigwell Convent. 12.30 p.m. for 1.00 p.m.

Thursday 1 June:

Closing date for entries in Schools' Competition.

Wednesdays

7, 14, 21, 28 June:

Centenary Lectures in Conference Hall. Cathedral House at 7.30 p.m. Speakers: Father Stewart Foster (Foundation & Early Years). Canon Brian O'Shea (Bishops Beck, Wall & Casey), Fr Martin Boland (the Modern Era) and Dr. Paul Docherty (Patron Saints of the Diocese).

Thursday 22 June:

Schools' Mass in Cathedral at 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 22 July:

(Erection of Diocese of Brentwood 20 July): Centenary Celebration at Walsingham beginning at 12 noon and ending with Mass at 3.00 p.m.

Monday 4 to Friday 8 September:

Clergy Retreat in Ars. France.

Saturday 28 October:

(26 October is the Feast of St Cedd. Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese): Centenary Music Concert at 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

Thursday 16 November:

(Feast of St Edmund of Canterbury, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese): Closure of Centenary Celebrations with Pontifical Mass at St Edmund's College, Ware, at 12 noon.

Good Friday Walk

Churches together in Hutton and Shenfield would like you to join them for a Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 14 April. Meet at 9.10 a.m. outside Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, Roundwood Avenue, Hutton Mount, stop for a short Service outside Shenfield Library at 9.30 a.m., then return to the Union Church for Hot Cross Buns! Join us for the Walk or meet us at the Library for the Service.

CAFOD – Migrants And Refugees

Join us at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Monday 8 May at 8.00 p.m. for a CAFOD talk on "Migrants and refugees - our brothers and sisters - an update on CAFOD's response to the Refugee Crisis" followed by discussion and reflection on how we can help in our parishes and communities.

Last year CAFOD's World News Officer, Laura Ouseley, travelled to the village of Idomeni on the border of Greece and Macedonia. She visited the huge makeshift refugee camp to meet the men, women and children who live there, as well as volunteers and CAFOD partners. Laura will be talking about her visit and updating us on the work that CAFOD's partners are doing in Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.

How can I help refugees? Watching the plight of refugees from war-stricken countries, such as Syria, can often leave us feeling helpless and asking ourselves questions such as "How can I help?"; "Could I help welcome and support a refugee family in my community?". If you are interested in working out answers to these questions, please come along and share your thoughts.

Pope Francis called upon parishes to play their part supporting refugees. This is your opportunity to respond to that call. If you are interested in finding out please contact Brenda Underwood from Brentwood Cathedral Justice and Peace team on brendaund@gmail.com

Centenary Of Our Diocese

In the newsletter there is a section for "Dates for your diary" I wish to highlight from that section, our Diocesan celebration at Walsingham. This will be on Saturday 22 July (Erection of Diocese of Brentwood on 20 July). The Centenary celebration at Walsingham will begin at 12 noon and end with Mass at 3.00 p.m. In the Narthex you will find a list for names and contact numbers. We do need to know as soon as possible how many parishioners would like to take part in this most important event. You will need to act now! Please do not delay. *Thank you.*

Active Kids 2017 Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's are offering vouchers to anyone who wants them free of charge when paying for your items at the till. If you don't want/need them, can you please think about donating to St. Joseph's School. There is a basket at the back of the Church just waiting to be filled. *Thank you.*

Ministries At Easter Services

Please sign up on the lists in the porch if you are available to read or assist as Eucharistic Minister at the Easter Services from Thursday 13 April to Sunday 16 April. *Thank you.*

Stewards Of The Gospel

Thank you to the 70+ people who participated in the parish consultation meetings.

The SOG team are considering the replies and in the process of forming a Network Team - more information will be forthcoming via the newsletter in the near future.

Thank you again, your contribution is invaluable in helping the discernment of the way forward for our parish

Washing Of The Feet

Washing of the Feet will take place on the evening of Holy Thursday 13 April. Father Leslie is looking for men volunteers for this important action, the washing of the feet. If you are able to help, please put your name on the list provided in the Narthex.

Blessed Sacrament

Please do make a big effort to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, in preparation of the Lord's passion. "For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed".

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Also there will be a Divine Mercy pilgrimage to Poland on 7 to 14 June 2017 at a cost of £849.00. Please see the notice at the back of the church for more details.

A Day With Mary

A day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29 April 2017. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. More details on the board at the back of the church.



Mobile Phones

Please ensure that your phones and tablets are switched off during Mass and put away in your pocket or handbag.

Parish Maintenance Update

1. We will be refurbishing the Ladies toilets in the Parish Hall during the school Easter holidays.
2. We have had all the electrics in the church, hall and presbytery checked and extensive maintenance work done to comply with the Health and Safety report at a cost of £5,941.91
3. The outside doors have been repaired at a cost of £328.32

Coffee After 8.30 a.m. Mass

We need more help on the rota as we are down to just seven people to man the coffee tables after Mass. We need some volunteers please to undertake this very worthwhile task

Charity Concert

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6 May at 7.30 p.m. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians performing a selection of classical favourites. Tickets are £25 which includes prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Lent And Holy Week Calendar 2017
Maundy Thursday 13 April
8.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet
Good Friday 14 April
3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 15 April
8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday 16 April
8.30 a.m. Sunday Mass
10.30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Finance News

For the week ending 1-2 April 2017 you gave £358.79p of which £61.80 was Gift Aided.

Please don't forget to Gift Aid what you give in the Collection (provided you pay Income Tax).

Thank you and God Bless



Pope Francis



Today is the International Day of Mine Awareness. Let us please renew the commitment for a world without mines!

Lent is, by nature, a time of hope because it leads us to be born anew "of the spirit", by the love of God.

When the Holy Spirit abides in our hearts, it is he who makes us understand that the Lord is near and takes care of us.

Even in the hardest and most disturbing moments, the Lord's mercy and goodness are greater than every thing.

Children's Corner

In Today's Gospel

Jesus breaks bread and drinks wine during his last supper with his friends. Then they go to a garden to pray. Jesus asks his friends to stay awake with him but they fall asleep. Judas, one of Jesus' friends, tells the soldiers where Jesus is so they can arrest him. Jesus' friend Simon Peter is scared and pretends that he doesn't know Jesus.

Pontius Pilate, the Roman in charge, allows the crowd to decide what should happen to Jesus. Jesus is treated very badly and is made to walk through the street with a crown of thorns on his head, carrying his cross. He is then nailed to the cross and dies. Jesus' friends take his body and place it in a tomb.

Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving up your life for us. Help us to be brave, loyal and loving just like you and know that you are always with us. *Amen.*



Lost and found

*Trapped by the chains of my past
and stuck in my ways,
back and forth like a football
in this football game of life.*

*Never scoring,
myself abhorring
the chances that I've had.*

*People that I've seen;
places that I've been;
children who've been born,
but through my weakness, their lives I've torn.*

*Shattering their dreams
before my very eyes, I've seen
myself go from a loving father
to nothing short of a big time waster.*

*Squandering gifts,
God's loving hand I so dismissed.*

*It is only now, now!
When I am at my wits' end. do I ask for his help
on bended knees, send a prayer for forgiveness,
sorrow in my heart.
"Take these chains from me, Lord.
I need a brand new start."*

*Tears running down my face,
kneeling on the ground.
I hear a voice within my mind.
"My son, who was lost,
but now I have found...."*