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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



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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 25 March 2018

UPCOMING MASSES

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24	6.00 p.m. Barry Miller RIP
Sunday 25	8.30 a.m. Mike Frost 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 26	9.15 a.m. Ken, Janet and Mark Kotulski RIP
Tuesday 27	9.15 a.m. Tara Saha RIP
Wednesday 28	NO MORNING MASS

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 29	8.00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Margaret, Frederick and Kay Knight RIP
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SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - THIS DAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday 30 March	3.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Holy Saturday 31 March	9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AS USUAL (CONFESSION) LITURGY OF THE PASCAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.00 p.m. Jim Jarvis RIP Bray family

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

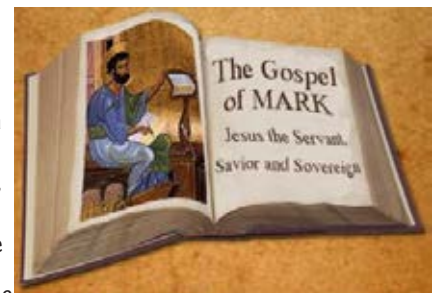
Sunday 1 April	8.30 a.m. Denys O'Dowd RIP 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
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Gift Aid

Please make sure that if you are a UK tax payer, then your giving to the church should be Gift Aided. At no cost to yourself, your parish will receive an extra 25% of your giving from the Government, and if you don't Gift Aid your giving, then this money is simply wasted.



Today we hear and read the Passion from St. Mark's Gospel. The longer version covers two chapters (chs. 14,15), the shorter version, Mark 15:1-39. On Good Friday we hear and read St. John's version of Jesus' Passion. The two accounts are different and give an opportunity to understand the events surrounding Jesus' death from two different perspectives. If you are able, try and carve out some time today, and on Good Friday, to slowly and prayerfully read these two accounts of the Passion: you will be richly rewarded.



A profound truth that each Gospel reveals is that Jesus is a King but no ordinary King, a servant King. He fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem, in humility, riding on a donkey. Jesus turned the idea of kingship on its head and revealed that human greatness isn't as we perceive and understand it. Pomp and pride are humbled before love and service. Power, wealth, possessions, fame, fortune, celebrity are brought low by the Suffering Servant. God went low so we could go high. The Son of Man became as sons of men, so that the sons of men might become sons of God.

Do you doubt that God loves you? Are you troubled, anxious, fretful or are you struggling with guilt, condemnation or a sense that you can't be forgiven? There is a remedy, there is a cure, there is a way to know the peace of Christ which surpasses our understanding. And it is this: when you read the Passion of Christ, know that, by the power and grace of God's Word, these events are being made real and present, and reveal in a unique and special way God's love. This is love: Jesus suffered and died that we might become children of God. This is love: Jesus shed his blood to reconcile us to the Father. We can think that business, politics or entertainment is what matters most in the world. What matters most is knowing the love of God as revealed in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Jesus' cross has given a meaning to the various, shifting course, the trials, the temptations, the sufferings, of his earthly state...It has taught us how to live, how to use this world, what to expect, what to desire, what to hope. It is the tone into which all the strains of this world's music are ultimately to be resolved."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday	<i>Palms will be blessed at all Masses</i>	Good Friday 30 March	3.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 24 March	6.00 p.m. First Mass of Palm Sunday		7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Sunday 25 March	8.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass 10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass	Holy Saturday 31 March	NO MORNING MASS 8.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pascal Vigil and first Mass of Easter
Monday 26 March	9.15 a.m. Mass as normal	Easter Sunday 1 April	The Resurrection of the Lord
Tuesday 27 March	9.15 a.m. Mass as normal	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Mass Mass
Maundy Thursday 29 March	8.00 p.m. Mass of The Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00 p.m.		

Fr. Leslie wishes you all a very happy Easter.

Eucharistic Ministers for this week's Masses (24/25 March)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Stella Walker Pat Creavin
8.30 a.m.	Carol Giles Jan Jarvis Lyn Birnie
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Will Jackson

Readers for this week's Masses (24/25 March)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Will Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers for next week Please see separate sheet at the back of the church for Easter Duties

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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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Maria Ford, Edwin Costin, Catherine Streetin, Hilda Calabritto, Noreen Farquharson, Alexander Farquharson, Eileen Westall, Elizabeth Nash and Sharon McKenna.

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

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Nicholas Sharkey, Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Maureen Flaherty, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Kathleen Green, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Janet Holt, Linda Stimpson, Peggy Ford, Ethine Pattle and Greg Thomas.

