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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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 27 March 2022



While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly.

### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus attracted those outside of conventional society; tax collectors and prostitutes clearly enjoyed his company, and were drawn by his acceptance of them. This made them open to hearing what he had to say. The Pharisees, in contrast, were scandalized by the company he kept, and they harshly judged those they saw as morally bankrupt or spiritually inferior.

Typically, Jesus seized the moment to teach about his Father, which is the essence of his mission. Our image of God is often tainted or distorted, and we can fall into two extremes: on one hand, we imagine God as a tyrannical judge who’s constantly angry; on the other, we feel he’s overindulgent and avuncular, and it’s easy to pull the wool over his eyes. We may feel that God’s teachings and commandments have little bearing on our lives.

Jesus’ parable brings us right into the heart of his Father. God has given each of us free will and we’re at liberty to follow or reject him. However, this carries with it a profound responsibility, as we’re accountable for our actions and decisions. The son in the parable exercised his freedom and chose to leave the safety of his father’s house. At the dawn of creation, humankind also freely chose the path leading away from God. Removed from the love, security and protection of the Father’s house, we lost our way. Sin, death and corruption robbed us of the dignity we once possessed. Like the prodigal son we became slaves of our passions and drives.

The image of the chastened son returning home is deeply moving. We’d do well to ponder and meditate upon this picture of profound human abjection encountering divine mercy. Jesus’ teaching about our Father exposes us to a love so divine and compelling that it has the power to melt the hardest of hearts. As we journey through this Lent, we too can experience the warm embrace of our heavenly Father. Pope Francis writes in *Evangelii gaudium*:

*‘Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace’. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: ‘God never tires of forgiving us: we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy’.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### MARCH

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 27	10.30 a.m. Mass Mary Rudin RIP Jan Jarvis 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 29	9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 30	7.30 p.m. Mass (Please note the time)
Thursday 31	9.00 a.m. Mass

#### APRIL

Friday 1	9.00 a.m. Mass Intentions of Ian Restall 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Saturday 2	10.00 – 10.30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church Open all week for Private prayer  
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Mass Deceased Members of the Dillane Family
Sunday 3	10.30 a.m. Mass People of the Parish 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

During week beginning 6 March Mass was offered for two special intentions asked for by Eileen & Dennis Norman. During week beginning 13 March Mass was offered for Owen Conville intentions.

\* 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:** Stations of the cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent. As the church is open all day, you will be able to pray the stations of the cross Privately on any day. Books on sale in the Narthex, Money in the red box.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Newsletter goes to print one week in advance.

## Ministries

**Church Cleaners** - We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

**Altar Servers** - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

**Eucharist Ministers** - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday celebration . Attendance at 6.00pm was 51 and at 10.30 61. We do encourage you to return to our parish family at one of the masses at the weekend if you are able. To come to our Sunday Eucharist and receive the Body Blood Soul and Divinity should be the high point of our lives. Here we have a personal encounter with the Crucified and Risen Lord. This meeting always takes place as part of the action of the whole Church including the angels, the martyrs and all the saints.

To take our place amongst this great company and to receive the graces of Holy Communion should involve some preparation in order that we can abandon ourselves more completely to the saving mysteries that we celebrate. In the Gospel parable there are three people : the elder son the younger son and the father. This story is called the parable of the 'prodigal son . It could be of the prodigal father or prodigal elder son. The father goes in search of the younger son who was lost and welcome him home . We can today reflect on the replies of the two sons to their father who went to meet them. The younger son feels he is not worthy to be a son because of spending all his money on sinful living. Where as the elder son says ' all these years I have slaved and never once disobeyed anything orders of yours ' The word of God invites us to look at ourselves- and see where we stand in Our Fathers presence at this moment. Luke's does not tell us whether the elder son went into the house to celebrate the coming home of the younger son? The story is a symbol of the kingdom of God - heaven. Would we be willing to share in the celebration thrown open by the Heavenly Father even if that meant that I find myself in the company of those who squandered their time in loose living.? I wish you all a happy weekend and a safe week. May God bless our families.

Fr Leslie

## Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

## CAFOD Hot Cross Bunathon

Hot Cross Buns will be served with refreshments after Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 2 April and after 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 10 April. Donations for refreshments and hot cross buns on these occasions will be given to CAFOD.

## Food Bank Collection

Help your local community by giving to the food bank during Lent. We will be collecting food and non-food items on Saturday 9 April and Sunday 10 April to donate to the food bank operated by The Trussell Trust in Hutton. Tinned food items such as canned pies, meat or vegetables, or toiletries such as toothpaste, or even Easter Eggs will be welcome. For a full list of items required see [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) Please bring your donation to Mass and place it in the box provided. *Thank you.*

## CAFOD Walk Against Hunger

Support the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger by walking, running cycling at least 5km during Lent. Donations or sponsorship can be made direct to CAFOD or through Just Giving - search for St. Joseph The Worker, Hutton CAFOD Walk Against Hunger to donate. All donations go directly to this CAFOD Lent Campaign.

