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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.

*'At this Christmas when Christ comes,
will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent
by loving and serving others
with God's own love and concern.'*
Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
(1910-1997)



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 13 November 2022

Advent is just around the corner and Christmas is only 42 days away!

Time then for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! This year the hamper is bigger and better than ever and will grace any family's Christmas Dinner table. Regulars will know all they need to do is to put a £5 note in an envelope (at the back of the church) and write their phone number on the front. There are boxes in the Narthex to put the completed envelope in. New parishioners are very welcome to join in the fun! It's a record-size hamper. Let's see if we can make it a record sized fundraiser to help parish finances.



HAMPER CONTENTS

The Fizz and Festivities Christmas Hamper is packed full of indulgence. It is the perfect gift for that special someone – be it family, friends or colleagues – who enjoy life's little luxuries.

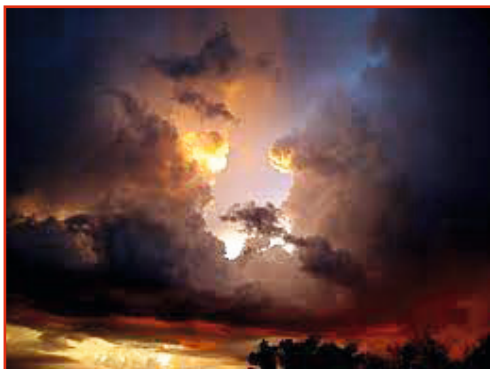
Crack open the trio of Accademia Prosecco, this triple treat is sure to be a great addition to the most discerning drinks trolley! We have popped in two signature kilner tins from Cartwright & Butler, one with English Breakfast Tea and the other with delicious Cheddar Biscuits. A fabulous box of Belgian Chocolates from Cachet in a gold sunburst design alongside sweet and savoury treats galore!

All of these delights are carefully packed in a bespoke hand-crafted wicker basket. It's brand new for this festive season and is sure to make a stylish addition to your home once the fabulous fare has been enjoyed.

The hamper includes:

- ◆ Accademia Gold Prosecco (11%), 3 x 75cl
- ◆ Gold Crown Christmas Pudding, 350g
- ◆ Cachet Milk, Dark and White Chocolate Assortment, 200g
- ◆ Chloe's Cinna-Men Biscuits, 175g
- ◆ Abbey Biscuits Mince Pie Shorties, 150g
- ◆ Grandma Wild's Butter Shortbread Biscuits in Tube, 150g
- ◆ Savoursmiths Italian Cheese & Port Crisps, 150g
- ◆ Vitavigor Cheese Breadsticks, 125g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Chocolate Wafer Rounds, 120g
- ◆ Lily O'Briens Creamy Caramels with Sea Salt, 120g
- ◆ Walkers Classic Collection Gold, 120g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Cheddar Cheese Biscuits in Caddy, 100g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler English Breakfast Tea in Tin, 90g
- ◆ Godiva Dark Chocolate Ganache Heart Bar, 86g
- ◆ Buitemans Gouda Biscuits Gold, 75g
- ◆ Wicker Basket with Round Handle Detail

Weight: 11.1kg



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

"Then he said to them, "nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom""

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. Dorothy Duranti RIP M&J Anderson
Sunday 13	10.30 a.m. Gonsalves Family RIP 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 15	9.00 a.m. Parishioner
Feast of St. Edmund of Abingdon	
Wednesday 16	7.30 p.m. Vo Family RIP
Thursday 17	9.00 a.m. Monica Kenny RIP
Friday 18	9.00 a.m. Sisters of Charity of
Charlieu RIP	
Saturday 19	10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (YOUTH DAY) – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m. Winnie Spinks RIP Spinks Family
Sunday 20	10.30 a.m. John Castle RIP B Castle 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquility in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

* 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.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

November Dead Envelopes

During the month of November, it is customary for you to pray for members of your family. For this purpose, envelopes are in the Narthex. Put the names of those you wish Mass to be offered together with a donation. Thank you. They will be placed on the altar during Mass.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 5 November	43
Sunday 6 November	107



Welcome to all of our parish family and visitors to our Sunday celebration. We look forward to seeing more of our parish in the coming weeks. You are important to us and our parish is supported, especially financially, by our parishioners. We have an overdraft because our expenses exceed our income.

