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## Mission Statement

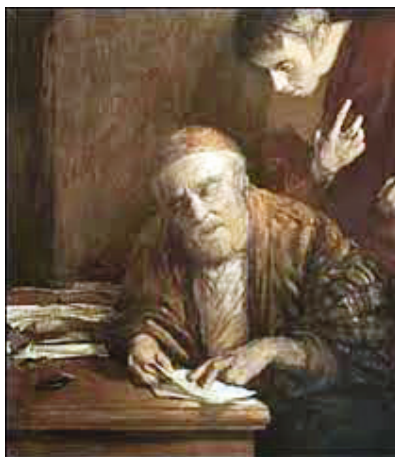
To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



## 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 18 September 2022**



**"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones."**

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Money is a paradox. It makes the world go round but the love of it is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10). Note that the root of all evil here is the love of money, not money itself. Dorothy Parker once said. 'If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to.' In our wealth-obsessed culture the wealthy attract our admiration and respect.

It has been suggested that the worldwide economic recession resulted from greed and the thirst for huge bonuses from within the banking community. Basically, the banks gave mortgages to millions of people who simply couldn't afford to repay their debt. These lenders landed in real trouble as mortgage rates rose and house prices fell, causing millions to default and lose their homes. The rot set in when bankers became less interested in building long-term prosperity for the bank itself and more concerned about hitting their own annual bonus targets.

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager is a story about a canny manager who, to use a modern turn of phrase, knew which side his bread was buttered on. What's interesting about him is that until the moment of his sacking, he was wasteful and incompetent, but when he realized that he was about to lose everything, he made shrewd plans to ensure that he was provided for. Jesus doesn't commend the manager's mismanagement of his master's resources, but he does commend his shrewd planning.

The conclusion Jesus draws is that the children of this world are often more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than the children of the light are. He's saying that we need to make use of all that God has given us in order to bear witness, preach and proclaim the Gospel. We have to be shrewd ourselves and invest wisely in how we spend our time, energy, money and resources so that we don't work for food that spoils but for food that endures to eternal life (John 6:27).

*Lord, by the grace of your Spirit you give us a wisdom that the world cannot provide, which makes us both shrewd in the way we deal with others and wise in the way of salvation.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
J. Greenfield  
Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.  
For Parishioners  
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 20 9.00 a.m.  
Wednesday 21 7.30 p.m.  
Thursday 22 9.00 a.m.  
Alan Turvey RIP  
Anne Turvey  
Friday 23 9.30 a.m.  
Celine Andrews RIP  
Saturday 24 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Confession (Sacrament of  
Reconciliation)  
Do try and come to a weekday Mass.  
We all need Jesus.

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 24 6.00 p.m.  
Ammanuel Rassam RIP  
Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.  
Ammanuel Rassam RIP  
A Rassam  
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

\* 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:** At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @Parishioners' each weekend. We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

#### Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 17 September 6.00 p.m.  
Ewa Kania  
Marian Anderson  
18 September 10.30 a.m.  
Bill O'Regan  
Lyn Birnie

#### Readers For This Week's Masses

- 17 September 6.00 p.m.  
Ian Restall  
18 September 10.30 a.m.  
Peter Sanders

#### Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 24 September 6.00 p.m.  
Mark Brennan  
Carol Turnbull  
25 September 10.30 a.m.  
Willa Jackson  
Chris Brooks

#### Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 24 September 6.00 p.m.  
Sophie Newbould  
25 September 10.30 a.m.  
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

The First Holy Communion children will be reading the Bidding Prayers



Welcome to all of our parish family and visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Mass.

I first want to hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed your holiday whichever country you visited. Now we are back to a very busy time between now and Christmas. It is very encouraging to see many more returning to Our Sunday Obligation of Mass. I want to remind you how to participate more fully in the Mass. Firstly, to refrain from food and drink (except water and medicines) one hour before Mass is a physical reminder that we hunger for Christ who will feed us with His own divine life in Holy Communion.

The elderly and those who are suffering from some illness, as well as those who care for them, may receive Holy Communion even if they have consumed something during the preceding hour.