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

Sacrament of reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30 p.m. There will be several priests available for confession.



Welcome to our parishioners and visitors to our parish Sunday Liturgy.

We are now entering Holy Week. This is a very sacred and holy time as we journey through the last few days of Jesus' life. With so much gratitude in our hearts, we relive the Passion of the Lord for our Salvation. Perhaps we could all make this a prayerful and reflective week? Let us make time, as families, to experience the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our children will celebrate their end of term Mass on Tuesday of this week. Please do come and share this time as the parish and school come together. You will find this an uplifting experience.

This week let us practice to let go of a long-standing grudge.

Practice real forgiveness:

1. Call a relative with whom you have been out of contact;
2. Smile everyone you meet today;
3. Ask the Lord to forgive your sins;
4. Imagine what it would feel like, if your loved one was taken to prison without due cause.

Imagine how the Apostles felt when Jesus was taken away!

"Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you anointed your only Son Messiah and Lord of creation: you have given us a share in his consecration to priestly service in your church. Help us to be faithful witnesses to the salvation Christ won for all mankind. Through Christ our Lord."

God loves you. Have a great day with your families and a wonderful week

From CAFOD

Thank you and all the parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker for your support this Lent Fast Day through your simple soup lunch. On behalf of all our partners and the communities we work with, we are so grateful for your generosity this Lent.

Lent Fast Day 2018

Amount received: £181.00

Sanctuary Lamps

Sanctuary lamps remind us of the abiding real presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week the lamp will burn for the sick and housebound and those near death.

Ted Knight RIP

Our prayerful sympathy to the family of Tess Knight who died on 26 February. His funeral service took place on 22 March. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Gift Aid Scheme

Why not increase your donation to the church by 25% at no cost to yourself? If you or your spouse pay income tax you can do this by joining the Gift Aid Scheme at St. Joseph the Worker. One-off donations can also be gift aided, through the pink envelopes at the back of the church. For further information please contact Chris Brooks, our gift aid organiser for our parish.

Sacrament Of Reconciliation

There will be many priests in attendance at the Sacrament of Reconciliation service on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your confession heard in preparation for Easter. And don't forget, Confessions are celebrated every Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

Conservatory Update

Despite the weather, at last there has been some progress. Hurrah! The roof and windows are in, the electrician has visited and taken care of all the electricals, and what remains to be done is to plaster the ceiling and put in the lighting. The next stage after that involves plastering the walls and decorating. This is a terrible time for all these works to be going on as Fr. Leslie is extremely busy with Holy Week and preparations for Easter but at least there has been some progress after so many false starts.

Vacancy: Headteacher, St John Payne Catholic School.

The retirement of our existing Headteacher after 9 years has created an exciting opportunity for a suitable Catholic leader who has the vision and drive to take us to our next stage of improvement and development. An application pack can be downloaded from the online advert at www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk or please contact: Monica Morley, School Business Manager, St John Payne Catholic School, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford. Tel: 01245 256030 or Email: mmo@sjp.essex.sch.uk. Please also include a covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Deadline for applications: Wednesday 21 March, Noon.

For further information or to arrange an informal visit to the school please contact Monica Morley on 01245 256030. The school's website, currently being redesigned, can be found at www.sjp.essex.sch.uk

Ethine Pattle

Please remember Ethine Pattle in your prayers. She is having palliative care. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her.



Bishop Alan Goes #SiLent!

For 12 hours, from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 27 March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquillity and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, look at www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood. To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>

To find out more about all our opportunities for young people go to www.bcys.net

KSC Charity Fundraiser

The Knights of St. Columba will be holding a charity fundraising evening on Saturday 21 April 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at The Cathedral Hall Brentwood. The theme being the History of Rock and Roll including participation in songs and dance of the era. Tickets are £17.50 including hot and cold buffet.

Contact Bill O'Regan 07855 192 946/01277 223460 and Tim Murphy on 07530 183 003/01277 225652 for tickets.

Knights Of St. Columba

Young People's Seminar - 24-27 July 2018 at Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

An Invitation to young catholic people aged 16 to 23 years.

THEME: "Being a Young Catholic Today". For more information please contact K.S.C. Head Office: 75, Hillington Road South, Glasgow. G52 2AE

Stations Of The Cross



The devotion of the Stations of the Cross is a wonderful opportunity during Lent to journey with Jesus through his passion. His journey is also our journey. Make a resolution to do this journey as a community on Fridays during Lent or privately during the day. Other Christian churches have adopted this devotion. Let us be humble and grateful to exercise this Lenten journey.