Please have a conversation with those in your families about the obligation to attend Mass (unless you are sick) but also to come to Jesus. Please do not walk away from him. Jesus gave His life on the cross because He loves you with a love beyond all telling.

As we move into Advent we prepare ourselves to celebrate the moment in time when God revealed himself as one of us except sin. He came among us to teach us that we are so loved by His Father even to laying down His life for you. Advent is a time for us to encounter Him in the Sacrament of confession. Please reflect on His love and Mercy for you. 'In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.' (Saint John of the Cross).

The readings from the prophet Malachi, from St. Paul and the gospel of Luke, remind us of the coming of the Lord at the end of our earthly life. 'For you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'. In the Gospel of Luke Jesus reminds us when everything will be destroyed. Be careful what you hear from people, social media etc. Live your Catholic faith openly, live the truth. We have to remember that the Lord is with us, he will protect each one of us. Luke's gospel ends with the words of Jesus 'You will be hated by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives'. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said 'Mark this time of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern'.

May the Lord bless our families and keep us all faithful to Him.

Fr. Leslie

MISSIO

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2023 is available to collect from the table in the church porch.

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.

Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.

The Tablet – Since 1840

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Please see the poster in the Narthex.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual Tree of Angels which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Christmas Greetings

We have today opened up our Christmas Greetings section to parishioners. This is where you can send your Christmas messages to friends and family (and Fr. Leslie!). All you need to do is to email ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk with your Christmas message (please put Christmas Greetings in the subject bar) and make a donation of £5.00 per message. Place in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Leslie please. All monies received will go to support Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) at what is always a difficult time for children who are abused physically or mentally, or treated poorly, often by those closest to them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice for Primary School Applications (Admission Sept 2023). Fr. Leslie will be holding two evenings to obtain this Certificate.

Monday 28 November 2022 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 15 December 2022 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Please contact the parish administrator at Hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org to arrange an appointment.

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary - Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policies, along with supporting documents for 2023/2024 and 2024/25 are available on the school website (under Key Information, Admissions). A full size map is available in the school office.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

12 November	6.00 p.m. Carol Turnbull Ian Restall
13 November	10.30 a.m. Mary Brooks Sarah Barber

Readers For This Week's Masses

12 November	6.00 p.m. Sophie Newbould
13 November	10.30 a.m. Rose Mulvey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

19 November	6.00 p.m. Stella Walker Mark Brennan
20 November	10.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie Percy Sam

Readers For Next Week's Masses

19 November	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
20 November	10.30 a.m. Sati Ariya

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Traditionally November is the month the Church focuses on the four last things: death, the final judgement, heaven (and hell and purgatory), and the Second Coming - sombre subjects, to be sure, but essential and foundational to our faith. Today's reading invites us to contemplate what the signs will be of the end of the world. The Covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine and talk of a Third World War makes the end of the world seem even closer.

However, the end of the world isn't necessarily a topic we give much thought to - although sometimes the challenges and difficulties we face can make it seem like the end of the world! Believers and unbelievers alike acknowledge that one day the end will come - life on earth cannot be forever. Scientists suggest that our sun will burn up the earth in about five billion years, and throughout history false prophets have proclaimed with dogmatic certainty that the 'end is nigh', only to be exposed as frauds and charlatans. The truth is, no one knows the day or the hour either of our own death or the end of life on earth. What we do know, however, is that we can rely on a number of key truths. The first is that Christ lives and he has overcome death and the powers of darkness. We can also be certain that Christ is with us. In Christ the future world has already begun. The future is not darkness, confusion and fear, but by having a sure confidence that God is with us we can face it with courage and dignity.

We believe that the Lord will return - as judge and Saviour. Jesus is the good judge: we know his face, that of the Risen Christ, of Christ crucified for us. We walk and live by faith, not by sight, and even if we might rather leave the body to live with the Lord, what definitely matters is that we live lives that are pleasing to him (cf. 2 Cor. 5:7-9).

