

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.

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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 27 September 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 27	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 28	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Tuesday 29	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Wednesday 30	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Thursday 1	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Friday 2	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church

Confessions

Confessions by appointment at the moment, because of COVID-19, for a 2 metre distance.

Face Masks

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

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora 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.



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.

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU – TO REGISTER!

Our brand new website is up and running and has the same address as before (www.stjosephshutton.org) and contains all the information you need about the Parish, Mass Times, Parish Groups etc. etc. It's very easy to use and will help us become an interactive community, as well as a loving and caring one!

What we need you all to do now is visit the "Register a New Parishioner" section which you will find under "Parish". There is a form there that we'd like you ALL to complete. When you do this, it will help us build the Parish database, so that we can more easily contact you about Parish matters. One thing that Covid-19 has taught us is that we lacked the ability to easily and effectively inform you of important changes to Mass times, Covid-19 guidelines, registration for Masses etc. etc. Our new database will solve that in future, as long as everyone gets involved and completes the form online!

Don't be put off by the title of the form being "Register a New Parishioner"! We know you are an existing parishioner but we don't have the contact details that we need, as yet. All your details will remain entirely confidential in line with current GDPR legislation. And we won't divulge your details to any third parties. The data will be held securely.

And just as important – weekly collections have slowed to a trickle, which of course is understandable given the restrictions we are all living under. It would help the church and parish enormously if you could consider making your offering by standing order, either weekly or monthly. The last few months, in addition to a reduction in Masses and attendance, has seen most of us move to a cashless society and the church is no different. Cash is always good, of course, but in these troubled times, bank transfer is so much better!

All the forms you need, Standing Order forms, Gift Aid forms (most important if you are a tax payer) and 200 Club forms are available on.... the new parish website!

I hope you enjoy your visit to the site and that you are able to at least complete the parishioner registration form.

If you have any problems at all then please email Mary via the contact button at the foot of the page.

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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:

Patricia Young, Ronald Smith, Anthony Slade, Frederick Shingles, Margaret Coyle, Grace Horn, Maureen Ives, James Lindsay, Christina Newman, Thomas Cayton, Barbara Fowles.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Gordon Godfrey (2006), Pope John Paul I (1978), Fr. Bernard Wakeling (1990), and Fr. Michael Hopkins (1994)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory and Grace.

We are reminded that the church is not limited to this world, but eternal to the next as well.

By praying for the dead as we prayed for them when we were with us, we are united with the communion of saints. I remember those who have died in the peace of Christ and all the dead whose faith is known to you alone.

Mass Intentions

When you ask for a Mass to be said, it would be helpful if you could indicate whether it's the person's anniversary of their death by putting R.I.P after their name – e.g they are sick or an intention please put INTENTION / SICK. Thank you

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.

First Holy Communion

Sadly, due the restrictions put upon us, the First Holy Communion "celebrations" will be held over two days, at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26 September and 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 27 September.

Parish Administrator

Our parish administrator is Mary Lockwood. She is present on Fridays in the parish office/parish room situated in the church opposite to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Please contact her by phone 01277 221917 or on email: hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org Mary will deal with any queries or appointments to arrange baptisms or to make appointments to see Fr Leslie. Mary has been employed to assist Fr. Leslie so that the parish runs smoothly and to make life a little easier for Fr. Leslie.



Hello and welcome to everyone today.

We always begin our celebration of Mass seeking the mercy and forgiveness of our sins. Let us beware of the love and mercy of Jesus for us all. Jesus should be our first thought in the day and our last thought at night.

There will not be a CAFOD collection this October because of our reduced number of parishioners at Mass.

Again our church is Covid safe. We have taken all the necessary precautions and the church has been passed and signed off before we opened. I would love to see more of our parishioners return to our Sunday Mass. Our community suffers from the lack of your presence and Jesus awaits us week by week. I realise only too well that some of you don't feel ready and I understand that only too well. However, if you are able to travel around our towns freely then surely you are able to come to our Sunday liturgy? Please think about it and trust in our Lord.

In the Narthex there are leaflets on Candle light Funds. Because there is not a CAFOD collection, this is a wonderful way to support CAFOD. It's all about celebrating a life of a loved one. When we light a candle for a loved one who has died, our sadness is touched with the light of hope. We also give hope to thousands more. So please pick up a leaflet and envelope and having read it, send it direct to CAFOD.

Finally the CTS have a new Sunday missal for 2021 at a price £7.95. You can order it through CTS website www.ctsbooks.org

Let us pray the Rosary each day as a family or individually for protection against COVID-19 and for all who have suffered and died. May they rest in peace.

Happy Sunday with your families and keep safe.

Mass attendance

Mass attendance on Saturday 19 September at 6.00 p.m. was 43. That's up 3 from last week. On Sunday 20 September at 10.30 a.m. attendance was 57. That's up 17 from last week. Thank you for your support. Keep safe and so good to see you all.

There is some space for you if you want to join us. Please arrive early for Mass so that you can be seated by our Ushers and this will also give you time for private prayer.

