

# 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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## Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 24 March 2019

### PLEASE FIND BELOW DATES AND TIMES OF ALL MASSES IN LENT

#### UPCOMING MASSES

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

**Saturday 23** 18.00 p.m.  
Mass said by Bishop Thomas  
Children's Liturgy

**Sunday 24** 8.30 a.m.  
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

**Because of Fr. Leslie's absence weekday  
Mass will only be on Thursdays at 9.15  
a.m.**

**Monday 25** Church open all day for  
private prayer

**Tuesday 26** Church open all day for  
private prayer

**Wednesday 27** Church open all day for  
private prayer

**Thursday 28** 9.15 a.m.  
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

**Friday 29** Church open all day for  
private prayer

3.00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross

7.30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

**Saturday 30** 18.00 p.m.  
Mass said by Bishop Thomas

**Sunday 31** 8.30 a.m.  
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

#### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel Jesus comments on two hot topics of discussion – two tragic incidents that had recently occurred. The first of these concerned the killing of some Galileans while they were offering sacrifice, probably in the Jerusalem temple at Passover. Pilate was notorious for his brutal attitude towards the Jewish people and the practice of their faith. The second incident was probably a construction accident at the Siloam Reservoir at Jerusalem, resulting in the death of eighteen people.

Sadly, then as now, such random and tragic events were interpreted as divine retribution. People of a religious fundamentalist persuasion often claim God's judgement in a way that is cold, callous and erroneous – be it the terrible outbreak of AIDS in the early 1980s or the attack on the World Trade Centre Towers in New York in 2011. Terrible human tragedies are interpreted to suit people's poor theology.

This has its roots in the Old Testament. In the book of Job, for example, Eliphaz, in a wonderful spirit of self-righteous condemnation, says to poor Job: 'Consider now: Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? As I have observed, those who plough evil and those who sow trouble reap it. At the breath of God they perish...'

Jesus rejected this teaching and sought to correct it. On one occasion, on encountering a blind man he was asked by his disciples, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' But he immediately corrected this heresy: 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents...'

Jesus taught that good fortune or disaster, blessing or curse, success or failure is no indication of our spiritual state before God because God causes his sun to shine on all of us, the righteous and the unrighteous. Today isn't the time to cast aspersions or accuse or make assumptions about how God thinks or acts because today is the time for repentance. God's mercy and kindness gives us time to repent and change, but one day we will be required to give an account of our lives to the living God.

*Lord, grant me the gift of repentance. Help me to refrain from judging others and understand that your mercy shines on us all.*



#### 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 Patrick Keogh our membership officer on 211774.

#### Praying And Fasting During Lent

Remember to pray. The church is open every day from dawn to dusk for private prayer.

To fast, not only cut down on food, but also from loose talk and behaviour. Don't forget almsgiving, Cafod, and any loose change you gather during Lent for our Retiring Collection on Palm Sunday for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

Also please don't forget your Easter Greetings to your friends and parishioners. Money raised is for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (£5 per greeting). Please send your greetings to Ian Restall ([ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk))

#### Alternative Sunday Morning Masses Within The Partnership

The alternative Sunday morning Masses within our Parish Partnership are as follows:

Our Lady & St Joseph, Stock	09.00
St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst	10.00
St John the Evangelist &	11.00
St Erconwald, Ingatestone	

### **Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses (23/24 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Gaye O'Regan  
Bill O'Regan  
Ian Restall  
8.30 a.m. Mary Allum  
Lyn Birnie  
John Spinks

### **Readers For This Week's Masses (23/24 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Ian Restall  
8.30 a.m. Julie Stone

### **Eucharistic Ministers for Next Week's Masses (30/31 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Stella Walker  
Marian Anderson  
Ewa Kania  
8.30 a.m. Jan Jarvis  
Mary Allum  
Lyn Birnie

### **Readers For Next Week's Masses (30/31 March 2019)**

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson  
8.30 a.m. Kevin Jackson

### **Sacrament Of Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Every Saturday 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. or by request. This service has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed. See elsewhere in the newsletter for detail of times of Confessions at our Sister churches.

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Previously every Friday 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. This has been suspended until further notice while Fr. Leslie is indisposed.

### **Mass Intentions**

During Fr. Leslie's absence, if you wish to make a Mass Intention, please refer to a member of the Parish Pastoral Team. Thank you.

### **Anniversaries**

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

### **Remember**

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees – "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". **DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.**

### **Sickness**

#### **We pray for our sick in our parish:**

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey and Brian Donoghue. *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.**

### **Eucharistic Ministers And Readers**

If you were due to provide Ministry at 10.30 a.m. Mass please make yourself available at the other Masses if required.

### **Grateful Thanks**

We are very grateful to Fr. Anthony and Bishop Thomas who will both be available for Masses up to Easter.



Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker for our Sunday liturgy.

