

# 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 8 November 2020

### UPCOMING MASSES

Sadly due to Government restrictions there will be no public Masses at St. Josephs until the situation changes. Please visit the website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)) or the parish Facebook page to learn of the latest news and developments.

### Confessions

By Appointment only (During the COVID 19 Virus)

### Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

### 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:**

Robert Richardson, John Wing, Norah Manning, Bernard Woods, Clementine Schembri, Richard Bohannon.

**Priests of our Diocese**

Fr William Philpot (1949), Deacon Norman Wiseman (1993), Canon Dennis Petry (1990), Fr Terence Howes (1994)

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



### 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
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g
- 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



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## 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.

## 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: [tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk)

## Donations

I am deeply aware of these difficult times that many of our families are experiencing - but if you can help with a little extra to meet our maintenance of our parish property, that would be good. At some point soon our roof will need attention. Already we have had repairs done to the skylight window in the kitchen of the parish room.

## A Reflection In Preparation for Christmas.

Lord deepen with me a living faith in your return. Anoint me with the special oil of faith which cries: "Come Lord Jesus, Come"

## 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.



Welcome to our parishioners. We hope all is well for you at this difficult time. You are all remembered in my prayers.

We have gone into another lockdown, just as our community was coming together after the first lockdown. I want to thank you for the disciplined way you accepted the restrictions we had put on us. We must remember however we feel, it is OK to feel frustrated, angry, saddened and annoyed that we can't do what we want to do. We are a community of faith, loved by Jesus knowing that Jesus knows our feelings and our

disappointments, especially our young people and those who live alone, and whose movements are limited. In the midst of all this Jesus is with us and helping us to endure and bring us healing and bring those who have died to eternal happiness.

We are coming into the season of Advent in two weeks' time. Let all our hardships and joys be a preparation for the coming feast of our Salvation. Today is also Remembrance Sunday when we pray for all who made the ultimate sacrifice in two world wars and succeeding wars and acts of violence against human life. May they all find that peace and happiness in our Fathers house.

May I remind you all to give your name and contact details to Mary through our website and let her know which Mass you will be attending on Christmas night and day. The Masses will be at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day. This is important for us to know because of the restrictions.

Please return Christmas hamper envelopes to the presbytery during the lock down. If you don't have a hamper envelope they can be obtained from the presbytery.

Our church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 a.m. till midday during the lockdown. Let us pray as a family to the Holy Family for those who are working towards finding a vaccine so that we may meet again in better times and strengthen in our Catholic faith with a deeper love for Jesus and our Mother Mary.

May we all be sustained in the love of Our Father and Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit "One thing have I asked of the Lord, and will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord all the days of my life".

*Fr Lester*

## Mass attendance

Last weeks Mass attendance:

6.00 p.m. Mass 34. 10.30 a.m. Mass 40.

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we will need ushers for our Masses to continue once Lockdown 2.0 is over. It's 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 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!!

## LOCKDOWN 2.0

During the current lockdown the church is only open for private prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 a.m. till midday in November.

## 200 CLUB

### October Winners

1st	J & D Durant
2nd	R & M Welker
3rd	M Yates

Thanks to your continued generosity we've made a donation of £400.00 to the Parish, which is much needed in these difficult times. Thank you for your support. New members can join via the website.

## Christmas Arrangements For Masses

Because of our restricted numbers (COVID-19), we ask you to notify our PARISH ADMINISTRATOR ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)) in respect of which Mass you will be attending with your name and contact details.

The Mass times on Christmas Eve will be 6.00 p.m. and on Christmas Day 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

This is important and we would be grateful if you could inform us by the END OF NOVEMBER.

Remember also Masks must be worn inside the church.

## 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.

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**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](mailto:pauld@marillac.co.uk) or call: 01277 220276

### Lockdown 2.0

The news announced by the Government last weekend that private prayer may continue in churches but that services are not allowed is another body blow for our Parish community. Sadly there is nothing we can do to mitigate the situation at the moment and so the church will not be open for the two Masses we were running prior to this announcement. The church will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during November from 10.00 a.m. until noon for private prayer, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during those times.

In the meantime, please find time to read the below 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.*

### Altar Servers

I send my best wishes and thanks to the altar servers who at present cannot exercise their ministry especially our newly trained servers. Take care of yourselves.

### Church Sanitised

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

### New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the parish website ([www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org)). When restrictions are lifted one of our Parishioners will contact you to welcome you and help you settle in.

### IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The parable of the Ten Virgins or Bridesmaids occurs only in the Gospel of St. Matthew. Unlike some of the other parables (the parable of the Sower, for example) Jesus offers no interpretation: rather we are invited to plumb its depths, mine its treasure, and drill deep for its hidden meaning - or, put another way, figure it out for ourselves. We can skim the surface, even paddle a little in its light, but to truly enter the mystery it unlocks we need time, resources (commentaries, concordances, study aids) and, most of all, prayer, the desire to immerse ourselves in the Scriptures and, last but in no way least, the wisdom of the Holy Spirit – the oil in all our lamps.

The virgins are all clearly believers – some are wise, some are foolish, but all believe in God and Christ. We don't often realize it, but like the virgins all believers are awaiting the coming of the Bridegroom in glory at the end of time when Jesus, the returning Son of God, the King, will wrap up human history. The second coming, the Parousia, is one of the central doctrines of our faith, along with the incarnation, the cross and the resurrection. For some this thirst for Christ's return lives in them as a profound truth of faith: they groan and long for this final and definitive event in history – the culmination of salvation history.

Christ's return is the blessed hope of the Church. We are a people who rejoice in Jesus' first coming but also long for and prepare for his second. All of the virgins had lamps and all of the virgins fell asleep. The sleep is the sleep of sin, to which we all succumb because faith is lived through a struggle with sin, darkness, and confusion. The difference was that the wise virgins had come prepared with an extra jar of oil in case their lamps went out. We need a grace of revelation to understand the meaning of the jars of oil they took with them, but perhaps this extra provision of oil relates to faith in the return of the King, the Bridegroom. They couldn't share this oil, just as we can't share our hope in Christ's return – this truth burning in our hearts is a gift of the Spirit.

*Lord, deepen within me a living faith in your return. Anoint me with the special oil of faith which cries: 'Come, Lord Jesus, come.'*



### Finance News

The Christmas Hamper Raffle raised £120.00 last week making the running total £155.

The collection last week raised £426.00 including £21.00 via gift aid and £275.00 in donations from 3 separate parishioners. *Thank you and God Bless.*

### 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



Let us attend the school of Jesus Christ, teacher of #Prayer. May we learn from Him that prayer is primarily listening and encountering God, an art to be practiced with insistence, the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to Him

I express my sorrow and dismay for the terrorist attack in #Vienna, and I pray for the victims and their families. Enough violence! Let us together strengthen peace and fraternity. Only love can silence hate.

Today we pray for all the #FaithfulDeparted and especially for the victims of the #Coronavirus: for those who have died alone, without the caress of their loved ones; and for those who have given their lives serving the sick.

Choosing purity, meekness and mercy; choosing to entrust oneself to the Lord in poverty of spirit and in affliction; dedicating oneself to justice and peace – this means going against the current. This evangelical path was trodden by #AllTheSaints and Blessed.

### Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.

### Bible Alive

Bible Alive is available to help you reflect on the Scriptures day by day. Ask what time of the day do I have in my diary for prayer and reflection?

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me".

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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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