

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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".

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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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 21 April 2019

## UPCOMING MASSES

### THE SEASON OF EASTER

### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### FIRST MASS OF EASTER

### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 20	8.00 p.m. LITURGY OF THE PASCAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER
Sunday 21	8.30 a.m. Anne Anderson Int. 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners
Monday 22	9.15 a.m.
Tuesday 23	NO MORNING MASS
Wednesday 24	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 25	9.15 a.m.
Friday 26	9.15 a.m.
Saturday 27	NO MORNING MASS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27	6.00 p.m. Catherine Tuohy RIP D Looney
Sunday 28	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. For all parishioners 3.00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available before all Sunday and weekday Masses and on Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.



**Word Cloud**  
This Word Cloud was produced from a number of comments sent in by you to the Stewards of the Gospel team. We think it captures the spirit, faith and love of our Community perfectly. We hope you do too!

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

*He Is Risen! See and Believe!*  
John 20:1-9; 19-23



It can be a temptation to feel faintly disappointed by the Gospel reading for Easter Sunday. After all the rich glories of the last three days, it seems to be a little flat. It seems to present only half the story – the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. It seems to emphasize simply the absence of Jesus rather than his glorious risen presence. Perhaps a key question we are left with at the end of the Gospel is: why is it said of 'the other disciple' that 'he saw and believed', especially as until this time the disciples had failed

to understand the teaching of Scripture that he must rise from the dead? The answer lies in John's understanding of 'signs' in the life of Jesus. For John, Jesus is a wonderful mystery – a revelation of God himself and of the mystery of his great plan of salvation. Mysteries, for John, can be entered into, glimpsed and experienced by putting faith in the signs. All through the Gospel these signs give us some revelation of the mystery of Jesus. Here at the end the signs of the stone rolled away, the empty tomb and the folded linen cloths – signs that can be clearly seen – serve to give us entrance into the mystery of the resurrection.

We are standing on the threshold of something wonderful and amazing, something that draws us to faith. As we see and believe the signs, we are drawn into glimpsing and experiencing further revelation of the mystery. In today's Gospel the disciple expresses only the beginnings of faith. The signs have opened to him the doorway of a great mystery. The climax is the realization that Jesus is alive and that he is the Lord.

This is so valuable for us because it corresponds to our own experience. Full Easter faith is something we progress into, as did the disciples. In the liturgy of Easter Sunday, for those who are willing to believe, there is a wonderful opportunity to be in contact with the risen presence of our Saviour. We can share in his life, convinced that the power of sin has been broken in our lives and that we also have become a new creation with him.

*'Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.'*

## Save The Date - 1

The Bishop will be making his Parish Pastoral Visit on Sunday 22 September 2019. It's a long way off, but is a firm date for your diary.



## Alternative Sunday Morning Masses Within The Partnership

The alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership are as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock	09.00
St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst	10.00
St John the Evangelist &	11.00
St Erconwald, Ingatestone	

### Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (27/28 April 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Michelle Tobin Ewa Kania Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	Jan Jarvis John Spinks Mary Allum
10.30 a.m.	Mary Brooks Will Jackson Sharon Ruffles

### Readers For Next Week's Masses (27/28 April 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	David Holt
10.30 a.m.	Will Jackson

### Anniversaries

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

Jean Lindsay, Joan McCready, and Vera Newman

#### Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Arthur Ryan (1919), Fr. Michael Enright (1966), Canon Thomas Smith (1977), Fr. Simon Sullivan (1921), Fr. Myles O'Reilly (1939) and Mgr. George Stokes (2017).

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

### Remember

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees – "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". **DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.**

### Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey and Brian Donoghue. *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.

### WWW.CHURCHPOP.COM

Parents and young people, can I invite you to log on to [www.churchpop.com](http://www.churchpop.com) for very helpful information to help your Catholic faith.

### 200 Club and GDPR

Would any members of the 200 Club not wishing to have their name published in the newsletter or any members who object to me holding their data electronically please contact Fr. Leslie without delay. Thank you and God bless



Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker on this solemn day of the Feast of The Resurrection of the Lord. I wish you all a happy day with your families.

Today we celebrate the light; the Pascal Candle represents Jesus, the primordial light of creation. By the Resurrection, the light of God is cast over our souls. Jesus is the light that pierces the grave and penetrates the shadow of death. He is the light that pierces the thickest side of our bitterness

and pain. We celebrate Hope. We have fasted, prayed and given alms to those in need during Lent. We have carried our tears, fears and anxieties through the way of the cross to Calvary. Today we are sure our hope did not disappoint us by the grace that flows from Easter.

