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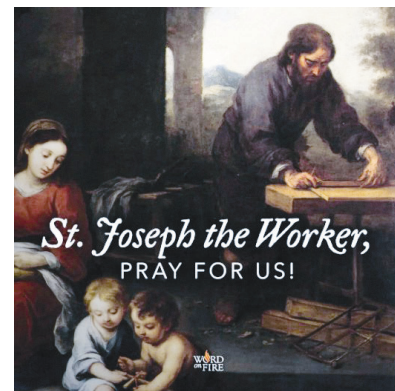
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Mission Statement

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 26 June 2022



"And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home".

To him, Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plough and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God".

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

There's a real sense of urgency in today's Gospel, which is contrasted with the more relaxed approach in 1 Kings, where Elisha is allowed time to say goodbye to his family before joining Elijah in his ministry. As Jesus' Passion draws ever nearer, the Lord's call to his potential disciples to follow him allows them no time. They must be willing to put service of the Lord before every other call in their life, even seemingly legitimate ones. This high level of commitment can lead to a feeling among the laity that Jesus' words don't apply to them, just to the clergy or missionaries. This, however, isn't the case. The Lord's call to 'Follow me' applies to all believers. To follow the Lord with great urgency can even occur within a family home. Following him may mean turning away from the television and instead praying a Rosary. Or picking up the telephone and calling that relative or friend you've been meaning to speak to for some time.

In order to fulfil Christ's mandate to 'spread the news of the kingdom of God' (Luke 9:2), it's necessary to have a sense of urgency every day. By asking the Holy Spirit for guidance, and being led away from the trap of our routines, the Lord presents us with constant challenges that will bring fresh insight to our faith. One example of this is St. Catherine of Siena. In her youth she lived in an incredibly crowded house, but, amidst the hustle and bustle of her family home, she consistently withdrew and sought the Lord out in prayer.

A little later in Luke's Gospel Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs and we're told they come back rejoicing (10:17). The Lord's sense of urgency wasn't lost on them and they joined in his radical style of life. This sense of urgency still exists today, particularly in the face of growing secularism in Western Europe. The Lord says to all of us, 'Follow me'. What will our response be?

'Eternal God...do not permit that Your Son, Our Lord, remain unknown by unbelievers, but, with the help of Your saints and the Church... remember Your mercy, forget their idolatry., and make them know Him.' (St. Francis Xavier)

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

JUNE

Saturday 25	6.00 p.m. James Fitzsimons <i>A Turvey</i>
Sunday 26	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 28	10.30 a.m. Funeral Mass of Ted Griffiths
Wednesday 29	Feast of St Peter & Paul (Holy day of obligation) 09.15 a.m. Holy Souls (with the school) 7.30 p.m. (Please note the time) Parishioners
Thursday 30	9.00 a.m. Billy Sugrue <i>N. McPherson</i>
Friday 1	9.00 a.m. Billy Sugrue <i>D. Hanson</i>

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday 3	10.30 a.m. John Wright RIP <i>H. Wright</i> 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: Any mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

25 June	6.00 p.m. S Walker M Anderson
26 June	10.30 a.m. M Allum P Sam

Readers For This Week's Masses

25 June	6.00 p.m. M Brennan
26 June	10.30 a.m. W Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

2 July	6.00 p.m. C Turnbull E Kania
3 July	10.30 a.m. W. O'Regan C Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses

2 July	6.00 p.m. I Restall
3 July	P Downey

Mass attendance

Saturday 18 June:	55
Sunday 19 June:	90



Welcome to our parish family and to all our visitors.

After Mass we have refreshments in the hall which we encourage you to join us. I look forward to seeing you there for a chat.

In case you have been on holiday, may I remind you that the Bishops of England and Wales reimposed the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays which was relaxed during Covid. It is a serious sin to miss Mass. If you do so you need to go to the Sacrament of Confession before you receive Holy Communion.

Only those who are sick or the housebound are exempted.

In today's gospel Jesus reminds us of the road we need to take as we journey to eternal life. Jesus took the road resolutely for Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead to prepare for his visit, but we are told they rejected them. We like to remain in our comfort zone. Yet we are confronted often with the choice of either departing from our old ways of life or clinging to it. Our world offers us many different ways. St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians says "The freedom that he proclaims is that which sets us free from the yoke of slavery to destructive habits and the freedom that enables us to serve one another through love; the freedom to break free from the old unredeemed, unrefined and raw self to embrace a new and transformed nature".

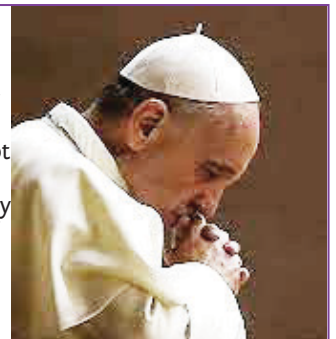
We all long and wish to embrace a new and transformed life, but we are often caught in traps of procrastination and hesitation. Jesus invites us to follow Him. You go and proclaim the kingdom without delay. Pray that we love our Catholic faith. Teach it to your children. Reflect on how we live the gospel. In the Book of Proverbs (3:5-6) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths". Pray to the Holy Spirit to make the right decisions and examine the different options available to us. We also ask the Holy Spirit to teach us the way we must go. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path. May we not stray from the way of truth and what is right, weak and sinful as we are. Let us all journey together with all our brothers and sisters to eternal life.

