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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 11 September 2022



"But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

There's so much to be gained from looking at the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the father's perspective. He didn't resist his younger son's demand for his inheritance. Presumably with great regret, and knowing what his son was likely to do with it, he still divided his living freely and generously. He valued his son's freedom to think and choose for himself, to obey or disobey, to use and abuse his inheritance as he saw fit. There are echoes of God's dealing with us in this! It's precisely because he loves us that he gives us free will: our freedom is what makes us his children.

When the younger son was in the far country, living wildly and wantonly, what was the father doing? We can presume that he was devotedly praying for him, going out each day to watch and hope for his safe return. What love, to let someone go but to keep hold of the burden on your heart! And then to rejoice unashamedly at his return and to allow no recriminations or guilt.

Jesus' intention was that we would learn of the Father's long-suffering love for us from this story; he's more interested in us than in our behaviour, rejoices over us when we return to him, and grieves for our sakes when our ways lead us into harm or danger. We should be encouraged by this. We all have a Father waiting for our return. Not to judge but to rejoice; not to burden us with guilt, but wanting to shower us with good things.

Can we recognize something of ourselves in the elder son? The tendency to congratulate ourselves and to make comparisons with others who seem more wayward is not far from any of us. He was living in the father's house and serving him energetically, but he wasn't close to him. His heart was tainted with resentment, particularly towards his brother, and he allowed this to boil up into anger directed at his father. This attitude is something we all need to beware of.

'May your unfailing love be my comfort... Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.'
(Ps. 119:76-77 N1V)

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 10 6.00 p.m.
Thomas Looney RIP
D. Looney
- Sunday 11 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Feast of St. John

Chrysostom

- Tuesday 13 9.00 a.m.
Holy Souls
Exaltation of the Cross
7.30 p.m.
Holy Souls
Our Lady of Sorrow
- Thursday 15 9.00 a.m.
Deceased Members of
Big & Little M.
St Cornelius Pope & Martyr
St Cyprian Bishop & Martyr
- Friday 16 9.30 a.m.
Holy Souls
- Saturday 17 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of
Reconciliation)

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 17 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
J. Greenfield
- Sunday 18 10.30 a.m.
For Parishioners
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 there are plenty of space during the week for mass to be said for your intentions or deceased members of your family or for the Holy Souls in purgatory.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 10 September 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Carol Turnbull
- 11 September 10.30 a.m.
Mary Allum
Sharon Ruffles

Readers For This Week's Masses

- 10 September 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
- 11 September 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 17 September 6.00 p.m.
Ewa Kania
Marian Anderson
- 18 September 10.30 a.m.
Bill O'Regan
Lyn Birnie

Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 17 September 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
- 18 September 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders



Live truth; Live Catholic.

Hello and welcome to our parish family and to our visitors to our celebration of our Holy Mass. On Sunday afternoons we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is very pleasing to see a few people spending some time with The Lord. However, we would like to see families coming to meet and adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We are well aware of the mess we have all made in our world and the destruction of God's creation by our actions and the way we have lived in the past and present. We seem to have lost sight that we are living in

The Kingdom of God whose fullness we hope to love for eternity provided we make the right choices here and now. Our Sunday Adoration is a foretaste of our future happiness. Now we can leave our world behind and spend some quiet time in His Divine Presence.

Our new heater for the church will be in place in September. This also includes switches on the heaters in the hall which will replace the timing clocks. This will save us a lot on our heating expense. Again I wish to thank you for your kindness and generosity to make this happen.

In today's readings we see that compassionate nature of Our God. In the first reading from the book of Exodus, the people got impatient at the length of time Moses was spending on Mount Sinai that the people began to worship an Idol. After speaking to Moses, God decided to show mercy to his people.

In the gospel, we hear that familiar parable of the prodigal son. The essence of the parable is the compassion of the Father and not the sin of the sinner. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus, reaching its culmination in him. Hence, we must reflect this face of God. May we show mercy forgiveness and the love of Jesus to all we encounter.

Happy Sunday and God bless you all.

Fr. Leslie

Family Fast Day - Friday 7 October 2022

By having a simple meal and donating to the collection on 9 October or by giving online, parishioners will be sharing a powerful act of solidarity. Please see white board in the Narthex.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Children and young people in our community are vulnerable to all sorts of different pressures and challenges:

- Anxiety & depression
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorders or OCD
- Bereavement and family break-ups
- Low self-esteem
- Friendship issues and bullying
- Identity issues
- Anger or behavioural issues
- Self-harm or suicidal thoughts

If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact us: 01268 784544 www.bccs.org.uk

Our Liturgy In The Source & Summit

Our Saturday and Sunday Liturgy should be a beautiful and moving experience as we make present the death and resurrection of our Lord. More about this on www.sourceandsummit.org For us we need more altar servers especially our older ones.

We need a leader for the singing, especially entrance psalm.

We need an organist or keyboard player and the full participation in our gathering at church as we offer our praise and thanksgiving of the Lord. Please check out www.sourceandsummit.org

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.

First Communion

Parents – Meeting with Fr. Leslie and the Catechist on Wednesday 21 September. 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. start.

Remember to come on time.

Children meet on Saturday 25 September. 9.00 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. start. Please make every effort to be on time.

