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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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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 September 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 13	10.30 a.m. Angus Howitt RIP
Monday 14	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church Mass Intention will be for Fr. Dominic Howarth
Tuesday 15	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Wednesday 16	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Thursday 17	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Friday 18	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 20	10.30 a.m.

Confessions

Confessions by appointment at the moment.

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.



Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.

If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbane our membership officer on 01277 219746.

Our brand new website is up and running.

It has the same address as before (www.stjosephshutton.org) and contains all the information you need about the Parish, Mass Times, Parish Groups etc. etc. It's very easy to use and will help us become an interactive community, as well as a loving and caring one!

What we need you all to do now is visit the "Register a New Parishioner" section which you will find under "Parish". There is a form there that we'd like you ALL to complete. When you do this, it will help us build the Parish database, so that we can more easily contact you about Parish matters. One thing that Covid-19 has taught us is that we lacked the ability to easily and effectively inform you of important changes to Mass times, Covid-19 guidelines, registration for Masses etc. etc. Our new database will solve that in future, as long as everyone gets involved and completes the form online!

Don't be put off by the title of the form being "Register a New Parishioner"! We know you are an existing parishioner but we don't have the contact details that we need, as yet. All your details will remain entirely confidential in line with current GDPR legislation. And we won't divulge your details to any third parties. The data will be held securely.

And just as important - weekly collections have slowed to a trickle, which of course is understandable given the restrictions we are all living under. It would help the church and parish enormously if you could consider making your offering by standing order, either weekly or monthly. The last few months, in addition to a reduction in Masses and attendance, has seen most of us move to a cashless society and the church is no different. Cash is always good, of course, but in these troubled times, bank transfer is so much better!

All the forms you need, Standing Order forms, Gift Aid forms (most important if you are a tax payer) and 200 Club forms are available on.... the new parish website! I hope you enjoy your visit to the site and that you are able to at least complete the parishioner registration form.

If you have any problems at all then please email Mary via the contact button at the foot of the page.



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Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, and Patricia Green.

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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Encarnacion Fern, Angus Howitt, Margaret Felton (Molly), Alan Nelson, Philip Barrett, Annie Kingsbury, Leonard Driscoll, and Irene Wilson.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Theophilus Borer (1952); Abp. George Beck (1978); Co Adjutor 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); Fr Anthony Mayston (1994); and Canon Frederick Gahagan (1947)

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

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS

Parish Contribution

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically. Catholics are asked to continue to give as generously as possible in these difficult times. You can do this by filling out a standing order form and gift aid form if you pay tax. Or online via the new website, or direct into our parish account 40-13-22 61018884 Payable to St Joseph the Worker Hutton.

During the church closure we lost a considerable amount which, for small parishes, it is a lot. If you are watching Mass from home, please remember your weekly offering unless you pay by standing order or through other ways. We have a number of maintenance tasks to be done which is the responsibility of our parish. Thank you

Interesting!

The True Measure (Anonymous)

When I die, God will not measure my heart to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

A Good Test (Anonymous)

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me.



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners. It is great to see so many of you each weekend in these difficult times. I want to thank Ian and his company and those who worked with him to bring about our new parish website. Please do look at it as it will be a very useful contact for us all. www.stjosephshutton.org Our parish administrator will keep it updated.

We also now have a Facebook page which, in addition to the website, will carry news from the Parish, changes in Mass times etc.

In addition, each weekend on Sunday at 4.30 p.m. we have a rosary group which we can all access through Webex. We say the rosary and catch up with each other. Do come and join us. Ask Tyrone for the link. tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk.

Our Sunday Masses going forward will be at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday morning. We will have to comply with the government guidelines. So I do ask you to give yourselves plenty of time when coming to church.

We need to ask our Blessed Mother to heal our world and help to find a vaccine to free us from this virus. St Pope John II said - "peace will come to our world when we come back to Her Son in prayer".

In today's Gospel Jesus reveals the beauty of the Christian faith. He teaches the Apostles the importance of forgiveness. This is an important theme of the history of our salvation. God did not only command His people to forgive, but witnessed to it. In answer to Peter's question on forgiveness, Jesus replied without limit. Not seven times but seventy times seven. St. Paul today reminds us the root of unforgiveness is selfishness., "No one lives for himself, and no one dies for oneself" says St. Paul. Forgive and you will live.

In the Lord's Prayer and in today's Gospel there are no conditions.

Have a great Sunday and a wonderful week and hope you all keep safe.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

C.S. Lewis was right on the button when he said, "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive". We pray at every Mass: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us". Yet, when sinned against by a brother or sister, husband or wife, friend or foe, how ready are we to forgive? And how do we forgive? Reluctantly and resentfully, or readily, from the heart?

When Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive, proposing the generous offer of "as many as seven times", he was really trying to set a limit – to see how few times he could forgive and get away with it! Jesus responded with a number which was not really a number! "Seventy-seven times" (or "seventy times seven") signified a countless number. Again we turn to C.S. Lewis, who explained: "We forgive, we mortify our resentment; a week later some chain of thought carries us back to the original offence and we discover the old resentment blazing away as if nothing had been done about it at all. We need to forgive our brother seventy times seven not only for 490 offences but for one offence".

As often as the sense of grievance rises hot and strong within us, Jesus challenges us to forgive. And this forgiving is not so much about forgetting as about remembering without bitterness or acrimony in our hearts. Jesus speaks in the context of relationships within the church family. The closer a relationship, the more frequently and heavily we tend to tread on one another's toes. Our deepest hurts are not usually inflicted by our worst enemy, but by our nearest and dearest, those close to us - our friends/relatives/work colleagues.

