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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.



## PALM SUNDAY

### **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 10 April 2022**



“But yet behold, the hand of him that will betray me is with me at this table”.

#### **IN TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Today begins the most important week of the Church’s year. What are we meant to receive from it? How can we best participate in it? We are accustomed to celebrating the Church’s year spread over 12 months: Advent to Christmas, Christmas to Lent, Easter to Pentecost, Pentecost to the Feast of Christ the King.

At the dawn of the Church’s life, however, the celebration of this whole cycle was focused on one event: Easter. It was not until the fourth century that the annual liturgical cycle began to take the shape it has today. Ask yourself: what’s the purpose of these liturgical celebrations, especially that of Palm Sunday? Certainly, the Church makes a memorial of the events of our salvation, but it’s so much more than an anniversary or a re-enactment. In the liturgy the once and for all events of our salvation, especially Jesus’ death and resurrection, are celebrated and by the power of the Holy Spirit they’re made real and present in our midst. Jesus’ coming into Jerusalem on a donkey is made sacramentally present to us today. Zechariah prophesied that the Lord would enter Jerusalem to establish his dominion, ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth’ (Zech. 9: 10). By entering Jerusalem in this way Jesus acted out his prophecy: Lo, your king comes to you: triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass.’ (Zech. 9:9). Jesus revealed his destiny to establish God’s kingdom on earth, but this could only be established through his cross, death and resurrection. The same crowd who hailed him as he entered Jerusalem are the same crowd who clamoured for his execution.

Contemplate, if you will, the following words of St Andrew of Crete: It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ’s feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matters which waste away and delight the eye only for a few hours. No, we have clothed ourselves with Christ’s grace. ....’for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ, let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.’

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## Upcoming Masses

### PALM SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

#### APRIL

Saturday 9	6.00 p.m. Mass Tom Horan RIP S&A Clack
Sunday 10	10.30 a.m. Mass Mary Rudin RIP J. Jarvis 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 12	9.00 a.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday 13	7.30 p.m. Mass (Please note the time)

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 14	7.30 p.m. Mass of Last Supper followed by prayer at the altar of repose till 9.00 p.m.
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#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 15	3.00 p.m. Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Cross (Touch only) 7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
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#### HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 16	Confession from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. and by appointment 8.00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL and First Mass of EASTER <b>The most important service of the Church's year</b>
Sunday 17	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8.30 a.m. People of the Parish 10.30 a.m. Jacinta

\* 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.

## 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)).

## Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact: [ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk](mailto:ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) for details.



Welcome to our parish family and those of you who are visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Pascal Mysteries.

In today's first reading the Lord reveals himself as the faithful husband who, through His servant, wants to forgive His 'unfaithful' and 'forsaken' wife, Israel and restore her to the place of blessing. What we hear today is part of the servant's response to the Lord's mission. The servant is clear about his Master's authority. He reveals that he is not acting on his own, but on the Master's behalf. He points out that he

is awakened each morning to hear what the Lord speaks. The servant also attests His submission to suffering. He reminds us, unlike Israel, he has not turned away from God, even if His mission involves suffering. The servant goes on to say His unwavering confidence and assurance in the help of the Lord. The message for us is that God has chosen all of us Christians as his servants and wants us to be a people to serve. The Word of God is our training to be the servant of God. Like Jesus, we should constantly seek our Father's guidance so that we can bring His Word, the Light of Christ, into those who live in darkness, despair and suffering. Like Jesus, we must put all our hope and trust in God. He will help us in the midst of our trials and will not bring on us the humiliation of trusting in a false hope.

Today's reading ends "The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be ashamed".

As we enter today into Holy Week, may we throw off the world's temptations and put our Dear Saviour, Jesus Christ at the centre of our hearts and lives. We adore you dear Lord because by your suffering, death and resurrection you have redeemed me and the world. Pope Francis says "If we are united to Jesus, faithful to him, we will be able to confront with hope and serenity even the passage of death. If my life has been a path with the Lord of trust in his immense mercy, I will be prepared to accept the last moments of my earthly existence as the definitive trustful abandonment in his receiving hands in awaiting to contemplate him face to face".

May God Bless you and your families as we near Holy Week.

## March for Life

This will be held on 3 September in London - Please put this date in your diaries. - Ten Million too many. Every life is precious.

## Mass Attendance

6.00 p.m.: 64

10.30 a.m.: 54

I hope very much that many more of our parishioners will return - we miss you very much.

## St Joseph The Worker School

### Change to the Mid-Year Admissions Applications

As from 1 April the local authority will no longer be coordinating the Admissions requests for mid-year applications. These will now need to be sent directly to the school and the application form can be found on our website (Key Information/ Admissions/Mid-Year Application Form). The Local Authority will continue to manage the applications for new starters in the Early Years.

## Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Walsingham House are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in late summer. This is a residential role and involves working alongside the existing staff team help to form the volunteer team and lead retreats for schools and parishes across the diocese. All information can be found on the website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 22 April 2022.

## Parish Register

Please - whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered. And of course, in these Covid times, we have to take bookings for Mass to ensure that we adhere to the restrictions. This process will be much simpler for all if you have already registered. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

## Standing Orders

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Without your support our finances would be in a really bad place. There are many people who have not returned to Mass and we hope they will soon be back among us. If you would like to set up a standing order, you can find the forms on our website [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org) This form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish.

## 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.

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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.*

## Threshold of Hope - Preparation before Mass.

A personal encounter with the crucified and risen Lord, in the celebration of the Mass is not simply a private affair. 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 grace of Holy Communion, should involve some preparation, in order that we can abandon ourselves more completely to the saving mysteries that we celebrate. To that end I would appreciate if we could come to our sacred celebration with a deep sense of reverence. I ask in particular that all ministers of word and sacrament not to wear shorts even if you're not ministering (in case you are asked). Remember "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh (John 6:50-51)". Every truth, every hope, healing and consolation are to be found in these words of Christ. They are why, for over 2000 years, Catholics have faithfully obeyed Christ's command at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."

## During Holy week.

Please pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine and for the Holy Land.

## 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.



## Easter Collection For Your Priest

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

## 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.*

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities

In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity.

We need to cry over their tombs. Don't our youth matter? I am grieved by what is happening today. We never learn. May the Lord have mercy on us, on all of us. Every one of us are guilty!

The logic of war has imposed itself yet again because we are no longer used to thinking with the logic of peace. We are stubborn, we are in love with war, with the spirit of Cain.

## Finance News

For the week ending 1 April 2022 you gave £190.00 of which £11.00 was through Gift Aid.

Second collection for Providence Row raised £350.00 inc. £100.00 with Gift Aid Hall Income was £75.00

*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:** Josephine Connolly, Eithane Pattle, and Florence Mileson.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Ronald Roberts (1983), Canon Charles Loughran (206), Deacon Geoffrey Piper (2007), and Fr. Thomas Adkins (1937)

**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!**



Light

# Laughter

I went for a stroll in the local cemetery, just to get some exercise, and got lost.

That was a grave mistake!

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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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