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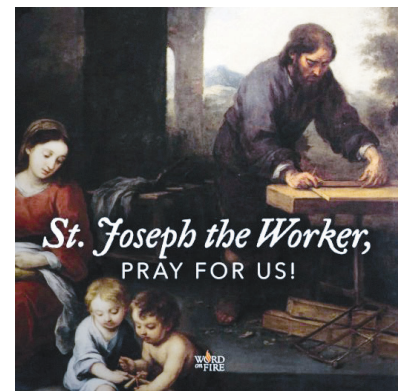
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## Mission Statement

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 28 August 2022**



“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Each year a king held a sumptuous banquet for everyone who worked under him. All were invited and all came. The diplomatic corps dined with the kitchen staff and the king’s private secretaries supped with the gardeners. It was one of those rare occasions when social distinctions and barriers came down.

The king was especially fond of a particular gardener whose family had served him and his estate for generations. The gardener, a humble, uneducated, rustic man, was always invited to sit near to the king, such was the king’s affection and regard for him. The gardener, however, was always anxious about the occasion and felt conspicuous and uncomfortable amongst such distinguished company.

On one occasion, the gardener, somewhat overwhelmed and having developed quite a thirst, reached for the finger bowl, which he mistook for a cool draught. The guests close by were amused by the faux pas and a ripple of mockery and disdain filled the room. The king, quick as a flash, realized what was happening. He took hold of his own finger bowl and drank from it himself. The smiles were quickly wiped off the faces of those who had mocked the poor man; to prevent themselves from committing a similar social faux pas they were forced to join the king in drinking from their finger bowls! The king had masterfully upheld the dignity of his esteemed and much-loved servant.

Observing the weakness of social climbing and the humiliation of vying for position at the table, Jesus taught today’s parable: ‘When you are invited...to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited...’ (v.8). Its punch is the paradox that in seeking to be exalted we’re destined to be humbled and in seeking to be humbled we shall enjoy being exalted.

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be humble in everything I do. Set me free from attitudes which discriminate against others because of class, education, race or sex.*

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**Upcoming Masses****TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME - YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD  
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY****AUGUST**

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.  
Deceased Members of  
McPherson Family  
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.  
People of the Parish  
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 30 9.00 a.m.  
No Mass Intentions  
Wednesday 31 7.30 p.m.  
No Mass Intentions

**SEPTEMBER**

Thursday 1 9.00 a.m.  
No Mass Intentions  
Friday 2 9.00 a.m.  
No Mass Intentions

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.  
We all need Jesus.

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME - YEAR C****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 3 6.00 p.m.  
Joe & Dorothy Duranti  
(Sick)  
Sunday 4 10.30 a.m.  
Parishioners  
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed  
Sacrament

\* 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.

**Bishops Of England & Wales**

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the  
greatest privilege of all. Looking forward  
to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite  
all Catholics who have not done so to  
return to attending Mass in person.

**Eucharistic Ministers For This  
Week's Masses**

27 August 6.00 p.m.  
M Brennan  
M Anderson  
28 August 10.30 a.m.  
M Brooks  
J Jarvis

**Readers For This Week's Masses**

27 August 6.00 p.m.  
M Brennan  
28 August 10.30 a.m.  
U Ekpechue

**Mass Attendance**

Saturday 20 August: 33  
Sunday 21 August: 56

**Refreshments after 10.30 Mass  
on Sundays**

There will no refreshments served after  
Sunday Mass during  
August. Refreshments  
after 10.30 Mass will  
resume on Sunday  
4 September. Please  
sign up on the rota for September to  
December. New volunteers are always  
welcome.



to do so unless you are unwell or physically unable to be present. Should you miss mass on Sunday, then you need to go to the Sacrament of Confession before you receive Holy Communion.

The commandments have been printed in the newsletter week by week and they were given to us by God and to be faithful to them on our journey of life. The catechism of the Catholic Church is a useful book to help you understand our faith. We also have the scriptures. The Word of God. This should be a natural exercise for all of us.