Today we pray the prayer that originated on the lips of the first Christian communities in Corinth: 'Marana-tha!', which translates as, 'Our Lord, come!' (see 1 Cor. 16:22)

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: "PRAYER IS THE RAISING OF ONE'S HEART TO GOD OR THE REQUESTING OF GOOD THINGS FROM GOD."

The evangelists have preserved two more explicit prayers offered by Christ during his public ministry.

Each begins with thanksgiving. In the first, Jesus confesses the Father, acknowledges, and blesses him because he has hidden the mysteries of the Kingdom from those who think themselves learned and has revealed them to infants the poor of the Beatitudes. His exclamation, "Yes, Father!" expresses the depth of his heart, his adherence to the Father's "good pleasure," echoing his mother's Fiat at the time of his conception and prefiguring what he will say to the Father in his agony. The whole prayer of Jesus is contained in this loving adherence of his human heart to the mystery of the will of the Father.

The second prayer, before the raising of Lazarus, is recorded by St. John. Thanksgiving precedes the event: "Father, I thank you for having heard me," which implies that the Father always hears his petitions. Jesus immediately adds: "I know that you always hear me," which implies that Jesus, on his part, constantly made such petitions. Jesus' prayer, characterized by thanksgiving, reveals to us how to ask: before the gift is given, Jesus commits himself to the One who is giving gives himself. The Giver is more precious than the gifts; he is the "treasure"; in him abides his Son's heart; the gift is given "as well."

The priestly prayer of Jesus holds a unique place in the economy of salvation. A meditation on it will conclude Section One. It reveals the ever-present prayer of our High Priest and, at the same time, contains what he teaches us about prayer to our Father, which will be developed in Section Two.

Hamper Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex. Hamper contents are elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take an envelope, add your name and phone number (and £5 please) and return to the church. Our Target is £1500.00

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. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

BCCS Christmas cards, now in stock!

We know that everyone will be feeling the pinch this autumn but we have taken the decision to go ahead with printing our Christmas cards as usual this year and are keeping the price at £3.99 per pack.

To place an order go directly to www.bccs.org.uk and look for the Christmas tab, then click on the Christmas card page where you will find all our payment methods.

New Website - BCCS

BCCS are delighted to launch our brand new website this month with a new, most user friendly interface. Finally, our supporters will be able to make donations and pay for their Christmas cards directly on our website by using our new payment platform, we have a new newsletter sign up facility too and hope that you will be able to find your way around our site more easily. Take a look at www.bccs.org.uk A huge 'thank you' to our friends at Design Portfolio for their help with this re-platforming.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address.

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Thank you for your support.

Clare Barton.



Pope on Twitter



#Holiness is not a process of struggles and renunciations. It is above all the experience of being loved by God, of freely receiving his love, his mercy.

Let us read the lives of the saints which narrate in a comprehensible way the style God uses in the lives of people not that different from us since the saints were made of flesh and blood like us. Their deeds dialogue with our own actions, and help us understand what they mean.

The signing of the agreement regarding the situation in #Ethiopia is a source of hope. Let us support this commitment for a lasting #peace. And let us continue to pray for war-torn #Ukraine. May that war might come to an end.

Thank you for these days passed together. With a heart filled with gratitude I bless all of you, especially those who worked to prepare for this journey. I thank His Majesty the King, and the Authorities of #Bahrain for their exquisite hospitality. #ApostolicJourney

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 6 November you gave £185.00. with £6.00 through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper sales: £55.00.

Running total now: £75.00

Christmas Greetings: £20.00

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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Richard Bohanne, Edith Fairbrother, George Doskitt, Valerie Newell, Fr. Jack Harden (First Parish Priest of Hutton), Stanley Pacvsko, Ernest Stimpson, Barry Stimpson, and Kevin Stimpson.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Terence Howes (1994), Fr. James Allis (1996), Fr. Richard (Dick) Ashton (2011), Fr. John Harden (First Parish Priest of St Joseph The Worker)

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

I was interrogated over the theft of a toasted cheese sandwich.
Gosh, they really grilled 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.

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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 email your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and send 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.

Thank you in advance. Come on – let's fill the back page!

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2023.

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



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