Evangelization

Parents and God parents, if your younger members of the family or even parents do not come to our Sunday celebration, please do the following:

Pray for them

Encourage them to do so (do not let them follow the wrong path) but rather live their faith and do good works as we are reminded in the scriptures so often.

Do not let the world solely become our god. We can all evangelize by openly living our Catholic faith – pray, especially the rosary, reflect on the scriptures and have a belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

We also need readers to proclaim the word of God at our celebrations of our liturgy, clearly.

We need stewards to welcome and help with the smooth running of our celebration.

We need church cleaners so that God's home is clean and welcoming amongst other things.

Live Truth – Live Catholic.

St. Joseph Social events

FREE PIZZA! TONIGHT!

We are planning a Youth Social evening after 6.00 p.m. Mass TONIGHT. If you need any more details, please contact Francesca Morris: [morisfrancesca@gmail.com](mailto:morrisfrancesca@gmail.com)



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Help Is Needed

Leaves are already coming down with all the dry weather and, as Autumn approaches, Fr. Leslie needs people to come around regularly and clean up leaves from around the Hall and the Church and down the side of the house. If you could help or you know of someone who could help with this task, please come along to help. If you are able to help, please bring a leaf-rake or leaf blower and bags and also dispose of them – that would be great. Tim does help but he needs help as does Fr. Leslie. Please come forward.

Also we need more church cleaners to keep the church clean and fresh. This is normally done on a Thursday morning for about one hour.

Parishioners often say 'If you need any help, let us know' Well, as above, I need your help!

Refreshments After 10.30 am Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them. We can't always be in a hurry after Mass. This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance.

We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month i.e. Saturday 1 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel www.ewtnnews.com/catholic

I have ordered some leaflets about this wonderful channel to help each one of us how to live our faith into today's broken world and to help you to educate your children. This is God's world and we are his children – and he loves you.

Please find out more from the above contact.

Bible Alive

September Issue £3.00

Now in the Narthex on the table. Please purchase a copy and reflect each day on God's word. You can use the QR code if you don't have cash with you.

St. Joseph Social events

A few additional dates for your diary –

- Saturday 8 October – Quiz Evening
- Saturday 12 November – Social event with Supper
- Saturday 10 December – Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Please add these dates to your diary. More details to follow as we get closer to the above dates.

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.

Bible Alive for September

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help us on our journey of faith – Price £3.00.

Please also pray the rosary – what a powerful prayer with your families and teach your children to love Mary through this great prayer.

Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

FROM SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 1

The relic of St. Bernadette will travel to our Cathedrals in the United Kingdom.

Such is the importance of this tour, and such are the gifts of grace that will flow from these days that we hope that all will feel encouraged to visit. Please see details on the white board in the Narthex of our church. Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ The date for our Cathedral in Brentwood is in the newsletter.

Cardinal Vincent says 'The pilgrimage of St. Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our faith, joining with one another across many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional and psychological healing and renewal'.

'I shall do everything for heaven, my true home, there I shall find my mother in all splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself' (St. Bernadette). More details see www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

The relic will be at Brentwood Cathedral

Arriving - 16/10/2022 at 10:00am

Departing - 17/10/2022 at 12:00pm

Or

Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead

Arriving - 18/10/2022 at 10:00am

Departing - 19/10/2022 at 9:00am

To register to see the relic please book a time slot - <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

ST BERNADETTE RELIC – PLEASE SEE WHITE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.

New Missalettes Now Available

New Missalettes are now available to help us all follow the Mass more closely and enjoy and engage with the Mass more fully. Please take care of them.



Pope on Twitter



The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an "ecological spirituality" attentive to God's presence in the natural world, aware that everything was created through Christ and that "without Him not one thing came into being"

If shared with love, a small amount never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such is the case with our alms, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

#MotherTeresa loved to say, "Perhaps I don't speak their language, but I can smile". Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we will open up opportunities of joy and hope.

Let us pray to #PopeJohnPaul. Let us ask him to obtain for us "the smile of the soul". Using his own words, let us ask for what he himself used to request: "Lord, take me as I am, with my defects, with my shortcomings, but help me become what you desire me to be."

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 3 September you gave £220.00. with £35.00 through Gift Aid

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: Agnes Cahill, Michael Swift, Encarnacion Fern, Angus Howitt, Margaret Felton (Moll), Lana Nelson, and Philip Barrett.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Charles Johnson (1991), Fr. Conrad Smith (2012), Fr. Theophilus Borer (1952), Abp. George Andrew Beck AA (1978), Coadjutor Bishop of Brentwood (1948-1951) Third Bishop of Brentwood (1951-1955), Canon James Hemming (1988), Deacon Arthur Woods (1998), Fr. Louis Heston (1993), Fr. John Bergin (1984), and Fr. Anthony Mayston (1994).

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.

Let us never forget our former priests or parishioners. They were part of our parish family. We pray that they will be part of the church triumphant and pray also for holy souls in purgatory the church suffering and for ourselves on our journey the church militant.

Light

Laughter

What did one plate whisper to the other plate?
Dinner is on me!

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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.
39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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Refreshments after 10.30 Mass on Sundays – we're back!

Refreshments will be served after 10.30 Mass every Sunday going forward. Please sign up on the rota for September to December. New volunteers are always welcome.



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: 1 October • 5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



Mass Attendance

Saturday 3 September:	73
Sunday 4 September:	78



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