First Holy Communion Gifts

If you are looking for a small gift for a child who is celebrating their First Holy Communion then our Repository has many gifts and cards for you, and all at reasonable prices.

Mandy has also made up some small First Holy Communion gift bags – see below – which you may want to purchase at a cost of £6.00. Each gift bag contains a First Holy Communion pen, a St. Christopher medal, a Rosary and a Prayer Card. Ideal!

Altar Servers

During this period we are unable to have altar servers at our Mass. However, you are not forgotten, and you are important to our parish. I will let you know as soon as possible when you will be able to serve. My thoughts are with the newly trained altar servers who have been unable to serve. You are not forgotten. The same applies to those who provide music which of course is not allowed at the moment

BCCS – Christmas Cards

It's a little early to be talking about Christmas Cards but if you normally order some from BCCS, then information can be found on their webpage: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/christmas-cards>

Mary Alcock

Special prayers please for Mary Alcock, who needs our help by praying for a speedy recovery from a serious situation. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her at this particular time. She has asked for your prayers and I said I would ask you all for your prayers. Saying the Rosary for her would be much appreciated. On her behalf, thank you.

Baptism At St. Joseph

If you wish to have your CHILD Baptised, please complete the form on the website www.stjosephshutton.org

Parents must be a practising Catholic, attending Mass and the Sacraments regularly. At least one God Parent must be a practising Catholic and no more than two. The Catholic God Parent must also be a practising Catholic.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTISE

The priest is being asked to do no more than certify whether or not the child comes from a practising Catholic family to the best of his knowledge and belief, in all the circumstances.

Updated Guidance For Celebration of Mass

During Mass face coverings are to be worn. Care should be taken by people in unlooping their face coverings for the reception of Holy Communion and replacing the covering afterwards. This is to prevent contamination of the covering by the hands. However, the risk is regarded as minimal providing there is no hand to hand contact between the Minister of Communion and the communicant.

The same guidance that is used for the celebration of Mass applies to all other sacraments in our churches until further notice. It is for everyone's good that a face covering is worn.

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

How often have we said we'll do something, but haven't done it? Sometimes we might be agreeing to an activity to be polite, with no intention of actually doing it. At other times we might agree to take part in something or do something for someone with the very best of intentions and a determination to do what we say. But then events take over, things change and get in the way, and we don't complete the task. We call Jesus 'Lord' in church, but do we do his will?

The message of the parable of the Two Sons can be boiled down to the phrase "actions speak louder than words" (but words and actions would have pleased the father more). We profess our faith and say "yes" at Sunday Mass, but do we live out our faith in our daily lives? Modern Western society likes to try and remove religion and faith from affairs of state and day-to-day living. St. John Henry Newman taught that there can be no separation between what we believe and the way we live our lives. Neither of the two sons responds well to their father in today's reading. One says "no", but then has the strength of character to change his mind and do what he knows is right. The other pays lip-service to his father, but doesn't do his will. Perhaps the modern-day version of this parable would include a third child, self-conscious and ill at ease, who asks their father not to ask too loudly or publicly, embarrassed in case anyone overhears their father's request or sees them working in the vineyard.

Nobel Peace Prize-winner President Jimmy Carter said, "I have one life and one chance to make it count for something...I'm free to choose what that something is, and the something I've chosen is my faith. Now, my faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands - this is not optional - my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

Dear Jesus, give us courage to respond to your call and challenge. Help us to make a positive contribution to society in your name. 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.

Altar Servers

Training for our four new altar servers for St. Joseph has had to be put on hold while Covid-19 restrictions remain in place. However, things will return to normal eventually so please pray and think about this wonderful ministry. Saint John Paul II said it was a great privilege to serve at the altar for any person. It also keeps them involved in the Holy Mass. We are still open for more volunteers.

BCCS – Fun Walk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has registered for the Fun Walk which normally takes place at the Barleylands Farm site in Billericay. This year, participants and parish groups are invited to walk 2k or 5k anywhere they wish at any time during September and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to help support our work. All details and sponsorship forms are available on www.bccs.org.uk under the Events/Virtual Fun Walk tab or follow us on social media for updates. We would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups Stewards, Ushers and Helpers

We need people to cover the Saturday and Sunday Masses to act as stewards and also to clean down the benches after the Masses. We also need a rota of people to cover the weekdays while the church is open for private prayer. Please help if you can. Please contact Fr. Leslie. Or email Mary from the website.

BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is an established children's charity delivering vital mental health services in schools throughout the Diocese. Currently we are seeking to appoint Trustees to our board to help guide and develop our work. Further information available on our website www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette, our Director on bfisher@bccs.org.uk

Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Finance News

The collection for the week ending 20 September amounted to £139.32 of which £31.00 was via Gift Aid.

The Second Collection for Holy Places raised £38.33.

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 payers 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

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



Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the Relationship with God, with our neighbour and with the earth.

The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. #Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.

We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God. The desire for #peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this.

We are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what He dreamed of when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.

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.



Why did the scarecrow win an award?
Because he was outstanding in his field!

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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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