

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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 1 November 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 31	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 1	10.30 a.m. Redfern Family & Family Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
Monday 2	9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 3	Private Mass
Wednesday 4	9.00 a.m. November Dead
Thursday 5	Private Mass
Friday 6	9.00 a.m. November Dead
Saturday 7	No Mass a.m.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 8	10.30 a.m. Remembrance Sunday November Dead
Monday 9	Private Mass
Tuesday 10	Private Mass
Wednesday 11	9.00 a.m.
Thursday 12	Private Mass
Friday 13	9.00 a.m.

Please note there will be public mass on Wednesday and Friday at 9.00 a.m.

Important

Weekday Masses will be held on Wednesday and Friday at 9.00 a.m. Because we do not have ushers, the church door will be locked at 9.00 a.m. If you come - come before 9.00 a.m.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

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 Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.



Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the week before Christmas.

Please do all you can to help, and to spread the word to friends and family. We'd really like to make this a bumper fund-raiser if we can.

God Bless and please take and complete as many envelopes as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for the completed envelopes.

Christmas Hamper

Our Christmas Hamper is packed full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. It weighs around 8kg so is really substantial.

Each delicious treat has been hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas favourites include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps.

All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.



Includes:

Full Fall Willow Basket with Handles

Packaged Dimensions: H 45 x W 60 x D 56 cm

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g



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Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, 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.

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:

Mary Jones, Julia Burrow, Kennett Child, Catherine Wren, Marie Burns, Jenny Ayers.

Priests of our Diocese

Cardinal John Henry Heenan (1975) (One-time priest of our Diocese).

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

Mass Intentions

The best and most sacred way to remember the souls of our most loved one is to have a Mass offered for them that they may be released from sin and come into the presence of our heavenly father. Also we should also pray for our sick and for the intentions of whoever asks for our prayers, Mark the envelope either RIP/SICK/Private Intentions.

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has died RIP/SICK/or an Intention please put this on your envelope with your donation through the PRESBYTERY letter box or give it to FATHER at any of the two Sunday masses. To have a Mass said for someone is the most important prayer we should offer for them. One day we will need a Mass said for us. Please don't forget previous Priests of our Parish.

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*

Mass Intentions

Please note Mass intention envelopes are at the back of the church. Don't forget to have Mass said for the repose of the soul of family and friends.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.



Today is the feast of All Saints and on Monday we Commemorate the Faithful departed. We remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. They are the blessed, but although they have died in faith, they have not finished their pilgrimage back to the Father's house. In this process the faithful departed depend on the communion of saints; they depend both on the intercession of the saints in heaven and upon the prayers of Body of Christ. It is an awesome thought that our own prayers and the spiritual

sacrifices we make in union with the sacrifice of Christ can have an effect upon those who have died. On this day we are invited to honour "with great respect the memory of the dead", because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. "Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective". (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Because of the COVID restrictions on the number of people we can have at Mass, it would be helpful for you to register your name by the end of November to Mary, our parish secretary, if you are coming to Holy Mass at Christmas. This can be done easily and securely via the new parish website which can be found at www.stjosephshutton.org

May I encourage you all to pray the Rosary each day to protect our families and country from COVID and for all who have died especially in this month of the Holy Souls.

May I wish the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ on each and every one of you.

Fr. Leslie

Mass attendance

Last weeks Mass attendance:

6.00 p.m. Mass 35. 10.30 a.m. Mass 47.

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we need ushers for our Masses to continue. Not a big task. You would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle.

Please please help if you can. Our church is Covid safe so do come along to one of our Masses if you are able. Our parish community and each one of you are important. Keep safe.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!



Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

Dedication of our Parish to St. Joseph

Let us entrust our parish to St Joseph our patron. God our loving father, who entrusted the care of his only begotten son to St Joseph. May he protect us all from this testing time, so that our parish community may again come together and return with joy and gratitude to our Lord in the most blessed sacrament. St Joseph protect us all and bring eternal rest to all who have died through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project to provide a vital support service for survivors of church-related abuse.

Although the churches have funded the service, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales. Please see more details on our new website www.stjosephshutton.org

November Dead - Month of the Holy Souls.

Please pick up from the back of the church or the presbytery your November dead envelope. Place in the envelope the list of all who Mass should be offered for and your donation and return to the church or presbytery.

Bible Alive

For November £3.00 in the Narthex. "This is a great way to get to know the scriptures from the daily and Sunday liturgy. The daily reflection are accessible and informative." Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Westminster.