Secondly, please aim to arrive in good time. If you come to Mass harassed and 'on the run' then there will be little opportunity to still your mind and recollect your heart. This may prove a challenge even at the best of times, but it should remain a spiritual goal. Thirdly, the psalmist sings 'Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace' (psalm 31) and adults should try to do so as well because silence makes us more sensitive to the presence of Christ. When we are silent, we do not hear less, we hear more. We become attuned to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us. Silence does not happen automatically. It is created by the work of each member of the worshipping assembly. As we come to Mass, we need to commit ourselves to cultivating the reverent silence of the Mass. Fourthly, coming into the presence of God, the All Holy One, should make us more sensitive to the barriers we have placed between ourselves and Him by our sinfulness and lack of faith. Bringing a contrite heart before God, we also recognise how rich He is in mercy and forgiveness, how slow to anger. Fifth, if the readings at Mass are to ignite our hearts and make them burn with love for God then they must not only be proclaimed with conviction, but need to be listened to with an attentive ear and open heart. Spending a little time with the readings before coming to Sunday Mass will allow God's word to take seed in the soil of our lives. And finally, at the altar, the priest prays in the person of Christ, the High Priest, and on behalf of the whole Church. This prayer offers thanksgiving to God for bringing everything into being and sustaining it in being. It also recalls the Last Supper and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the salvation offered once and for all by Christ becomes real and truly present to us: bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, our Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the priest recognising that 'all glory and honour is yours forever and ever' to which everyone responds with a great Amen. This is deeply felt 'yes' to the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Blessed Trinity. The proof of this that 'God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, 'ABBA Father' (Gal 4:6). The very words that Christ prayed in the Our Father and are given to us so that we can reach out to our Heavenly Father and know His care and love for us, we who are recognised as Sons and Daughters of God. (Taken from the Journey Home. Thresholds of Hope. Formation, Mission and Relationship).

I hope you will all find the above helpful as you come to the awesome presence of the Lord each day/week, and help participate more fully in the celebration of Mass.

May God bless you all and keep safe

*Fr Leslie*



#### Bishop Alan – Visit to our Parish Wednesday 12 October at 7.30 p.m.

This visit of our Bishop is of great importance to the whole parish. So I hope you will take the privilege of coming to the Holy Mass at 7.30 p.m. During the Mass our Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young parishioners. After Mass he will meet with you all in the parish hall to chat to one another.

In the afternoon, at 2.00 p.m., he will meet and talk with our children in the school and meet the staff and discuss with them their thoughts and how the school is progressing.

It would be so wonderful if we could have a great attendance so that he will be moved by the strength and participation in our sacred liturgy and supporting our young people who have chosen to be confirmed. This is an important sacrament for all your young teenagers to receive on their journey of life.

#### Family Fast Day - Friday 7 October 2022

By having a simple meal and donating to the collection on 9 October or by giving online, parishioners will be sharing a powerful act of solidarity. Please see white board in the Narthex.

#### Church Cleaner required – please!

Just one hour on Thursday after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Many times we have asked for church cleaners. We should all have a profound love for our church, the house of God, and love to be privileged to spend a little time to keep it clean and sparkling.

The Narthex – Parish room/office and the church (not forgetting cobwebs), would you like to offer one hour of your time each week to keep our church clean? Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278. Thank you.

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## Celebrating the beauty of our Faith

On 18 September 2022, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate at the Bishops' Conference in supporting our bishops in three important areas:

- Firstly, evangelisation and catechesis. Guided by the Bishops, this work supports the dioceses in bringing the beauty of the Catholic Faith to the people in their parishes, and to those who do not yet know the Lord.
- Secondly, the beauty of the Liturgy and our church buildings. The Mission Directorate ensures that liturgical directives from Rome are acted upon and liturgical texts are translated into English. Historical building experts work in the Directorate and support dioceses to fund and maintain beautiful places for prayer.
- Thirdly, sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This work supports the bishops at the national level and helps create greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those with no faith, but who seek the Lord "with a sincere heart".
- Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support these three important areas of work. Thank you. More information can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

## Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The Autumn 2022 edition of "Mission Today" is available to collect from the table in the porch. 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

## Social Corner

### ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL CORNER

Pizza after 6.00 p.m. Mass last week

The event was a success and we had 19 young people attend. There were quizzes and they all enjoyed the evening. With the success of this first social venture we hope to run another one at the start of next year. Thanks to those who organized the evening and special thanks to all who attended and please watch this space for further details!

### ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL EVENTS

A few additional dates for your diary -



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday 8 October -   | Quiz Evening             |
| Saturday 12 November - | Social event with Supper |
| Saturday 10 December - | Mulled Wine & Mince Pies |

Please add these dates to your diary. More details to follow as we get closer to the above dates.



## Lunchtime Recital

After a short summer break, we are delighted to welcome Vladimir Antonov-Charsky from Lithuania who is currently studying at the Royal College of Music in London. Vladimir will be giving a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital in Brentwood Cathedral next Wednesday 21 September at 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.

Hope you can join us for this lovely Recital. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Song School.

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and young people in our community are vulnerable to all sorts of different pressures and challenges:

- Anxiety & depression
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorders or OCD
- Bereavement and family break-ups
- Low self-esteem
- Friendship issues and bullying
- Identity issues
- Anger or behavioural issues
- Self-harm or suicidal thoughts

If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact us: 01268 784544 [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

## First Communion

**Parents** - Meeting with Fr. Leslie and the Catechist on Wednesday 21 September. 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start.

Remember to come on time.

**Children** meet on Saturday 25 September. 9.00 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. start. Please make every effort to be on time.

## Our Liturgy In The Source & Summit

Our Saturday and Sunday Liturgy should be a beautiful and moving experience as we make present the death and resurrection of our Lord. More about this on [www.sourceandsummit.org](http://www.sourceandsummit.org) For us we need more altar servers especially our older ones.

We need a leader for the singing, especially entrance psalm.

We need an organist or keyboard player and the full participation in our gathering at church as we offer our praise and thanksgiving of the Lord. Please check out [www.sourceandsummit.org](http://www.sourceandsummit.org)

## Knit and Natter

Or just knit.

Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278

Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

## PARISH QUIZ EVENING.

Date for your diaries - 8 October after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please book your place by putting your name on the list at the back of Church or emailing [sarah.barber.email@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.barber.email@gmail.com)

Teams can be for up to 8 people. Tickets are £3 each. Please bring your own food and drink, and we look forward to seeing you there.



## Pope on Twitter



Tomorrow, I will leave for a three-day journey in #Kazakhstan, where I will take part in the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions. I ask you all to accompany me with prayer on this pilgrimage of dialogue and peace

Dear young people, once more, I invite you to take part in the great pilgrimage of young people that will culminate in World Youth Day in Lisbon, August 2023. In preparation, on 20 November we will celebrate World Youth Day in local Churches throughout the world

My message for you, dear young people, the great message entrusted to the Church, is Jesus! Yes, Jesus himself, in his infinite love for each of us, his salvation and the new life he has bestowed upon us.

Let us #PrayTogether for the Ukrainian people, that the Lord may give them comfort and hope. During these days, Cardinal Krajewski is in Ukraine to bear concrete witness to the closeness of the Pope and the Church.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 10 September you gave £250.00. with £5.00 through Gift Aid.

Second Collection for Catholic Education Service: £95.00

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:** Annie Kingsbury, Leonard Driscoll, Irene Wilson, William Drake, Leonard Hagerty, Mirella O'Regan, (Jerzy) Richard Postot, and Sylvia Wade

**Priests of our Diocese:** Canon Frederick Gahagen (1947), Fr. John Ryan (1970) Remember to have Masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

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.

Light  
**Laughter**

Why did the Teddy Bear refuse dessert?  
He was stuffed!

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### 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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### Refreshments After 10.30 am Mass and 6.00 pm Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass.

This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance.

We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month i.e. Saturday 1 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.





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