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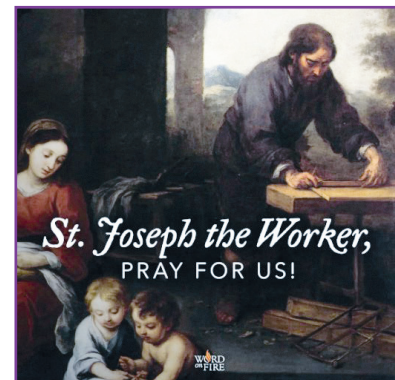
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Mission Statement

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 21 May 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.
Intention of Breda Conville
Sunday 21 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 23 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 24 7.30 p.m. Holy Souls
Thursday 25 9.00 a.m.
Friday 26 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 20 11.00 a.m.
First Holy Communion
of our children

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.

We all need Jesus.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 13 May: 36

Sunday 14 May: 48

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for May is available in the Narthex – may God’s word guide our lives.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Friday Obligation

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

Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors and those who have returned after Covid.

Our parish family is very important to our parish. We give thanks for our children who made their first Holy Communion on 13 May. This is the second Sacrament of initiation. The first is Baptism. The third is Confirmation when our young teenagers receive the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide them on their journey of life towards a great love for Jesus and his commandments. From these Sacraments we receive tremendous graces to help us win the crown of Glory. When we fall into sin through our human frailty, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of the mercy, forgiveness and love of Jesus through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. What grace we receive from this Sacrament.

My thanks to the parents and to the catechist for bringing our children to their first Holy Communion when they receive the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. St. John Vianney said “I throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his master”. St. Maximilian Kolbe said “If angels could be jealous of men and women, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion”, and St. Alphonsus Liguori said “My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy sacrament was that you would hide under the appearance of bread to make yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires you”. It was St. Thomas Aquinas who said to his fellow Catholics “that Christ’s true body and blood are present in the sacrament can be perceived neither by sense nor by reason, but by faith alone, which rests on God’s authority”. We receive the real presence of Jesus.

Congratulations to all children receiving First Holy Communion and to their families. We ask our families to nurture your children in the reverence and love of this sacrament every Sunday throughout their lives. Remember you are the main teachers of your children in our Catholic faith. In John’s gospel “I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him”. (John 6: 53-58). May God bless our families and all who are sick, bereaved and who are suffering at this time.

Bible Alive

Each day pray the scriptures with Bible Alive with your family prayer. It contains the fullness of Resurrection Faith, Bible Study, Daily Reflections. Do you know the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life?

Have you experienced the scriptures come alive and your heart burn within you.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a regular attender at Mass and would love to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and willing to take the blessed sacrament to our sick at home, please contact Fr. Leslie.

Appeal for Church Roof

The raffle raised £605 – Donations so far £2,395.00. Total so far for the roof £3,000.00. The total cost for the repair is £3,900.00. Please donate if you can help to keep God’s house dry. I realise the financial difficulty we are all suffering now, but your generosity is a great blessing. There is a white box at the back of the church – (if you pay tax please use the pink envelopes in the Narthex) or you can donate into our account – details are in the newsletter. May God bless your kindness and generosity.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; 'thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament.'

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfilment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

Fire Marshall Training

Sally Haggerstone will be providing some training for Fire Marshall volunteers before Mass on 20 May at 17:30 and 21 May at 10:00. Any queries sallypower79@hotmail.com

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Consultation to move Sunday Mass to 10.00 a.m.

The Parish Pastoral Team would like to know the parishioners' viewpoint, on the proposal to move Sunday Mass from 10.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. so that we can make an informed decision. This proposal will not affect Saturday night Mass at 6.00 p.m. Please could you complete the form handed out at Mass this weekend, and return to the box in the Narthex. Your comments will be completely anonymous. 'What is your viewpoint?'

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know!

'I would like to thank you for all you do in your parishes, especially for the welcome and support you give to new couples and those seeking the sacrament of holy matrimony. Whilst preparing couples for marriage can be time-consuming it has the potential to bear rich fruit, not only in helping create secure marriages, but also in terms of parish life and the mission of the church and is therefore a worthwhile investment of our time and energy. It is also an opportunity for lay people in the parish to share their own wisdom and experience. Couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage should know that the church community wants to help them find a path through, and our departmental website contains links to a number of organisations which can provide support at different stages of engaged and married life, as well as opportunities for those who wish to serve the church in this way to get involved.' Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi (Director and Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life).

Coffee After Mass On Saturday evening

First Saturday of each month. And after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Please do make time to come and join us.



Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

The Priests Charity Concert



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30 June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 07561 894327 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website www.ewtn.co.uk you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@ewtn.co.uk.

Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High ST, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

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 tranquillity 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: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 14 May you gave £395.00 of which £24.00 was via Gift Aid. Donations for roof repairs: £1,715.00. 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: Philomena Magee, Gerald Rimmer, Stanley Sullivan, Sheila Curtis, Margaret Bailey, Leon't Craddock, Edith Hill, John Oakley, and Karen Field

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon William O'Grady VG (1954), Fr. Henry Peace (1990), Fr. Charles Carless (1939), Fr. Austin Thorburn (1950).

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.

Baptism

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

Parish Hall

Because of the increase in gas and electricity bills we have to increase our hire charges to £35.00 per hour. This is to meet our expenditure on repairs and other expenses.

Light
Laughter

I waited and stayed up all night to try to figure out where the sun was. And then it dawned on me!