

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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 23 May 2021

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TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY



Hello and welcome to all our parish family as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Our Lady.

On this day there were many Jews in Jerusalem. The apostles were afraid to go out. They were praying together with the Blessed Mother. Then suddenly out of nowhere they heard a loud rush of strong wind, and tongues of fire hovered over the head of each one of them. It was the Holy Spirit just as Jesus has promised. The apostles were no longer afraid. They went out and proclaimed the message of the Risen Lord.

Pentecost is the feast of the third person of the Blessed Trinity. He is a pure spirit and this is why we have difficulty in understanding his nature. The truth is that the Holy Spirit is with us always. He is the abiding presence of God in the world. We have received Him in our Baptism and most especially in Confirmation when we were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the fire of love. He is the principle power of renewal and transformation. And as we pray: "Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth".

That is why, in the Gospel today, immediately after giving the apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus offered the sacrament of forgiveness from sins. "Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven". God renews us and gives us a new life through the Holy Spirit and the sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sunday let us honour and praise the Holy Spirit and every day let us be constantly aware of his abiding presence so that we may be temples of the Holy Spirit and instruments of renewal, transformation and life of the world. "Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love, and renew the face of the earth". Father, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for your church wherein we receive the Sacraments of your love especially the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your Son Jesus. We thank you today for your gift of the Holy Spirit who is always with us. He guides us on our journey of life which is nothing compared to the life you have prepared for us all. Holy Spirit help us to be a people of prayer. Watch over us as we avoid the potholes of sin and when we fall, guide us to your mercy and forgiveness in your sacrament of reconciliation. Loving Father hear our humble prayer and be mercy and love to us. *Amen*
May the Lord bless us now and always.

UPCOMING MASSES

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B) THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
Sunday 23 Mass at 10.30 a.m.
Pam Sykes RIP
W. Jackson

Friday 28 Mass at 9.00 a.m.

The church is open for Private prayer
from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Mass is celebrated privately except Friday
when there will be a public mass at 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 29 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Confession by Appointment
or before Mass on request

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (B) THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 29 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
Sunday 30 Mass at 10.30 a.m.
Bob Noble RIP
B. Noble

Please note Mass is celebrated each day
privately except Fridays. For more public
morning Masses, we need two stewards as a
minimum as expressed in the guidelines for
public services. Please come and help.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell; the third day He
rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and life everlasting.

Stewards

Now that we have returned to having
public Masses, we will undoubtedly need
more volunteers to steward the people
attending Mass. Please do give it a thought.
It's not a big task - you would be needed to
take contact details, show people to their
seat, and assist in bringing people up for
Holy Communion at a bench at a time so that
there is no overcrowding in the aisle. *Please
please help if you can.*

Aid to Church in Need

From St. Joseph we must learn... Care and
responsibility, we must learn to love the
child and his mother, to love the
sacraments and charity, to love the church
and the poor (Pope Francis).
Should you wish to help the Church in Need
please contact:

Aid to the Church in Need, 10-14 Benhill
Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DA.
Tel: 0208 642 8668

A small Direct Debit would be a great help
to our suffering Brothers & Sisters.

Date For Your Diary

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will
take place virtually on Saturday 29 May -
More details nearer the time. It will be live
streamed.

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

Eternal Word Television programs on Sky
588 (EWTN). This is a catholic network
channel which has various programs on
the Catholic Faith and Devotions especially
children saying the Rosary, Mass, Journey
Home, Catholic News and much more.
Please look at it from time to time. You will
find it very helpful. It is Global.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Stanley Sullivan, Sheila Curtis, Margaret Bailey, Leon't Craddock, Eddie Hill, John Oakey, Karen Field, Constance Pollard, Jessie Kilarney, and Doris Mohabiel.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Henry Peace (1990), Fr. Charles Carless (1939), and Fr. Austin Thorburn

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.

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.

From Fr. Dominic Howarth

The Bishops of England and Wales issued a key statement on Environmental issues last week, and you may be wondering what the Diocese of Brentwood is doing on this matter. This therefore seems a fitting moment to share with you some work that has been going on in the Diocese over the last few months, and to ask for your prayers.

