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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 11 October 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 10	6.00 p.m.
	People of the Parish
Sunday 11	10.30 a.m.

During the week there will be no public morning Mass – Mass will be celebrated privately in a locked church, due to Covid restrictions

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 17	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 18	10.30 a.m.
	People of the Parish

Confessions

Confessions by appointment.

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present. We do need ushers to form a rota to keep our church open. Please do volunteer.

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for prayers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneeq@yahoo.co.uk

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast that a king gives for his son. However, the special guests he invites refuse to come. A second invitation receives the same response and the invited guests even murder the messengers. So the king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then the king sends his servants out on to the streets to invite anyone they find. They collect people from anywhere and everywhere until the wedding hall is filled with guests.

The main points of the parable are clear. The king represents God. He was the one who sent Jesus. The wedding feast represents salvation, which will be an occasion of great joy. The first people invited are the people of Israel. The invitation is a simple one: "everything is ready; come...". Israel is offered God's grace in the Lord Jesus Christ, but the invitation is rejected and despised. The ill-treatment of the servants represents Jewish persecution of preachers and prophets. The anger of the king is a hint of the coming fall of Jerusalem. The second invitation is the gospel as it goes out to the Gentiles. God offers his salvation first to his Chosen People, but if they will not receive it, he will turn to those whom everybody despises! The Gentiles will be powerfully brought into the kingdom of God.

What is interesting about the parable is, however, that it does not end there. Attendance at the banquet is insufficient in and of itself. Something else is needed. Seeing a man who is not dressed in proper wedding attire, the king questions him in rather a cool, detached manner: "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" When the man is unable to answer, the king has him ejected from the banquet. The punchline is sobering: "many are called, but few are chosen". The wedding clothes signify the clothes of baptism: baptism is both the gateway to the Christian life and also empowers us to live a life of grace. We have been invited to the wedding feast, but we must respond to the call of our vocation to live a holy life, day by day.

Lord, today may I put on the garment of salvation and remind myself of the great grace of baptism with which we are clothed.



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 Brisbane our membership officer on 01277 219746.

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Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

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:

Leslie Burrows, John Edward Castle, Agnes Lyons, Brenda Crawley, William Liversley, and Mary Whittle.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. John Dempsey (1942); Fr. Patrick Main (2000); Mgr. Matthias Kearney (1979); Mgr. Canon Michael McKenna (2000); Canon Roderick Grant (1934); and Mgr. Canon Christopher Creede (2002).

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Mass Intentions

The best and most sacred way to remember the souls of our most loved one is to have a Mass offered for them that they may be released from sin and come into the presence of our heavenly father. Also we should also pray for our sick and for the intentions of whoever asks for our prayers, Mark the envelope either RIP/SICK/Private Intentions.

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has died RIP/SICK/or an Intention please put this on your envelope with your donation through the PRESBYTERY letter box or give it to FATHER at any of the two Sunday masses. To have a Mass said for someone is the most important prayer we should offer for them. One day we will need a Mass said for us. Please don't forget previous Priests of our Parish.

Parish Contribution

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically. Catholics are asked to continue to give as generously as possible in these difficult times. You can do this by filling out a standing order form and gift aid form if you pay tax. Or online via the new website, or direct into our parish account 40-13-22 61018884 Payable to St Joseph the Worker Hutton. During the church closure we lost a considerable amount which, for small parishes, it is a lot. If you are watching Mass from home, please remember your weekly offering unless you pay by standing order or through other ways. We have a number of maintenance tasks to be done which is the responsibility of our parish. Thank you

Mass Intentions

Please note Mass intention envelopes are at the back of the church. Don't forget to have Mass said for the repose of the soul of family and friends.



Hello and welcome to our parish celebration of our Sunday liturgy. Our parish church is Covid-19 safe. Before we opened our church, it was signed off by our Health and Safety Officer Sally as was requested by our Diocese. So if you are able, and have not returned to our parish community, you would be most welcome. It is at this time we need to come to Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament for healing and peace.

There are November Dead Envelopes in the Narthex where traditionally we pray for those who have gone before us. They can be picked up from the church or presbytery. Don't forget to put your donation in the envelope with the names of those you wish Mass to be offered for so that they may find the peace and love of our true home.

A few weeks ago we celebrated our children's First Holy Communion which was a very happy and family occasion although we had to celebrate it with Covid restrictions in place. My thanks to Mary, Sharon and Justine and her daughter. My thanks also to Arthur Edwards who at short notice gave of his time freely to take the photos, some of which you saw in last week's newsletter. I would like to thank in particular Mary Brooks who after nineteen years of preparing our children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has retired from this ministry. On behalf of all the families and parishioners - thank you. Sharon and Justine will take on this beautiful ministry of preparing our parents and children for these two very important Sacraments.

In today's gospel Jesus again speaks to the chief priests the troubling story of the invited guests who refused to come to a banquet who offered their excuses. Telling this story Jesus casts an accusing eye at those who refuse to listen to his teaching and the king invites the poor and disadvantaged so that his tables will be filled. As Christians we need to listen to Jesus and meet him at the banquet of the Eucharist or do we make excuses? Where are we in this story? We believe Jesus is alive and praying and walking with us as we continue our life's journey. It is our trust in Jesus and friendship with him that we get the strength to carry on in the midst of difficult situations. St. Paul says "I can do everything in Jesus who gives me strength".

