

# 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.

## 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 14 May 2023

*This is the sixth Sunday of Easter*



## Upcoming Masses

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR (A)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13 6.00 p.m.  
Eileen Walsh RIP  
Bray Family  
Sunday 14 10.30 a.m.  
Our Parishioners  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 16 9.00 a.m.  
Wednesday 17 7.30 p.m.  
Ascension of the Lord  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Thursday 18 9.15 a.m. With our  
school children  
8.00 p.m.  
Friday 19 9.00 a.m.  
Int. David & Bridie Healy  
Saturday 20 11.00 a.m.  
First Holy Communion  
of our children

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.  
We all need Jesus.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR (A)

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.  
Sunday 21 10.30 a.m.  
For our Parishioners  
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

## CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 6 May: 42  
Sunday 7 May: 75

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for May is available in the Narthex – may God's word guide our lives.

## Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

## Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.



Welcome to all our parish family and visitors to our parish celebration of Our Holy Mass. Thursday of this week is the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation (i.e. we need to come to Mass on this day). This is a great feast, a solemnity. We should not underrate it. A cloud took the Lord out of sight. This feast is an integral part of our Redeemer's Pascal Mystery, and therefore a saving mystery for us all. It is an article of our Creed. "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God". It is precisely the God-Ward, Farther-Ward element of Christ's life, death and resurrection that is made so clear today, being symbolic by his lifting up and disappearing from human sight. We are shown the new life brought by the Risen Lord. It is a return to God-eternal life - the life of the world to come. Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the Father's house, to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to mankind such access, only Christ. And He has. This is why he came down from heaven, lived, died and rose again: that he might bring us to God. So let's not underrate the Ascension. Christ only leaves us to return to us. So, if the first grace of the Ascension for us, is hope In heaven, a second is fearlessness in the face of life and the sufferings and evils of life, but a humble, trusting, hoping, praying fearlessness. Today he ascends to become our Priest, our Advocate, our Intercessor. He is the One eternally turned to the Father on our behalf. Now we can make our way through this life to the Father's house rejoicing. Every blessing on your families.

*Fr. Leslie*

## May Month of Mary

For many centuries, May has been considered the "month of Mary." As new life springs up from the earth in a richness of labour and form, it is beautiful and appropriate time to honour she "from whom sprung our salvation." Our Lord Jesus Christ who suffered and rose from the dead so that Eternal life be opened for us.

Just as she was God's instrument in the coming of Christ to humanity, Mary our Lady continues to be His instrument for each one of us, individually, mediating the graces we need to live a life pleasing to her son, a life of peace and interior joy, and interceding for us before him. In Fatima in 1971, she told us to pray the rosary every day, to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and reparation to the immaculate heart of Mary. Please say the rosary each day as a family with your children. Remembering parents are the main teacher of their children's love for Jesus. Mary will help you. The rosary is the most powerful prayer, after the Eucharist.

## Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a regular attender at Mass and would love to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and willing to take the blessed sacrament to our sick at home, please contact Fr. Leslie.

## Fire Marshall Training

Sally Haggerstone will be providing some training for Fire Marshall volunteers before Mass on 20 May at 17:30 and 21 May at 10:00. Any queries [sallypower79@hotmail.com](mailto:sallypower79@hotmail.com)

## Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church – other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. – Please help us!

## Coffee After Mass On Saturday evening

First Saturday of each month. And after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Please do make time to come and join us.



## Great fun at the Coronation Tea



We held a Coronation Tea Party after both Masses last weekend, and a great time was had by all!

## Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

### IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

#### THE SIGNS OF BREAD AND WINE.

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfilment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

## Consultation to move Sunday Mass to 10.00 a.m.

The Parish Pastoral Team would like to know the parishioners' viewpoint, on the proposal to move Sunday Mass from 10.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. so that we can make an informed decision. This proposal will not affect Saturday night Mass at 6.00 p.m. Please could you complete the form handed out at Mass this weekend, and return to the box in the Narthex. Your comments will be completely anonymous. 'What is your view point?'

## Our Church Roof

Our Church roof is leaking in various places – it will cost £3,900 to repair. I would be most grateful if we could have some donations to defray the cost. Our parish numbers have decreased from 300 to 100 approximately – which has a big impact on our parish funds. If you could help, our parish would be so grateful. Our parish is responsible for all parish upkeep. Don't forget if you are a tax payer, please open a standing order. [www.hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](http://www.hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Thank you very much.

## The Priests Charity Concert



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30 June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

## Coronation Hamper Raffle

The Coronation Hamper Raffle was won by the Bray family, and here is Verity Bray pictured receiving it from Fr. Leslie. Thank you to all who bought a ticket.

The amount raised by the Coronation Raffle was £605.00, a magnificent sum, and a huge thank you from Fr. Leslie for your kind and generous support.



## Parish Hall

Because of the increase in gas and electricity bills we have to increase our hire charges to £35.00 per hour. This is to meet our expenditure on repairs and other expenses.

## Wonderful Concert Experience

An important note for your diaries.....

On Sunday 21 May at 3.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral, we are delighted to welcome the Wiener Mozart Trio from Vienna. Since its foundation in 1991, the Trio has performed in renowned concert halls all over Europe and Asia. Irina, Daniel and Diethard Auner are not bound by any contracts with orchestras which means their artistic independence enables them to achieve a musically free and unconventional interpretation of utmost intensity. The musicians consider it as their vocation to convey music as a spontaneous and original experience. As a result, they have made a wide audience familiar with all epochs and styles and all the possibilities of musical expression, ranging from the great Viennese classics – with W.A. Mozart as one of the earliest composers of the musical genre of the piano trio – to the present day. Their Programme will consist of the following pieces:-

### Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Piano Trio No. 2 in G major, K496, comp. 1786

Piano Trio No. 6 in C major, K548, comp. 1788

### Felix Mendelssohn

Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, op. 66

There will be a short interval and the Concert will finish at 5.00 p.m.

Tickets will be £10.00 for adults; children and under 18s Free. These need to be booked in advance by emailing [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) and will then be available for payment and collection on the day, from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Any remaining tickets will also be available on the day.

## Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

## Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- ♦ Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. Your donation also forms part of your Priests salary.
- ♦ Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- ♦ Please note there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays – It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 7 May you gave £115.00 of which £34.00 was via Gift Aid.

Coronation Hamper Raffle: £170.00, making £605.00 in total.

Donations for roof repairs: £465.00 with £450.00 via Gift Aid

Thank you and God Bless.

Remember, if you do not give by standing order or pay directly into the bank or by envelopes – please use the QR codes in this the newsletter. If you do not have a smartphone use the white buckets as you enter the church. Any one-off donation will be greatly received to help maintenance of the hall and church. God Bless and thank you all so very much.

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** John Wright, Gerald Wilson, Ted Griffiths, Margaret Harkin, Mary Page, Horace Bushby, Kathleen Gore, and Mary Ward

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. James McCormack (2015), Fr. John Williams Hayes (2002), Fr. Paul Dynan (2002), Canon Thomas Clarke (1959), Canon Michael Fitzpatrick (1939), and Fr. Brendan Sheppard (1969).

**Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.**

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

**Light Laughter**

My grandfather invented the cold air balloon but it never really took off!