1. There is a group working on Environmental commitments and actions across the Diocese
2. The work is going well, and drafts will be ready for Deaneries and others to consider in late June/July
3. The resources for parishes will be rooted in our Catholic faith, with prayerful resources as well as calls to commitment and action
4. Please keep the weekend of 2/3 October free from other parish appeals/commitments, if possible, so that it can be a launch weekend for this key aspect of living faith, at a time when climate change is a global emergency.

More Details Later.

If you want to begin more quickly in your parish, then the best place to start is with the Cafod LiveSimply award. The resources and ideas to support a parish seeking the award are excellent; both practical and helpful. You will find everything at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>

Providence Row

Thank you for building a community of support with Providence Row, for people affected by homelessness. You have helped us to keep people safe and supported at one of the most challenging years in our 160 year history.

- ♦ Please consider making a donation. Cheques can be sent to: The Dellow Day Centre, 82 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7SA or contact Providence Row website for other ways to donate.
- ♦ Support Providence Row by praying for our services and coming along to one of our events this year.
- ♦ We have recorded a short talk about our work suitable to share at a church service or in your home. Please get in touch if you would like to receive a copy of this.

Plenary Indulgences For The Year of St. Joseph

All this Year until 8 December 2021. You have the opportunity to commit yourself with prayer and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from serious human and social tribulations that today affect our world. You can gain a plenary indulgence in the usual conditions i.e. sacramental confession, Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Fathers intention.

You can do this if you meditate for 30 minutes on the Our Father or a retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. St. Joseph invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father. St. Joseph is the guardian of the Holy Family – may this inspire enthuse and encourage all families to live with the same 'intimate communion' love and prayer, by praying the Holy Rosary in families and engaged couples.

COVID Restrictions

At present if you are coming back to church, Welcome, We ask you to:

- ♦ Wear a face mask
- ♦ Sanitise your hands
- ♦ Give your name and contact number to the steward
- ♦ If you are not giving to the church by standing order, please put your offering in the white bucket as you enter
- ♦ Pick up your newsletter
- ♦ Holy communion is given out at the end of Mass. We ask you to come up as the steward requests and leave by the door on the left. Please do not linger in the car park.

First Holy Communion Parents

Hello; if your child is in year 3 and you wish him/her to prepare for their first holy communion at St Joseph's, then you need to fill in the preparation form from our website. It must be completed in and sent back via email to the parish administrator (hutton@diocesesofbrentwood.org)

I am sorry at this time we can't name a date for the program to begin, because of Covid-19, and we are in lockdown. We do need to know the number of children so that catechists can make preparations. Thank you to all who have sent back their preparation forms. Please note you must be a regular Mass attender.

Thank you all and we will keep you informed.

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

Parish Sunday Afternoon Rosary Group

The group meets at 4.30 p.m. online, every Sunday, for about 30-40 minutes to say one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary (5 decades each week) and also to pray for the parish and any specific intentions. Contact Tyrone tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk for a link to be sent via email.



Pope on Twitter



Technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels needs to be replaced without delay. There is reason to hope that humanity at the dawn of the 21st century will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities

In these days of preparation for the Solemnity of #Pentecost, let us ask the Lord to send us the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we may persevere in our life of #prayer with humility and joy, overcoming difficulties with wisdom and determination.

When we become aware of our distractions in #prayer, what can help us confront them is to humbly offer our heart to the Lord so that He may purify it and refocus it on Him.

In order to ensure the proper care of our common home, we must become a "we" that is ever wider and more co-responsible, in the profound conviction that whatever good is done in our world is done for present and future generations

Finance News

For the week ending 16 May you gave £181.53 of which £16.00 was through Gift Aid.

Standing Orders received: £2,561.01

Thank you and God Bless.

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Mass Attendance

Saturday 15 May: 37

Sunday 9 May: 49

Mass Offering Envelopes

Mass Offering Envelopes are in the narthex.

200 Club

The 200 Club has been running in our Parish for many years and over that time it has contributed many thousands of pounds to assist with the Parish finances.

It is a relatively painless way of giving, and of course benefits you (hopefully) and the Parish at the same time. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order form for £2.00 each month and you will be entered into a monthly draw to win cash prizes of up to £50. It's that simple. Marian will be handing out Standing Order forms at Masses this weekend so please take a moment to take one, complete it and set the process in motion. Cash prizes are just a signature away! What's not to like!



Light

Laughter

Why was the baby strawberry crying?
Because her parents were in a jam!

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PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.