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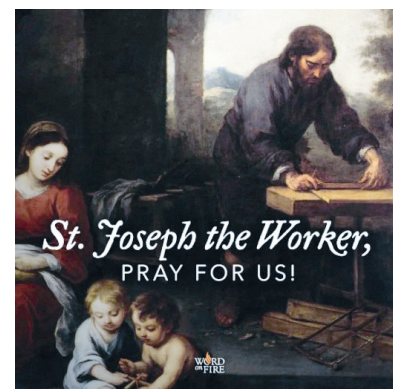
Mission Statement

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 29 August 2021



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

To truly grasp the 'Good News' we have got to understand the 'bad news': the Fall of Man or Original Sin. We can lose sight of this profound truth, which eloquently explains the darkness and evil in the human condition. For Jesus, the problem is the human heart. He shines his spotlight onto it, and what is revealed is not pretty. It can be sobering and rather disturbing to be confronted with the state of our own hearts.

The Lord is forthright and direct about the dark forces at work in the human heart. He says that inside the human person are the following dark drives and impulses: 'evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly'. Do you recognize yourself? Does this describe your heart? Or do you find this diagnosis (so to speak) too depressing or overly negative? While without doubt the human heart, created in the image and likeness of God, is capable of great nobility, dignity and heroism, nevertheless there lurks deep within us another side to our characters and personalities. We do not shout about it, we don't like it, and only those open to the convicting and convincing work of the Spirit can see it clearly, but the truth is that we each have a 'dark side'.

Understanding this, the great Russian novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn reflected: 'If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it was necessary to divide them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being and who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart? Socrates taught us, know thyself.' The Holy Spirit teaches us, too, to know ourselves because it is only the Holy Spirit who can show us sin but also show us the remedy - repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit, too, gives us the wisdom to understand: 'O happy fault of Adam that won for us such a Saviour.' (Exultet)

The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, known as Circles. Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise. You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931



200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary's Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.



Items left in the Church

Over the months some items of clothing, Gloves, Umbrella and Toys are left in the church for many months. In future if any items are left more than 2 weeks, they will be taken away to charity shops - or small toys, pencils will be destroyed. This is important at this time of COVID. At present you will find them at the back of the church.



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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 28 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
- Sunday 29 Mass at 10.30 a.m.
Private Intentions
Jackson Family
- Monday 30 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 31 Mass at 9.00 a.m.
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Wednesday 1 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Thursday 2 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Friday 3 Mass at 9.00 a.m.
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Saturday 4 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Confession by Appointment
or before Mass on request

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 4 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
- Sunday 5 Mass at 10.30 a.m.

* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

The church is open for Private prayer all day. Mass is celebrated privately except on Tuesdays and Fridays when there will be a public mass at 9.00 a.m.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mass is celebrated privately. There are plenty of dates free for Mass intentions. It is a wonderful way of remembering our deceased members of our family, or those who are sick or private intention. They can be offered during the week or weekends. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for this need.

PLEASE NOTE: *Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 22/29 August.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Daniel Burns, Mark Kotulski, William Kiely, Gorgon Hill, Elizabeth Eagle, and Anges Cahill

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Michael Wilson (1970), Fr. Charles Johnson, and Fr. Conrad Smith (2012)

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.

Our prayer for sympathy to the family of EJ Keme Belonwu who recently died. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.



Hello and welcome to all our parish family and visitors to our Sunday Mass.

It is very comforting to see our parish community coming back now that we have the freedom to travel about. May I respectfully remind you that if you are able to travel, go out for dinner or visit the coffee shops or other shops then you must please put Our Blessed Lord first on Sundays. It is after all one of the Ten Commandments. It has been a difficult year and a

half but we need wholeheartedly to give thanks to God for being with us during this time. The great prayer of thanksgiving is the Celebration of Mass, the pascal mystery.

May I ask you to use the QR codes on the newsletter for your giving instead of cash? That is unless you give by standing orders, envelopes or pay directly into the parish bank account. Our bank details are in the newsletter under finance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps us to keep the house of God in good repair as well as parish property.

Today's first reading comes from the Book of Deuteronomy where we hear that by obeying God's law we show our love for God. We are warned not to alter the law to suit human convenience. To worthily enter God's presence, there is a need to speak the truth from your heart and acting with justice. St. James, in the second reading, cautions us to do what the Word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourself.

In the Gospel of Mark, the Pharisees accuse the disciples for not following the traditions or the law of the people. Jesus answers them "You worship me with your lips but your heart is not there". The lesson for us today if we want to truly live good lives is that whatever we do, or say, our actions should come from our hearts.

The September edition of Bible Alive is available. It contains daily reflections of the scripture readings for each day and advertises books and gifts. On 14 September the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, there is an article on the mystery of cross. As we hear in Galatians chapter 2 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me".

I encourage you to purchase the Bible Alive not only to read the article on this particular Feast of the Cross but to help us to grow in our faith in God through reflecting on the scriptures.

May God's blessing come upon your families.

Journey Home

Journey of faith for Adults. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic or would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so please contact Gaye O'Regan - 07817 515 207. If anyone would like to help Gaye, please contact her, this is a wonderful opportunity for other people to speak about why they are Catholic and help other people who wish to be on this wonderful journey.

Please remember to look at the new Threshold of Hope website at www.thresholdofhope.co.uk All of us now have the opportunity to reflect honestly on the practise of our faith and to make the decision to make the journey home.