Liz Kent

The parish community would like to thank Liz for the coffee mornings that she put on in her garden to raise money for the parish. Liz is moving into the Hutton View care home facility. From 9 November, her address will be 64 Clifton Court, Hutton View Care Home, 3 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, CM13 1AR.

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Finance News

For the week ending 25 November you gave £231.66 including £11.00 which was Gift Aided.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle has raised £35.00 so far. Please give generously.

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: tyroneeq@yahoo.co.uk

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.

HSBC

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Pope on Twitter



Kindness frees us from the cruelty that at times infects human relationships, from the anxiety that prevents us from thinking of others, from the frantic flurry of activity that forgets that others also have a right to be happy.

Let us pray to the Lord who Nigeria, so that every form of violence might always be avoided, in the constant search of social harmony through the promotion of justice and the common good.

What is not expressed in love of neighbour is not true love of God; and, likewise, what is not drawn from one's relationship with God is not true love of neighbour.

If we want true integral human development for all, war must be avoided, ensuring the rule of law and tireless recourse to negotiation and arbitration. The United Nation's Charter applies transparently and sincerely, and is an reference point of justice and a peace.



Laughter

I used to be addicted to soap.
But I'm clean now!

What's the difference between a hippo and zippo?

One is extremely heavy, and the other is a little lighter!

The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of it's evolvement and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Updates On Covid-19 Restrictions – England

Regarding the position of churches in the event of escalation, Public Health England has stated that Places of Worship pose a low to medium risk of virus transmission and they have high confidence in this assessment. When Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference, questioned the science about the potential closure of churches, they reiterated the fact that churches in the main do not pose a high risk because of the Covid security that has been adopted. I am grateful for the excellent arrangements in place in our parishes. It is, of course, essential that we maintain our very high standard of Covid security in churches. There is still no movement from PHE on the issue of singing in church. If this should change, I will let you know.

BISHOP'S UPDATE

Yet I have been astonished at the sheer hard work, courage and creativity that have enabled our churches to re-open albeit under such very difficult circumstances. All of us - priests, deacons and seminarians - have found these last months' painful. We are anxious about our people, our buildings and our finances. No easy words from me are appropriate here; consolations and comforts seem to lie in an unknown future. I am so grateful to all those in the diocese who have worked so hard - clergy, parishioners, the Covid19 Working Group and many others have been unstinting in their efforts. We pray for the grace to endure.

In this morning's news we were warned to expect a "Digital Christmas". I end with a Christmas poem about St. Joseph's lesson for his foster Son and His priests.

*I am Joseph, carpenter
Of David's kingly line,
I wanted an heir; discovered
My wife's son wasn't mine.*

*I am an obstinate lover,
Loved Mary for better or worse.
Wouldn't stop loving when I found
Someone Else came first.*

*Mine was the likeness I hoped for
When the first-born man-child came.
But nothing of him was me. I couldn't
Even choose his name.*

*I am Joseph, who wanted
To teach my own boy how to live.
My lesson for my foster son;
Endure. Love. Give.*

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The wonderful feast-day of All Saints or All Hallows, as it used to be called, invites us to do what we probably rarely do: think about heaven and those who enjoy its blessing! The truth is that, in the course of our day or week or year, not many of us think about heaven. Today we commemorate, remember, and rejoice in all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and have attained (by God's free grace) the beatific vision of heaven.

Heaven is our blessed hope; it is our destiny and our goal and purpose. We are all on pilgrimage returning to the Father of the heavenly light. Indeed, we begin the prayer of all prayers by proclaiming this truth, "Our Father, who art in heaven", for heaven is where the Father is.

But what is heaven and what is it like? Heaven is a communion of perfect life and perfect love with the Trinity, the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed. It is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, a state of supreme and definitive happiness. St Clement of Alexandria said: "We are made for the contemplation of heaven, and we are in truth a heavenly plant, intended and created to come to the knowledge of God". Perhaps in the end it is the saints themselves who have the clearest insight into heaven because on earth as the blessed they were the nearest to it by the virtuous and gracious lives they lived. St. Francis of Sales, for example, said: "This world is only peopled in order to people heaven".

Our problem with heaven, if we are honest, is that it can seem remote and distant, and we don't want to be too presumptuous. It is a lovely thought, for sure, but we all have the nitty-gritty day-to-day to get our minds, heads, and hearts around. Consider then the wisdom of St. John Henry Newman who said, "Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendours which are behind it".

A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do.



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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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