The servant in Jesus' parable owed 10,000 talents - this figure combines the largest Greek numeral with the largest unit of currency. Here is not merely a daunting debt, but one that can never be repaid. God offers us unlimited grace and inexhaustible forgiveness beyond measure, beyond our wildest dreams. But hands clenched in unforgiving anger can neither appropriate nor appreciate this gift. Forgiveness extended to a brother or sister is inextricably linked with the forgiveness received from our Heavenly Father. Jesus modelled unconditional and unlimited forgiveness as he hung on the cross, not only forgiving, but also pleading the Father's forgiveness for those who put him there.

Heavenly Father, show me that to err is only too human, but to forgive is truly to imitate the divine.



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First Holy Communion

Sadly, due the restrictions put upon us, the First Holy Communion "celebrations" will be held over two days, at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26 September and 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 27 September.

The Parents Meeting, to discuss all aspects, will be held on Friday 25 September at 7.00 p.m. in the church.

Updated Guidance For Celebration of Mass

During Mass face coverings are to be worn. Care should be taken by people in unlooping their face coverings for the reception of Holy Communion and replacing the covering afterwards. This is to prevent contamination of the covering by the hands. However, the risk is regarded as minimal providing there is no hand to hand contact between the Minister of Communion and the communicant.

The same guidance that is used for the celebration of Mass applies to all other sacraments in our churches until further notice. **It is for everyone's good that a face covering is worn.**

Collection For Holy Places

This collection will be taken up next Sunday 20 September as it was deferred from the Good Friday collection mandated by the Holy See. These funds are the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land. The Franciscan custody uses the collection to carry out its important mission of preserving the Sacred Places and promoting the Christian presence through many pastoral, educational, welfare and health matters. Please give generously

Altar Servers

During this period we are unable to have altar servers at our Mass. However, you are not forgotten, and you are important to our parish. I will let you know as soon as possible when you will be able to serve. My thoughts are with the newly trained altar servers who have been unable to serve. You are not forgotten. The same applies to those who provide music which of course is not allowed at the moment

Every Day Evangelisation in the Parish

- ♦ Be Gracious In The Car Park
- ♦ Pray For Parish Leaders – For Your Priest – For One Another
- ♦ Get Involved In The Parish Community
- ♦ Invite Friends Who Are Not Catholic To Parish Events
- ♦ Explain In Advance To Those Who Are Not Familiar With The Catholic Faith, What They Will Hear And See During The Liturgies.

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for payers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk

BCCS – Christmas Cards

It's a little early to be talking about Christmas Cards but if you normally order some from BCCS, then information can be found on their webpage: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/christmas-cards>

News From The Community of Our Lady At Walsingham

For a significant number of people, the Covid-19 virus and lockdown that we have been experiencing has been associated with much anxiety and difficulty. At the same time, we can see that the events of this year have given many people a chance to re-evaluate their priorities in life, to slow down, to think and to pray. A good number of our friends have said that the months of strict lockdown felt like a retreat! We were really grateful that, whilst not working at Dowry House, we were able to give additional time to prayer, study and work at our convent in Dereham. Knowing that we were privileged to be safe and have Our Lord with us in the chapel, whilst so many were unable to visit churches, we increased our prayers for and on behalf of all those affected by the Covid-19 virus, whether physically or spirituality, directly or indirectly. We are grateful that many of you made us aware of how supported you felt by these prayers. It was one way of helping us realise tangibly the gift of the vowed life for our lay members, priest associates and COLW friends at large.

Zoom Retreats

We are making our popular Walsingham Spirituality series of retreats available online on Zoom! The retreats will run on the first weekend of each month from October through to February. During the months that the shrine accommodation is open (October to December) you would be most welcome to stay in the shrine accommodation (at Elmham House - see above). Alternatively, you can join the retreats from the comfort of your own home. Whether you stay at Walsingham, or at home, please email us at Dowry House for details of how to join the Zoom retreats. To contact us and for further details of these and other retreats, please see the Dowry House events page - <https://www.dowryhouse.org.uk/events/events-calendar/>

BCCS – Fun Walk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has registered for the Fun Walk which normally takes place at the Barleylands Farm site in Billericay. This year, participants and parish groups are invited to walk 2k or 5k anywhere they wish at any time during September and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to help support our work. All details and sponsorship forms are available on www.bccs.org.uk under the Events/Virtual Fun Walk tab or follow us on social media for updates. We would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups

Stewards, Ushers and Helpers

We need people to cover the Saturday and Sunday Masses to act as stewards and also to clean down the benches after the Masses. We also need a rota of people to cover the weekdays while the church is open for private prayer. Please help if you can. Please contact Fr. Leslie. Or email Mary from the website.

Altar Servers

Training for our four new altar servers for St. Joseph has had to be put on hold while Covid-19 restrictions remain in place. However, things will return to normal eventually so please pray and think about this wonderful ministry. Saint John Paul II said it was a great privilege to serve at the altar for any person. It also keeps them involved in the Holy Mass. We are still open for more volunteers.

Finance News

The collection for the week ending 5/6 September was £195.00 with £85.00 via Gift Aid.

Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

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Pope on Twitter



To love everyone, including enemies, is difficult – I would say it is even an art! But an art that can be learned and improved. True love, that makes us fruitful and free, is always expansive and inclusive. This love cares, heals and does good

A virus that does not recognise barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinctions

The Christian response to the pandemic and to the consequent socio-economic crisis is based on love, above all, love of God who always precedes us (see 1 Jn 4:19). When we welcome this divine love, then we can respond similarly

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, cares with maternal affection and pain also for this wounded world.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present. We do need ushers to form a rota to keep our church open. Please do volunteer.



My son asked can I have a bookmark and I burst into tears. 11 years old and he still doesn't know my name is John!

I'm so good at sleeping I can do it with my eyes closed!

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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.

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