First of all thank you to all our parishioners for your prayers and cards (in the region of 70 cards). I am truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness. I hope to return to the parish around about the first week of April depending on my progress. I have a hospital appointment in Essex around the middle of April.

Lent is a very special time. It is the beginning of Spring, as you know. The days are lengthening now and it is a sign that Spring is

here. Moses story is the call of Moses, but you have to know a little about Moses. In the first reading Moses has reached manhood and has gone through many experiences. He was called to lead his people out of Egypt through the wilderness into the promised land. On the journey he doubted the action of God when he was told to strike the rock once, he struck it twice. God said because of this he would not lead his people into the land but God showed it to him. One point we need to reflect on is that we are on holy ground because God is everywhere, it means everywhere is holy ground. God is one with his people and he loves deeply all the people especially during Lent.

We need to realise that everyone, all of us, we are all made in the image of God and one with Jesus our Saviour. That is why Jesus says "the only commandment is you must love one another as I have loved you". Today, during Lent, we need to revise one thing within our own understanding of our own faith. Our faith is based on awe. When Moses spoke of fear he meant the wonder of God. Today, when we hear this story, we need to remember who Jesus is. He is the one who gives us wonder. He lets us understand the sacredness of the world and the people in it. "The Father says He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son who would die to heal it and to save it and to bring it home".

In our approach during Lent we are in the season of springtime with love, that I might become more and more aware of the grace of God which is everywhere.

*Enjoy your Sunday with your families.*

### **Discussion for families this week.**

When we gather in prayer, are we aware of God's presence in our home, in our town and cities, in our world? If we are, then we are on holy ground. How does that affect the way we live our lives? About the choices we make? About our relationship with Jesus?

### **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**

**BCYS EVENTS – see also Parish Noticeboard** For more information and to apply for any of our events, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

#### **LENTEN RETREAT 2019**

9 - 11 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. A midweek retreat, timed for school holidays. This is a chance to reflect deeply on the meaning of Lent in the beautiful surroundings of Abbotswick, led by the Walsingham House Team. The retreat is open to those in years 10-13. £35.

#### **SPONSORED SLEEPOUT**

12 - 13 April 2019, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us for our sponsored sleepout, where you'll be sleeping outside overnight in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. No tents allowed, whatever the weather! Money raised will be split between local homeless charities and helping young people in our Diocese.

#### **EASTER LOURDES 2019**

14 - 21 April 2019, Lourdes. Every Easter over 1,000 children with additional needs travel to Lourdes with HCPT to enjoy a life changing pilgrimage holiday, thanks to our young adult volunteers. If you would like to know more, please email [group709@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group709@hcpt.org.uk).

### **200 Club**

There is a great opportunity for new members to join the 200 Club in the next few weeks and participate in our SUPER DRAW!

This SUPER DRAW will take place on 13 July to coincide with the Parish Anniversary celebrations and we will DOUBLE the prize money on offer that month. This will mean that first prize that month will be £100 (usually £50). Second prize will be £50 (usually £25) and Third prize will be £30 (usually £15).

Come and join us now! See Marian Anderson after Mass, or take a 200 Club flyer from the table at the back of the church.

This is an opportunity not to be missed!

### **Easter Greetings**

In the same way that we send best wishes at Christmas to our friends and fellow parishioners, we thought it would be a good idea if we did the same at Easter. So please send your Easter Greetings via our newsletter on behalf of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. As before, £5.00 in an envelope and send your message to Ian Restall ([ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)) Fr. Leslie wishes you all a very happy and holy Easter with your families.

### **Vacancy – Part Time Parish Secretary**

We have a vacancy for a part-time parish secretary at St. Josephs, to help with the admin of the parish and to work closely with Fr. Leslie on general parish matters. Approx. 10-12 hours per week, split between two or three days. Salary and hours negotiable but based on £10 per hour. Please contact Ian Restall ([ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk)) or any member of the PPT.

### **KSC**

"The Story of Rock and Roll" a Buffet Cabernet run by the Knights of St. Columba on 27th April 2019 at the Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood in aid of KSC charities. Tickets £20.00 each (bring your own drinks) available from Tim Murphy on 01277 225652 or Bill O'Regan on 01277 223460.

## Mass Requests From St Joseph The Worker

We have been able to schedule the following Mass Intentions at Ingatestone on the dates below.

Mass Intention	Requested By	Date of Mass at Ingatestone
Frances Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	2 April
Rogge Family RIP	A.Cirnbut	3 April
Marion Corder RIP		Almshouses 5 April
Ben Kemezura RIP		8 April
Frank Tracey RIP	F. Tollady	9 April
Alf + Kathleen Hicks RIP	C. Turnbull	10 April
Patrick + Catherine Kelly	B. Dooley	Almshouses 12 April
Margaret + Alan Cronin RIP	C. Turnbull	15 April
Mass Times:	Ingatestone Church Almshouses	9.00 a.m. (7.00 p.m. if a Monday) 6.00 p.m.