REFRAME: A Catholic Voices initiative coming to the Diocese of Brentwood.

Find out more about the programme by going to one of their Workshop days. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices, sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Saturday 28 April 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at St John Payne School, Chelmsford.

go to <https://doodle.com/poll/xcatfn63p9e57d4> to sign up.

Saturday 2 June 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at The Champion School, Hornchurch.

go to <https://doodle.com/poll/zhmvyqfyvi8shc5> to sign up.



Washing of the Feet

On Holy Thursday we will have the Washing of the Feet ceremony. As in previous years there is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to have their feet washed as Jesus did to the Apostles on that Passover night. Fr. Leslie is looking this year for a volunteer to wash the feet of the "disciples" as at present he is not allowed to kneel down to do this. Thank you in advance.

Easter Offering For Your Priest

The Easter Offering envelopes for your priest are on the table at the back of

the church. This Easter Offering forms a major part of the priest's income. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.

BCCS Charity Run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28 May 2018. 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 registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

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Finance News

For the week ending 17/18 March 2018, excluding Standing Orders, you gave £257.60 of which £31.00 was Gift Aided.

The Easter Flower Collection raised £168.53p

Thank you and God Bless.

Gift Aid

If you have not GIFT AIDED your donations to the church, please see Fr. Leslie or Chris or Mary Brooks. Gift Aid is a source of valuable income we could receive from the government at no extra cost to yourselves. If you are a taxpayer, all we need is your signature. Also, if you are able to make a donation towards the Presbytery conservatory roof that would be fantastic. It could also be gift aided as a one-off donation. Which of course would be even better! Please help if you are able to do so. Thanking you in anticipation. God Bless.



Pope Francis

The Pope on Twitter



Dear fathers, happy Feast of St. Joseph! Follow his example when caring for your children as they grow up in wisdom and grace.

As we listen to the aspirations of young people, may we catch a glimpse of the world that lies ahead, and of the roads the Church is called to travel.

Jesus made Himself like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to give life. Our hope springs from that love-filled life.

Lent is the road that leads from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life.

Bible Alive And Word Alive

Both these publications are to encourage you to pray and reflect on the Scriptures of the day. Bible Alive gives you a reflection on the readings of the day which can be found in Word Alive. Please give them a try - finding our way through life by the Scriptures. Think what you spend on other magazines and papers. They are available on the table at the back of the church.

Children's In the Gospel today corner

Jesus enjoys a last meal with his friends and afterwards goes to a quiet place to pray. One of Jesus' friends brings soldiers to this garden. Jesus is arrested and treated very unkindly. He is made to walk through the streets wearing a crown of thorns. Simon helps Jesus to carry his heavy cross. Jesus is put on the cross and dies. His friends then put Jesus' body in a tomb..

A prayer to say

Dear Jesus, help me to be as brave as you are and to show love to everyone I meet. Amen.

A Catholic revival in the South Atlantic (reproduced from the Catholic Herald)

By ABBOT HUGH ALLAN

When numbers fell, islanders responded by building a bigger church

The main island of Tristan da Cunha prides itself on being the most remote inhabited island in the world. It takes up to two weeks to get there by sea from South Africa. This gives the Catholic parish of St. Joseph's a claim to being the most remote parish on earth.

It was thanks to Napoleon that life on the island began. When the defeated emperor was exiled to St. Helena, the British sent a garrison to Tristan da Cunha as a precaution against a French attempt to liberate him. Pretty soon the government realised that the French weren't coming, and even if they were, Tristan da Cunha was so far away that they certainly wouldn't come from there. So the garrison was withdrawn. Some of the men stationed there sought leave to remain on the island, and thus the little settlement of Edinburgh of the Seven Seas was born.

The Catholic community on the island began with the arrival of a remarkable woman from Mullingar called Agnes Rogers, remembered today by islanders as Granny Aggie. She came to work as housekeeper for the island's administrator. This devout soul was horrified to find no Catholic church and no sign of a priest ever having visited the island.

She came under enormous pressure to renounce her faith and simply conform to the majority religious practice. She refused and was treated appallingly by the authorities. The prejudice was such that, when food was scarce, she was even denied rations. Eventually, her stubborn love of her faith wore down the opposition

and she established a small chapel in her home. The parish was born.