The resurrection of Jesus offers hope to a world in the grave of misery. With hope we know that light will outshine darkness, truth will conquer falsehood, good will triumph over evil, and life will exceed death. Let us carry the Easter message to the poor, the sick, and the broken-hearted that beyond the gloomy darkness of the grave lies the glorious dawn of Easter morning.

Have a great day.

Fr. Leslie



## A Happy and Holy Easter to all our Parishioners



### For Our Young Parishioners

#### Brentwood Catholic Youth Service

**BCYS EVENTS** – see also Parish Noticeboard  
For more information and to apply for any of our events, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

#### BCYS CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH 13 JULY, ROBERT CLACK LEISURE CENTRE, DAGENHAM

Last year young people (16-18s) beat the leaders (18-27) by a hefty 6-2. Will 2019 be the year the leaders regain their pride? If you are 16-27 and want to play, sign up now. All proceeds will go towards supporting bursaries for BCYS events. For more information, visit our website.

#### AN EVENING WITH MATT MAHER

31 MAY 2019, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

Flying in from the USA, Matt Maher leads an evening of Prayer, Worship and Adoration. He is an eight-time GRAMMY nominee, international Christian artist, songwriter and worship leader. Open to those aged 16+, tickets are available on our website for £10 each! Meet in London.

#### SUMMER LOURDES 2019

20 - 27 JULY 2019, LOURDES

Join our hugely popular Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We assist the elderly and infirm on the annual Diocesan pilgrimage. This event is open to those in years 10 and above. The trip is now full for 2019; applicants will be added to a waiting list and notified if a place becomes available.

#### YOUTH GATHER

26 - 27 OCTOBER 2019, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA

Back on Mersea Island, we'll combine climbing high ropes, abseiling, zip wires and more, with speakers and workshops to give you fresh insights into yourself and your faith. This is open to those in year 9 and above, applications will open at the end of July.

#### MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

8.00 p.m. First Wednesday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral If you would like to know more, please email [group709@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group709@hcpt.org.uk).

### MISSIO Red Boxes

The MISSIO red boxes that were left at the back of the church during March have now been emptied and counted. Please collect your empty box from the back of the church.

Thank you for your support.

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. *Clare Barton.*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays from 3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. We encourage our parents, parishioners and children to come and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis has said "if we are to adore the Godhead eternally, we ought to prepare for that occasion by coming to visit Jesus in the Eucharist".

Pope Francis also says "we are indebted to God because none of us are able to love without the Grace of God. None of us loves God as he has loved us; it is enough to place ourselves before a crucifix to grasp the disparity. He has loved us, and he always loves us first".

We are invited to pray "Lord even the most Holy among us do not cease to be debtors to you. O Father, have mercy on us.

### Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Patrick Cullen through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep Patrick and his parents and family in your prayers.

### Charity Run

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27 May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912 277413.

### Charismatic Day Of Renewal

A date for your diary: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.





## 200 Club

There is a great opportunity for new members to join the 200 Club in the next few weeks and participate in our SUPER DRAW!

This SUPER DRAW will take place on 13 July to coincide with the Parish Anniversary celebrations and we will DOUBLE the prize money on offer that month. This will mean that first prize that month will be £100 (usually £50). Second prize will be £50 (usually £25) and Third prize will be £30 (usually £15).

Come and join us now! See Marian Anderson after Mass, or take a 200 Club flyer from the table at the back of the church.

**This is an opportunity not to be missed!**

## Note For Eucharistic Ministers

If you have a Pyx at home which was supplied by the church and you are not currently taking Holy Communion to the Sick, please could you return it as soon as possible as we are in great need and have no spare ones. *Thank you.*

“ Seen on a sign outside a church in the States: “Welcome back for the first of your two visits this year!” ”

## St. Joseph Friendship Group

We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. We are always open to any suggestions of what you would like to see happening at these afternoon sessions. OPEN TO ALL AGES. Why not pop in for a cup of tea and a chat. You will be made very welcome. Any enquires contact Jan Jarvis on 200278

## Altar Servers – THIS IS URGENT

Over the years our parish has been blessed with wonderful, committed Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar is not just a hobby that we do each week. It is part of who we are – following Jesus Christ. Serving at the Altar is a privilege – something we do out of love for him. Let others see what a difference our faith makes to our lives. As Altar Servers let us be a people of faith and strong followers of Jesus, let us respond generously to God's call. We require more Altar Servers at each Mass. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and families are now able to access direct therapeutic support in one of our clinics. Sessions take place after school or at an evening clinic at our counselling suites in Rayleigh. Our highly experienced counsellors provide support directly to the whole family or to children and adolescents on a 1:1 basis. If you are concerned that your child may need someone to talk to, please contact Catherine on [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) There is a sessional charge, so please enquire.