## Bible Alive

Bible Alive for Lent is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of our home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.

## Music in the Church

Sacred music is important in our church – I have been working with Andrew Wright to have some on some Sundays, but we do need you to offer to form a choir to enrich our celebration of the Mass. Do you enjoy singing and would you like to sing with other people? Perhaps you sing in other groups. Do you play a musical instrument? Are you willing to share your musical gift to help the community to raise its heart and mind to God – then please contact the parish office or Fr. Leslie. I am having a meeting after Easter with the school to see how they could help, initially once a term and try to involve them in our parish. Your help and talents are welcome. A leader would be very helpful. Andrew Wright, the diocesan musical director is helping us to get started. In the meantime, with his help, we have singing on every other Sunday but we do need to be self-sufficient.

Music is sacred, beautiful and unusual A leader would need some knowledge and interest in the liturgy. Are you also to work well with young and older people? Can you help to make our liturgies give proper praise to God? Such a person would, like all ministries, be required to complete a parish DBS, Support and guidance would be available.

## Knit and Natter

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? New group starting on Friday 29 April from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. every other week in the parish hall. Any further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

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## Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## Easter Collection For Your Priest

Please pick up an Easter Collection envelope from the back of the church towards your priest income. This collection forms a major part of his salary. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## Mary Rudin RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Rudin RIP, Jan Jarvis's sister. The funeral Mass will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 11 April at Assumption of Our Lady Church, Maldon. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Please keep Jan in your prayers.

Also every Sunday during Lent we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 4.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Come and relax in the presence of Jesus with your children and young people for as long as you wish.

Also on Fridays we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. There are Stations of the Cross booklets on sale at the back of the church should you wish to say them at home.

Also Confessions on Saturdays between 10.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., or by request before Mass.

May this season of Lent be for all of us a time of conversion and renewal, as we prepare for the Holy Week services from 10 - 17 April. Encourage one another as a family to make this a Holy Lent, as we encounter the Crucified and Risen Lord.

## First Holy Communion

For those children who are currently in school Year 3, we will be beginning a new First Holy Communion course in the autumn, and we will be announcing more information about this shortly. Please note that the course in the autumn will only be for children who will be in school Year 4 or above from September 2022. If your child will be entering school Year 3 in September, they will have to wait until they have entered school Year 4 in September 2023 before being able to join the First Holy Communion programme.

## Easter Ministries

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry at the Easter services. The list is on the table at the back of the church.

*Thank you for your help.*

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## Holy Week Services

### Maundy Thursday 14 April

Mass is at 7.30 p.m. followed by prayer at the altar of repose till 9.00pm.

### Good Friday 15 April

Veneration of the cross will take place at 3.00 p.m. (only touch the cross).

Stations of the cross will take place at 7.00 p.m.

### Holy Saturday 16 April

Confessions from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

### Easter Vigil Saturday 16 April

The most important service of the church's year 8.00 p.m. and First Mass of Easter.

### Easter Sunday 17 April

Mass will be 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

### Friday obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

## MISSIO

The Spring 2022 edition of 'Mission Today' is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch. There is also a leaflet with information about the life and legacy of Pauline Jaricot, who will be beatified this year 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (now Missio). Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

If you do not have a Missio Red Box and would like one, please speak to me. Alternatively, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

There will be a second collection to support the work of Missio towards the end of Lent.

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

## Situation in Ukraine

We ask you all to pray for the gift of peace in Ukraine today, so that those responsible may be filled with, and radiate, a peace that is 'contagious' and that the crisis will be overcome exclusively through dialogue.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## During Lent

We asked you to walk 3 kms to 5 kms for all who are Hungry, for CAFOD. There are 200 million children whose lives are at risk from property and malnutrition. Please give your donation to Willa Jackson.

## God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. - Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. - Matthew 22:34-39



## Pope on Twitter



During this Lenten season, let us pray by looking at the Crucified Lord. Let us open our hearts to the touching tenderness of God, and in his wounds place our own wounds and those of our world.

Let us be close to this martyred people, let us embrace them with affection with concrete commitment and prayer. And please let us not get used to war and violence, let us not tire of welcoming them with generosity, not only now, but also in the weeks and months to come.

Let us think of these women and children who in time, without work, separated from their husbands, will be sought out by the 'vultures' of society. Please, let us protect them

It comforts me to know that the people left under the bombs do not lack the closeness of their pastors, who in these tragic days are living the Gospel of charity and fraternity. Thank you for this witness!

## Finance News

For the week ending 18 March 2022 you gave £130.00 of which £35.00 was 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:** Eileen Westall, Alexander Farquharson, Elizabeth Nash, Sharon McKenna, Albert Boniface, and Lucy Calabritto.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Joseph Tuohey (1984), and Canon William Toft (1968).

**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.**

## 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:

2 April • 7 May • 4 June • 2 July • 6 August • 3 September • 1 October • 5 November • 3 December

**It will be good to see you!**



# Final Word

*"God is Love. Only through loving can we reach love" - Pope Francis*

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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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### 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.*



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