I wish you all God's blessing on your families and stay safe.

Fr. Leslie

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*



Bible Alive

Copies of the June edition (£3.00) are in the Narthex. I do encourage you to purchase a copy and come to be familiar with the word of God – to guide you in your daily lives and come to understand the message of salvation. It can be used in conjunction with your bible. I ordered a few extra – Please do not forget the word of God – inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Flowers For Our Church

Our grateful thanks to Jan Jarvis & Mary Allum who do our flower arrangements for our church to the Glory of the Lord. On Special occasions you, our parish family are generous for any flower donations. However outside of special feasts it would be good to adorn our church with flowers. Any donation would be gratefully received in an envelope marked 'Flowers' or use the wall safe in the church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Parents

There will be a meeting with Fr Leslie on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30 – 8.00 p.m. for those who have submitted their forms.

HAMPER RAFFLE

Gorgeous hamper prepared by Phil from The Deli in Ingatstone, this terrific prize could be yours. All you need to do is to buy a raffle ticket.....

Supporting Children's emotional health and well being

As we begin the huge task of dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in our diocese, our message to families is simple "We are here for you if and for as long as you need us." If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact BCCS. Visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk Contact us: headoffice@bccs.org Childcare, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9EH Please see poster in the notice board outside the church Damian Dillon, Community Engagement Officer, ddillion@bccs.org.uk

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The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline – a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our Catholic Faith – Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the sick is administered in situations of the immediate prospect of surgery for those who are significant of age, or those in danger of death. All hospitals have hospital chaplains for those who are in need of this sacrament.

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Knit and Natter

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners

for a cup of tea and cake? A New group has started and will meet regularly in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

2 July • 6 August •
3 September • 1 October •
5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!

Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering – more helpers would be appreciated.



Baptism

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

Ted Griffiths

The funeral mass for Ted Griffiths will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 28 June at 10.30 a.m., Internment at St Mary's Church Shenfield. Ted's body will be received into the Church on Monday 27 June at 5.00 p.m. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Parking in the school playground.

Music in the Church

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we need to form a small choir and a leader in the aftermath of the pandemic. I have been arranging, as you are aware, a couple of people from the music school in our cathedral thanks to Andrew Wright. Our school has a choir, if they could come at least once a term it would be great for them and their parents.

Again, as mentioned in the newsletter over a number of weeks – the need for Eucharist ministers (they will be trained), to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound as well as minister at Mass. Also readers and altar server. Please do come forward and offer your talents for the good of our parish. We feel the pain of those who have not yet returned to Mass since the pandemic.

Christ desires to make his home within us. In turn we open our hearts to him in order that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ. As individuals and as a community we make an offering of ourselves to God. Holy Communion also provides us with a present of the glory that awaits us. It is spiritual food during our earthly lives, nourishing our souls and preparing them for eternity. We look forward to welcoming you back among us.

Parish Register

Please – whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered. And of course, in these Covid times, we have to take bookings for Mass to ensure that we adhere to the restrictions. This process will be much simpler for all if you have already registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US.
IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. – Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. – Matthew 22:34-39



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.



Pope on Twitter



I express my sympathy to the injured and those who have been affected by the earthquake in #Afghanistan, and I especially pray for those who have lost their lives and for their families. I hope that with everyone's help the suffering of the people can be alleviated.

Let us always look at young people with a smile. They carry on what we have sown. An elderly person cannot be happy without looking at young people and young people cannot move ahead in life without looking at the elderly.

Dependence increases with illness, with old age, and we are no longer self-sufficient like we were before. Faith also matures here. Jesus is also with us here. Here, the wealth of our faith lived well during our journey through life also springs forth

We need to dream even as a Church. We need enthusiasm, we need the passion of youth, to be witnesses of God who is always young!

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 19 June you gave £265.00 with £25.00 through Gift Aid. Hamper raffle: £175.00 to date

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: Ernest Bell, Angela Gilbert, Daisy Sellars, and Andrew Hagerty
Priests of our Diocese: Canon James Dacey (1962), Fr. James Hawes (2016), and Fr. James Littleton (1948)

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.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Thought for the Day

People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church!

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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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QR Codes

What are they and how do they work?

A QR (Quick Response) code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. In our instance, the QR code will take you directly to a website where you can make your donation digitally, instead of using cash. The Diocese is wanting ALL churches to use this form of giving to replace cash which is time consuming and expensive to count and check.

Using the QR code enables the parish to save time and money – both of which are very welcome! So please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the back page of the newsletter each week. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then take to the bank. And amazingly some banks have actually stopped taking cash! *Thank you and God Bless.*



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