## Save The Date – 2

Our celebrations to mark our BIG anniversary will be held on **Saturday 13 July 2019**, starting at 6.00 p.m. It is 60 years since the first Mass was said here in Hutton, and 50 years since the foundation of the church. We hope to have the Bishop in attendance too, but we are currently awaiting confirmation. Watch this space! And make sure 13 July is in your diary!

P.S. We would welcome any suggestions that you have as to how we can celebrate these milestones; please drop Ian Restall an email at [ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)



## RCIA

RCIA - If there are any non-Catholics who would be interested in knowing more about their faith or about becoming a Catholic at Easter 2020, please contact Mrs Gabrielle O'Regan on 01277 223460

## Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Youth Mass

You are invited to join us for our Youth Mass on the first Wednesday of every month. The Youth Mass is held at Brentwood Cathedral on the first Wednesday of every month, with Mass starting at 8.00 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Cathedral conference rooms. This is a great chance to meet other young Catholics from around the Diocese. You are always welcome. More info at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter. May I ask our parents to mention this to our young people?

Recently Pope Francis and Bishops from around the world have held a Synod in Rome on young people. Pope Francis asked you to ask yourselves “Who is Jesus Christ for you”?

“ Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. No point! ”

## Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Anniversary Concert:

We are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold an Anniversary Concert for us on Saturday 15 June 2019 at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Early bird tickets are available now at a special price of £15 plus booking fee until 1 March after which all tickets will be £20 plus fee. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - look for The Priests under Event, or click the link on our website [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under Our 35th Anniversary/Anniversary Events. We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

## Gift Aid

Standing Order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Gift Aid is the most efficient way for you to support our parish financially. To set up a Standing Order you need to complete the form and return it to your bank. If you are a taxpayer, and not already a member of our parish Gift Aid scheme, please do think seriously about it. We can claim tax back from the Inland Revenue, up to an extra 25p for every £ that has been donated. In other words, every £4.00 donated equals £5.00 for the church if done through the Gift Aid scheme. If everybody that supported the church financially did so through the Gift Aid scheme, this would be a considerable help with our everyday parish expenditure and maintenance of our parish properties.

## Finance News

For the week ending 14 April you gave £198.50 of which £22.90 was via gift aid. Second Collection for BCCS: 156.65 Standing Orders: £1,617.00 Thanks and God Bless



## Pope on Twitter



Christ, out of love, sacrificed himself completely in order to save you. His outstretched arms on the cross are the most telling sign that he is a friend who is willing to stop at nothing. #HolyWeek

On World Youth Day, I would like to mention all those young saints, especially the saints “next door” to us, known only to God; sometimes he likes to surprise us with them. #DiocesanWYD

By his self-abasement, Jesus wanted to open up to us the path of faith and to precede us on that path. #PalmSunday #HolyWeek w2.vatican.va/content/france...

If we return to the Lord with our frailties, if we take the way of love, we will embrace the life that never fades. And we will experience joy. #Lent

## Mass Intentions

In Fr. Leslie's absence, Mass intentions agreed for future dates will not be said until Fr. Leslie's return to the parish. If anyone would like to rearrange their Mass intention at another parish please see Jan Jarvis, Michael Wild or Marian Anderson.

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## Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 28 April is Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3.00 p.m. there will be Divine Mercy Prayers, Adoration and Benediction.

Light  
^ Laughter

Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web!

# Children's corner

## Welcome to children's corner.

Welcome to our children's corner. We invite parents and children to say this prayer together. God of mercy and forgiveness, you ask us to listen to your son, Jesus Christ. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and the lives of others. Amen

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Some friends of Jesus go to the tomb where he was buried and find that the stone covering it has been rolled back. Jesus is not inside. When they see the empty tomb, they are confused at first, but then they realise JESUS HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Alleluia, praise God! Jesus is alive and shares his new life with us. Alleluia, praise God!



A Happy and Holy Easter to all our Parishioners



### 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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