In 1932, Fr. LH Barry was the first Catholic priest to visit Tristan (he was Catholic chaplain on HMS Carlisle). Aggie hadn't seen a priest for 23 years. He reported that "She heard Mass and went to the Sacraments, and her joy was great and touching to see." The next recorded visit of a priest was in 1955. He wrote: "On Tristan da Cunha, the world's loneliest island, I heard the first Confession of children too young to remember what a priest looks like. They were better prepared than many of the children who live within sight of city churches.

"Did they do all right?" Agnes Rogers anxiously asked me.

"Yes, Grannie Aggie - God bless you -they did splendidly!"

"Agnes has lived most of her life beyond the reach of priest and sacrament.

Nevertheless, Sunday after Sunday, she tries, humbly, to instil into her kin something of her own simple greatness."

We are now preparing to set Granny Aggie on the path to canonisation, but for the islanders she is a saint already.

Today the parish is cared for by three catechists, all descendants of Granny Aggie. A priest visits once a year, normally in September. This year, however, I visited the parish in January and February. This meant sailing on the good ship Edinburgh, a "fish factory" that can carry 12 passengers wishing to visit the island. The accommodation on this working vessel is small and basic. Getting into my small berth each night was quite a challenge, as I am not exactly petite. And as for the South Atlantic swells, I can assure you that they

are anything but swell. The voyage was so bad that I'm pretty sure the captain was considering throwing me overboard, like Jonah. But thankfully we made it.

Tristan da Cunha has a population of 263, just over a third of whom are Catholics. This may seem a small number to travel such great distances to visit, but the kindness and deep faith of the islanders made the long voyage well worthwhile.

The island's motto is "Our faith is our strength". A shining example of this strong faith is the building of their new church in the 1990s. It was a time when the prolonged absence of a priest and other pressures had led to a fall in church attendance. The remaining faithful decided to pray a novena together asking the Lord to bring their families and friends back to the Church. Having done this, they reckoned that when God had answered their prayers they would need a bigger church. So they set about constructing a larger one. Sure enough, numbers increased and the new church was filled.

The islanders' kindness is evident above all in their care for the elderly, who are loved, respected and looked after. When I visited the oldest islander (aged 102) she was so delighted to see a priest that she put her teeth in for the occasion.

It is a great privilege to be responsible for the spiritual welfare and needs of this isolated parish community. This island has a lot to teach us, including the need to slow down and take life as a gift; care and concern for each other's welfare; and, above all, contentment with the life they have. Like anywhere, there are problems and worries, but for islanders the faith really is their strength.

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Repository

We urgently ask if you have the time to help out at the Repository before/after Mass? Even if it is not every week or at the same time. Can you give serious thought to helping out and coming on to the rota, please? Approach any one of us at the back of the church at any time. We'll be glad of any help you can give us.

Thank you.

Brentwood Council For Voluntary Service

Activities include fitness and health for over 50s. Please find more info at the back of the church.

Tea And Coffee After 10.30 Mass

We urgently need more volunteers to make tea and coffee after the 10.30 Mass on a Sunday. We presently have 4 people on this rota and one of our volunteers will be away from February to April next year. If more volunteers do not come forward, we will not be able to offer refreshments every week, which is a situation we are obviously keen to avoid. If just another 4 people volunteer, each person would be on the rota once every two months. If you would like to help out with this very worthwhile ministry, please contact Gemma Daly on 07813 931169. *Thank you.*

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - led by Fr Eamonn Power. The Parish of Our Lady of Canvey and the English Martyrs (Canvey Island) invites you to join their parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land - In The Footsteps of Christ & the Holy Family. (Travel dates: Thursday 10 May to Thursday 17 May 2018). This pilgrimage is organised and coordinated by Anam Cara Travel. Cost is £1,370. This includes 4 Star Hotels on a half board basis, flights, gratuities and all excursions. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Cathy on 07885 577 342 by 31 March 2018.

A FEW LAST PLACES REMAINING.

Bible Alive and Word Alive

Bible Alive and Word Alive are on sale at the back of the church. These are daily Scripture readings to help us grow our knowledge

Children's Liturgy Of The Word

The above will take place at the 10.30 a.m. Mass during school time.

Jesus said "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them. For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Matthew 19:14)

Word Of Life

"In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called Confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him".

Parish Representatives

Parish Hall Booking Secretary

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Parish coordinator 2

- ◆ Michael Wild - 01277 222 304

Mission Organiser

- ◆ Margaret Bailey

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- ◆ Tim Murphy

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