## Flowers For Easter

A second collection will be made this weekend 23/24 March. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **God Bless.**

## MISSIO Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a Red Box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in March so that I can count its contents and return it. Please make sure your Red Box is clearly marked with your name and address. The Spring 2019 edition of "Mission Today" is available for you to collect from the table in the porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

## Easter Wishes

Father Leslie wishes each and everyone of you a happy Easter.

## Confessions

Remember, in preparation for Easter, there will be a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of Grace so that we come to Easter renewed in the love of the Risen Lord.

## Fr. Leslie Update

Christine and I went to see Fr. Leslie at the nursing home in Littlehampton last Sunday. His only outings at the moment are short walk to the local Costa, which he can just about manage with the aid of a stick. He is making progress, although he is understandably frustrated that it is taking so long to heal. He is having physio, and has a number of exercises that he is doing each day, so he is getting stronger and more mobile, but it is just taking time.

If all goes according to plan he will return to the Presbytery at around the beginning of April but neither he, nor the PPT, are sure about how practical this will be for him. Knowing how independent Fr. Leslie is, he'll want to be up and about but it feels like the healing process will still take quite a bit of time and no-one is sure how mobile he will be on his return. All we know is that we want him back!

## Note For Eucharistic Ministers

If you have a Pyx at home which was supplied by the church and you are not currently taking Holy Communion to the Sick, please could you return it as soon as possible as we are in great need and have no spare ones. *Thank you.*

## Repository Sale – this weekend

The Parish Pastoral Team would like to thank parishioners for their generous support for the Repository Sale last weekend. More than £90.00 was raised for Parish funds and in light of this success, we will hold another sale over the weekend of 23/24 March. So please be ready to buy a statue, a Rosary, Easter cards and many other bargains while stocks last! Please spare a few minutes to drop by and review the excellent items we still have for sale.

## Easter Mass Times

### HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 18 NO MORNING MASS  
EASTER TRIDUUM  
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
WITH WASHING OF THE FEET  
8.00 p.m.  
Mass said by  
Fr. Michael Halsall

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 19 NO MORNING MASS  
LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
3.00 p.m.  
Mass said by  
Fr. Michael Halsall

### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 20 NO MORNING MASS  
EASTER VIGIL

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

8.00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil  
Mass said by  
Fr. Michael Halsall

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21 8.30 a.m.  
Mass said by Fr. Anthony

## Amended Mass Times

Please see extended Mass Times for our Parish elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Charismatic Day Of Renewal

A date for your diary: The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A Day of Renewal themed 'The Love of Jesus' which will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3.00 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

## Easter Offering

Easter offering envelopes are at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income Thank you very much.

Easter offering Envelopes - if you use them in other parishes over Easter, please mark for **St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton.**



## Service Of Reconciliation

Please be aware that there will be an opportunity for us to prepare for Easter by attending a Service of Reconciliation at our Cathedral on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30 p.m. Please use this time of grace to, like the prodigal son, "return to our Father having squandered the gifts he has given to us".



## Pope on Twitter



Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, watch over the whole Church always, and protect Her in every moment.

How do we not judge, not condemn, and forgive? "Give and it will be given to you": be generous in giving. Not only material aims, but spiritual aims too: spend time with someone in need, visit someone who is sick, offer a smile.

I pray for the victims of the horrible attack against two mosques in #Christchurch, New Zealand. I renew my invitation for prayer and gestures of peace to combat hatred and violence

Prayer reconnects us to God, charity to our neighbor, fasting to ourselves. God, my brothers and sisters, my life: these are the realities that do not end in nothing, and in which we must invest.

## Retiring Collection

**Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday.**

The Retiring Collection is your Lenten Offerings taken in your homes during Lent for Catholic Children's Society.

## Sacrament Of Reconciliation Times (Confessions) Throughout The Pastoral Partnership

Confessions can be heard at our Partnership churches at the following time.

**Our Lady & St. Joseph, Stock**  
Saturdays 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

**St. Helens, Ongar**  
Saturdays 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

**St. John the Evangelist & St. Erconwald, Ingatestone**

Saturdays 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Additionally, Confessions can be heard at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

## Children's corner

**Welcome to children's corner.** Please say this prayer together as a family this week.

Dear God, thank you that you provide all our needs. Thank you that we can trust you to turn the small things we give you into something big that can make a huge difference. Help us to be generous with everything we have, just as you are so generous in giving us these things. *Amen*

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells a story about a tree that does not produce fruit. Its owner wants to cut it down, but the gardener asks him to give the tree more time. The gardener promises to give the tree special care so that it can grow fruit soon.

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, you are like the gardener in today's Gospel - patient and caring. Thank you for being patient with me, and for always giving me a second chance when I fail to do good. *Amen.*

### 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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