

# 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 28 November 2021

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

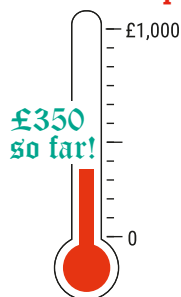
We stand today at the beginning of Advent and joyfully anticipate the celebration of Christmastide. Our pilgrimage invites us to revisit and partake in the events surrounding Jesus' first coming: his birth and entry into human history when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Since the beginning, Advent has been a season in which we reflect on the first coming of Christ but also prepare for his second. The deepest longing of the Holy Spirit is expressed in the cry 'Come', which the Spirit gives to the Church. The prayer of both the Spirit and the Church will always be. 'Come. Lord Jesus, come.' God always has in view the end towards which the whole history of salvation is directed. Our desire to prepare for Jesus' return is proportional to our current relationship with him. His return heralds not just the coming of a kingdom, of a new order of things, but the return of the Lord of Lords, the Servant King who loved and died for us.

The call throughout the New Testament is to be active, to prepare, be watchful and be holy as God is holy, so that we can 'stand before the Son of man'. At Jesus' first coming he came to save and redeem so that we would know forgiveness and liberation from our sin. At his second coming, we will know the redemption of our bodies and the full deliverance for which the whole of creation longs.

Advent, then, is a time to grow in holiness through repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Behold, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery.

## Christmas Hamper



Our Christmas hamper will be arriving shortly – to raffle towards our much-needed parish funds – as we have so many repairs to do on our parish property. Each year you have been very generous to St. Joseph's and I know you will be equally generous this year. I realise that many are struggling in one way or another, but we must not neglect God's house.

Also we will encourage you to send your Christmas Greetings to one another via the newsletter as we have done in the past. Proceeds will go towards Brentwood Catholic Children's society.

**Thanks again for your unfailing support.**

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: [cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

## A Different Church is Possible: embracing an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability

### INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE CENTRE FOR ECCLESIAL ETHICS

On the eve of our global synod Pope Francis invited us all to create not another Church, but a different Church. You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2 December at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom, in which Professor Jim Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability can offer a pathway of renewal for our Church and enable us to become the different, attentive and vulnerable Church that God calls us to be in service of a fragile world emerging from Covid. Tickets are free and bookings can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-ecclesial-ethics-inaugural-lecture-tickets-192356893647>

All are welcome and further details at [www.mbit.cam.ac.uk](http://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk)

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## Upcoming Masses

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### NOVEMBER

- Saturday 27 5.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00 p.m. Mass  
Mary Tumulty RIP  
B. Edwards
- Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.  
Winnie Spinks RIP  
Spinks Family
- Monday 29 Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- Tuesday 30 9.00 a.m. Mass  
Denis Norman (sick)  
E Norman  
Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

- Wednesday 1 Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- Thursday 2 Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
- Friday 3 9.00 a.m. Mass  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
J. Greenfield  
Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.
- Saturday 4 Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 4 5.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6.00 p.m. Mass  
People of the Parish  
B. Edwards
- Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.  
Irene Bentley RIP  
Spinks Family

\* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

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## Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Sally Canon, Paul Denton, Anthony O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Rice, John Draper, Bina Southgate, Konrad Barrett, James Barker, Hettie Dalley, John Crofton, Colin Towler, and Sheila Slade.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Patrick Bennett (2001), Deacon Anthony Collings (2016), Fr. Francis Branney (1975), Fr. Bart Lynch (2010), and Fr. James (DAS) Hannon (1990)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday Mass in the season of Advent.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols encourages us take up the invitation of Advent and to be hopeful of a new and fresh encounter with Jesus, the Word made flesh. The season of Advent and Christmastide invites us to a fresh encounter with Jesus, the Word made flesh, God made man.

On the Sundays of Advent we shall have The Blessed Sacrament Exposed on the altar for private prayer from 5.30 p.m. till 5.55 p.m. on Saturdays. There will also be morning Mass on Tuesday Thursday and Fridays at 9.00 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. till 10.30 a.m. or before Mass on request.

This week we reflect on the parable of the prodigal Son. Firstly, in Luke's gospel, we hear from the Son - "Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants".

Secondly - "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran to him and embraced him and kissed him". This week we explore returning to the Father with all our heart and humbly pray, Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us prepare for Christmas asking Our Father to grow in faith and deepen our understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist.

May the Lord bless us all this Advent. May his Word be born afresh within us.

*Fr. Leslie*

## BCYS - Advent Carol Service

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12 December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems and stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m., however there will be limited capacity at each event, and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277 373 959.

## 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



## First Communion Children

First Holy Communion Children will be making their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 3 December at 7.00 p.m. Parents may also come to this sacrament after their children. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Refreshments after 10.30 Mass - TODAY

There will be refreshments in the Church Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass TODAY. And also on the first Sunday of the month from January (COVID-19 permitting!) Don't miss it! Please stop by and enjoy a coffee or tea with your fellow parishioners as we welcome increasing numbers of our parish "family" back to Mass in person.

## Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

During Advent before 6.00 p.m. Mass, there will be Exposition of Blessed Sacrament. It is a time of prayer. Please reverence the blessed sacrament when you arrive as you always do with a genuflection or bow (if unable). Try and come to Mass early to pray to Jesus present on the altar.

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for December is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of our home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes. Christmas Cards can also be ordered – which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Tree of Angels Appeal 2021

The Tree of Angels will continue to shine throughout the period of Advent and can be used to let a friend or family member know you are thinking of them, or simply to send a Christmas greeting to someone you may not be seeing this year. Click the link to go directly onto their secure platform where you will be invited to choose an angel, write a dedication and make a donation: <https://visufund.com/treeofangels>

## November Dead Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex.

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## Journey Home (Continued)

### Unite ourselves to the Eucharistic Prayer.

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 our deeply felt 'yes' to the beauty, truth and goodness of the Blessed Trinity.