I wish you all a wonderful weekend as we pray to Mary our mother to give us a love for her Son and trust in his mercy and forgiveness on life's journey. May God bless all our families.

Fr. Leslie

Mass attendance

6.00 p.m. Mass 47. 10.30 a.m. Mass 43.

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we need ushers for our Masses to continue. Not a big task. You would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle.

Please please help if you can. Our church is Covid safe so do come along to one of our Masses if you are able. Our parish community and each one of you are important. Keep safe.

St. Jerome The Bible Saint

On 30 September we marked 1600 years since the death of St. Jerome. St. Jerome was a bible Christian - he devoted, lived and breathed the scriptures and encouraged us to do the same. He once said "Make knowledge of the scripture your love..... live with them, meditate on them, make them the sole object of your knowledge and enquiry." Join us by purchasing the 'Bible Alive'. £3.00 from the Narthex.

November Dead Envelopes are in the Narthex

Take one for any deceased members of your family - Don't forget to put in a donation.

Bible Alive

There are copies of Bible Alive in the narthex, Price £3.00. Please put money in the Repository box.

The Church Year for Children

Every child knows what is celebrated at Christmas. But what about Pentecost and All Saints' Day? Who were Saint Martin and Saint Nicholas? Why do we dye Easter eggs?

CTS are publishing an exciting new book for children, aimed to help them actively discover the church year. Starting with Advent, there are child-friendly facts, explanatory illustrations, and creative suggestions on how to organise these special times for each festival and each year.

Cost: £16.95. <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/the-church-year-forchildren>

New Sunday Missal 2021

This beautifully designed paperback Sunday Missal is an ideal companion for the liturgical year:

- ♦ Introduced with the words of Pope Francis.
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This volume runs from the First Sunday of Advent 2020 to Christ the King 2021. Cost: £7.95. Order from CTS <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/cts-sunday-missal-2021>

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of it's evolvement and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

The school will be holding Virtual Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students and their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2021. For prospective Year 7 students the Virtual Open evening will go live from Wednesday 30 September 2020. Please contact the Admissions Officer Miss Lester (Tel: 01277 227156 ext. 405) for further information. Please see the school website www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk and click on the tickertape running across the screen.

For sixth Form students the Virtual Open Evening will go live on 5 November 2020.

Month of October

This month is the month of the most holy Rosary. During this month please Honour our Blessed Mother by saying the Rosary each day for our families, our nation and world during these testing times of COVID-19. Unfortunately, we cannot use votive candles because of touching the candles and caskets. Also the danger of non-sanitised hands coming into contact with lighted candles.

Candlelight Funds

Celebrate a life and give hope to thousands more! This year we will not be having the Cafod Collection. Hopefully we can make a big one in Lent next year. However, you can help this year by picking up from the Narthex a Cafod Form. Please fill in your details and return to Cafod in the envelope provided.

"Keep a light shining through a candlelight fund, for a deceased member of your family or friends." The details are on the leaflet. Please pick one up and help Cafod to help others.

New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the parish website (www.stjosephshutton.org). When restrictions are lifted one of our Parishioners will contact you to welcome you and help you settle in.

Covid 19

Visitors to the church should scan the QR code when they arrive, using the NHS COVID-19 app. This is to help trace and stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

MISSIO

The Autumn 2020 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the porch.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions, I am unable to empty red boxes at present. Please hold on to your red boxes and I will empty them when it is possible to do so. In the meantime, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website www.missio.org.uk

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

A Prayer For Us All

Let us entrust our parish to St Joseph our patron. God Our Loving Father who entrusted the care of his only begotten Son to St. Joseph. May he protect us all from this testing time so that our parish community may again come together and return with joy and gratitude to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph protect us all and bring Eternal Rest to all who have died. We ask this through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Can You Help?

I hope that in your great generosity that you might be able to give a little extra to cover the cost of sanitising our church? Every time we use our church we have to clean all the benches to keep you all safe. It is a priority and it is costly as you will realise. We also need help to do this after each Mass and especially after our First Holy Communion Masses on 26 and 27 of September. Therefore we will need cleaners on Saturday afternoon to prepare for our 6.00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday after the second First Communion Mass on Sunday afternoon. The more help we can get, the better. I would be so grateful, it won't take up much of your time. ALSO we will need ushers for both First Communion Masses. Please let me know if you can help. We want every everyone to be safe.

Every Day Evangelisation in the Parish

- Be Gracious In The Car Park
- Pray For Parish Leaders – For Your Priest –
- For One Another
- Get Involved In The Parish Community
- Invite Friends Who Are Not Catholic To Parish Events
- Explain In Advance To Those Who Are Not Familiar With The Catholic Faith, What They Will Hear And See During The Liturgies.

Finance News

For the week ending 3-4 October you gave £188.61 of which £31.00 was with Gift Aid.

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.

HSBC

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Pope on Twitter



We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity

By his actions, the Good Samaritan showed that the existence of each and every individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions.

To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home.

Saint Francis of Assisi, this saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, prompts me once more to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship

New Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

We are always looking for people who are willing to proclaim God's word and those willing to become Eucharistic Ministers not only at Mass but also to take the Blessed Sacrament to our housebound parishioners (when current restrictions are lifted).

God's Housekeepers – please help

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. We need your help. Please!

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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.

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