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help you to reflect on the scriptures each day. They are an important part of our prayer and our spiritual lives.

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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 21 August: 31

Sunday 22 August: 34

Building Repairs

Over the next few weeks, work will be continuing on our church building. Please be careful.

Altar Servers

We welcome you back on Saturday/Sunday 4/5 September. Your ministry is so valuable to the life of our parish and we have missed you all very much.

National Mass for Altar Servers

This year's National Mass for Altar Servers will be held at St. Mary's & St. John's in Wolverhampton on Saturday 25 September at 12 noon. Cardinal Vincent Nichols requests that the National Mass should be held in another part of the country every other year alternating with London. Altar Servers who would like to attend this event - contact John McCormack on johnmccormack528@gmail.com.

John will need to know the exact number of Altar Servers and families who will be attending so that John can provide the numbers to St. John's.

Prayerful Sympathy

To Alan James and his family on the death of this mother Mary James. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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Pope on Twitter



Let us work together to eradicate the appalling scourge of modern slavery that still shackles millions of people in inhumanity and humiliation. Every human being is the image of God, and is free and destined to exist in equality and fraternity.

We should not pursue God in dreams and in images of grandeur and power, but He must be recognised in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.

Patience helps us to be merciful in the way we view ourselves, our communities and our world.

The climate crisis always generates more serious humanitarian crises and the poor are the most vulnerable regarding extreme weather events. A solidarity founded on justice, on peace and on the unity of the human family is needed.

Finance News

For the week ending 22 August you gave £108.72 of which £53.00 was through Gift Aid.

Standing orders received from 6 July to 5 August: £2,976.25

This includes a £500 donation (thank you to the giver)

Also QR giving of £57.16 and online banking £243.00.

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.

Making Your Donation By Standing Order:

If you can, please support our parish of St. Joseph the Worker by giving by standing order and, if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



One day my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. For days he kept leaving little messages all around the house!

QR Codes

What are they and how do they work?

A QR (Quick Response) code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. In our instance, the QR code will take you directly to a website where you can make your donation digitally, instead of using cash. The Diocese is wanting ALL churches to use this form of giving to replace cash which is time consuming and expensive to count and check. Using the QR code enables the parish to save time and money – both of which are very welcome!

So please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the back page of the newsletter each week. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then take to the bank. And amazingly some banks have actually stopped taking cash! **Thank you and God Bless.**

Sunday Offertory

If you give by standing order or by bank transfer, please put your surname and initials as reference. If you gift aid, please put your name GA and gift aid no. If you do not pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. QR codes are a new online donation system which has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate by using the QR codes directly for a parish. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

Youth Gather

23 October at Walsingham house. There will be an input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbra. This is for Year 9 and above.

First Communion Parents & Children

Our catechists will be meeting this coming week to discuss when it is appropriate to begin the first communion programme. More details later. In the meantime, please continue to prepare your children by praying with them and teaching them basic catholic prayers, by bringing them to Sunday Mass each week, and reading gospel stories with them, around your prayer table. Thank you for all you do in your busy lives.

The Permanent Diaconate: A ministry of service

A study day for those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Brentwood and the future of this ministry in a changing church will be held at St. John Payne Catholic Church, 21 Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 2QD on Saturday 18 September 2021 from 10.00 to 14.30 (Mass at 12 noon). Please bring a packed lunch: tea & coffee will be provided.

Fr. Joseph. 12 September. A date for your diary.

Recently ordained Fr. Joseph (who we all know as Shaun Bailham) will be here to celebrate the 10.30 a.m. Mass on 12 September and after Mass you will have the opportunity to receive his blessing individually.

Lunchtime Concerts

It was wonderful to see so many of you recently at the wonderful Violin Debut Concert given by six year old Hermione Duan. We had about 150 in our audience which The Music Dept at the Cathedral feel is a reflection of how keen we all are to get our Music Recitals and Concerts up and running again.

In fact on Wednesday 22 September at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. we will invite you to a Lunchtime Recital given by young Soprano Madeline Robinson who this year won the prestigious Essex Young Musician of the year 2021 Contest. Madeline will be accompanied on the piano by Rachel Plucknett. **Save the date.** More details to follow.

VACANCY:

For many years Eddie O'Donoghue has been keeping our financial records, budgeting and doing the parish returns at the end of the financial year. He is shortly moving away from our parish. I wish him well with heartfelt thanks for helping me with this work on your behalf.

I am now looking now looking for a replacement to take this ministry on as soon as possible on a voluntary basis. It can be done at your home and takes a little time but is not too onerous. Our parish administrator will support you with receipts, bank statements etc., everything you will need. You will also be a member of our finance committee which meets four times a year. **Please help if you can as this is an important ministry.**

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk for details.

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Calming the Storm

You are invited to join Providence Row for a special service of thanksgiving and reflection.

JOIN US ONLINE THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 7:00PM

PLEASE RSVP TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM LINK

Light a candle in memory of those who are no longer with us

External speakers: Faith and responding to homelessness

Providence Row's response to tackling homelessness during the pandemic

Explore how your church or organisation can join our community of support

Entrance is free, but donations are welcomed and will be used by Providence Row to provide vital support services to people facing homelessness in London.

RSVP to getinvolved@providencerow.org.uk or visit www.providencerow.org.uk/events

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