### Recognise your adoption as sons and daughters of God.

The proof of this is 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 are given to us so that we can reach out to our Heavenly Father and know his care and love for us.

### Become the sign of peace

The sign of peace might be mistaken for a convivial sign of affection. It's not. The peace is a sacred action calling us to a profound peace and unity that we cannot manufacture but that is ultimately a gift from God. Through the Eucharist, we are grafted to Christ, the Prince of peace, and it is as peacemakers that we come to be known as children of God.

Find out more at [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk) – visit our YouTube channel 'Thresholds of Hope' Formation – Mission – Relationships.

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## Christmas Greetings

Every year we try to fill the back page of the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to each other. The money raised goes straight to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We're going to start the page going next week so please do send me an email ([ian.restall@designportfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@designportfolio.co.uk)) with CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the subject bar and I'll be sure to include your greeting to Fr. Leslie, your friends and your fellow parishioners. Please send a £5 donation in the post to Fr. Leslie, or pop round and post it through his letterbox if you can. Can we fill a whole page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

## Christmas Offering for your priest

This forms a major part of your priest's income. Even if you have a standing order, you will need to have one as your gift is for your priest while standing orders are for your parish.



## St Joseph The Worker School

The school Admissions Policy for 2023/2024 is now on the school website and can be found as follows: [www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk)  
Key Information/Admissions/Admissions Policy 2023/2024

## Newsletter

We will be taking our usual break for Christmas on w/c 20 December for a couple of weeks. There will be a newsletter available on Christmas Day and then we will resume publication on the weekend of 8/9 January 2022.

## BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23 – 30 July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see [www.bcys.net/events/sl22/](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22/) for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

## Brentwood Cathedral - Sunday 5 December 2021

Carols and Music for the Festive Season at 4:00 pm (finishes around 5:00 pm) by Founder Members of the Redbridge Youth Choir. This special anniversary concert marks the launch of the choir's new festive CD, Christmas Regifted. This recording is dedicated to the memory of a dear friend and choir member who, last year, lost her battle with cystic fibrosis. Proceeds from its sale will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. CDs will be available to buy, and proceeds will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Admission is free – there will be a Retiring Collection. For more information, please contact: [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## Reminder – Christmas Envelopes for Hamper

Please pick up envelopes from the Narthex. Write your Name, Contact details, and enclose £5.00, and return the completed envelopes as soon as possible. Why not take an extra one (or two) for friends and family?

## Confirmation 2022

If you wish to be confirmed next year, please give me in writing your name and contact details. You should be 14+. The preparation course begins in January 2022. Confirmation is the second sacrament where you will be anointed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his Gifts. By this anointing the confirmed receives to 'seal' or 'mark' of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a sign of authority or ownership of the object. Christ himself declared that he was marked with his father's seal. The seal of the Holy Spirit makes our total belonging to Christ, our enrolment in his service for ever, as well as promise of divine protection. In the prayer... "Send your Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide – give them the spirit of Wisdom and understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, spirit of wonder and Love".... I ask our parents to engage in conversation about the important sacrament offered to our young teenagers for their journey in life.

## Hildegard Sieche RIP

It is with great sadness that I am advising the people of the Parish that Hildegard Sieche on 14 November. Hildegard died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Cologne.

Hildegard and Bernhard belonged to our Parish for over 20 years; Bernhard was the Organist and Choir Master and Hildegard was a leading light in the Society of Vincent de Paul and a supporter of the Marillac.



## Pope on Twitter



It is my hope and prayer that each of you can joyfully say: "With Jesus, I too am a king". I too reign: as a living sign of the love of God, of his compassion and his tenderness.

Dear young friends! Be free and authentic, be the critical conscience of society. Be passionate about truth, so that, with your dreams, you can say: "My life is not captive to the mindset of the world: I am free, because I reign with Jesus for justice, love and peace!"

The kingship of Jesus is completely different than that of the world: He did not come to dominate but to serve. He did not come amid signs of power, but with the power of signs. He is not like other kings, but he is King for the others

Today Christ's invitation to Paul is directed to every one of you young people: Get up! Do not remain on the ground "feeling sorry for yourself". There's a mission waiting for you! You too can testify to what Jesus has begun to accomplish in you.

## Finance News

For the week ending 21 November you gave £160.00 of which £11.00 was through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: £130.00 this week, making £350.00 to date. Keep 'em coming!

Christmas Greetings: £30.00. This will be sent to BCCS as a donation  
Second Collection for World Youth Sunday: £155.00

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.

## Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, 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.**

Light  
**Laughter**

What do you call a blind deer?  
No eye deer!

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# Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: [ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) and the donation (normally £5.00) to the Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2022.

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie, and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas and let's all hope – a happy and healthy New Year!

A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.  
Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas

Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive period with their loved ones.  
Love The Peachey Family

The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all parishioners at St. Joseph a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year

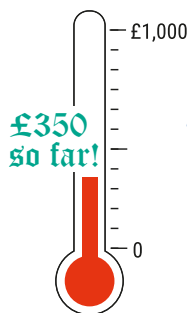
A peaceful and joyful Christmas and New Year to Father Leslie and all the Parishioners and our Primary School. Best wishes always  
from Alex, Sheila, James, Michela and Andrea.

Peace, Goodwill and happiness for you all at Christmas and always .  
Jan Jarvis.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the parishioners at St. Josephs.  
Mary, Jean-Pierre, Aimée, Matthew & Olivia Lockwood.

The Jackson Family wish Fr. Leslie, parishioners and friends a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year with many blessings.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle



*Keep those  
envelopes coming!*



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We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under “communication”.