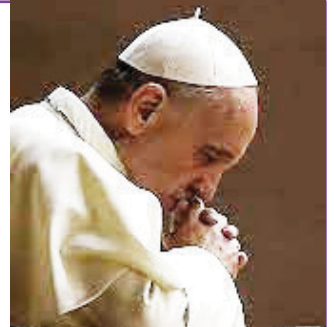
Again I want to thank most warmly those who responded to my appeal for help to replace a church heater. Together we have met the expense of the work so again thank you. Our church buildings need to be maintained by each parish in our diocese.

We welcome back our children after the holidays on Monday especially our new children who will be coming to school for the first time. Parents and children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confession later this year, our first meeting for the parents is on Wednesday 21 September at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. The children will meet their catechists on Saturday 24 September at 9.00 a.m. for 9.30 a.m. start.

Our newsletter can be downloaded for your convenience. Thank you all and I hope you all had a lovely holiday and feel refreshed and relaxed. God bless you all and please pray for your priests in these difficult times.

**SYNODAL 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.

**Our Liturgy In The Source & Summit**

Our Saturday and Sunday Liturgy should be a beautiful and moving experience as we make present the death and resurrection of our Lord. More about this on [www.sourceandsummit.org](http://www.sourceandsummit.org) For us we need more altar servers especially our older ones.

We need a leader for the singing, especially entrance psalm.

We need an organist or keyboard player and the full participation in our gathering at church as we offer our praise and thanksgiving of the Lord. Please check out [www.sourceandsoumit.org](http://www.sourceandsoumit.org)

**March For Life**

**Saturday 3 September - Details on the White Board**  
Do not forget to pray for those lives lost through Abortion and for the ongoing suffering of the many people affected by it.

If you can - Please March for Life on this day. The greater the numbers - the more effective will be our witness.

**Norbertine Priory**

Opening Mass for The New Norbertine Priory in Peckham.

Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. We very much hope you will be able to join us. If you are able to come, please email Fr. Stephen on [Stephen.morrison@norbertines.org.uk](mailto:Stephen.morrison@norbertines.org.uk)

**Evangelization**

Parents and God parents, if your younger members of the family or even parents do not come to our Sunday celebration, please do the following:

**Pray for them**

Encourage them to do so (do not let them follow the wrong path) but rather live their faith and do good works as we are reminded in the scriptures so often.

Do not let the world solely become our god. We can all evangelize by openly living our Catholic faith - pray, especially the rosary, reflect on the scriptures and have a belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

We also need readers to proclaim the word of God at our celebrations of our liturgy, clearly.

We need stewards to welcome and help with the smooth running of our celebration.

We need church cleaners so that God's home is clean and welcoming amongst other things.

Live Truth - Live Catholic.

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## Can We Face God's Judgement?

Many people are perhaps under pressure from today's world to think that we can meet God on Mount Sinai with our observance of His commandments alone. How many of us can courageously stand before Him and face His wrath or judgement? Let us imagine the scene at Mount Sinai. I feel it is quite intimidating. If God asks us whether we are truly following/ have followed his commandments what would be our answer? Thou shall not have other gods before me. Thou shall not take the name of the Lord in vain. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Honour your father and mother. Thou shall not kill. Thou shall not commit adultery. Thou shall not steal. Thou shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. Thou shall not covet. We may feel envious and greed to covet what others have. In Baptism we all became the family of God. We have access to our Lord and saviour, especially in a mysterious way, in the Holy Eucharist. As we recall the Love of God manifest through his Son Jesus Christ on the cross, we can experience and almost touch and feel everlasting peace and Joy as Grace and mercy flow from the altar of the Lord. Let us remain or come to Jesus to find rest for our mind and body and peace for our soul.

## Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel [www.ewtnnews.com/catholic](http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic)

I have ordered some leaflets about this wonderful channel to help each one how to live our faith into today's broken world and to help you to educate your children. This is God's world and we are his children – and he loves you. Please find out more from the above contact.

## Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 - 1

**FROM SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 1**

The relic of St. Bernadette will travel to our Cathedrals in the United Kingdom.

Such is the importance of this tour, and such are the gifts of grace that will flow from these days that we hope that all will feel encouraged to visit. Please see details on the white board in the Narthex of our church.

[Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/) The date for our Cathedral in Brentwood is in the newsletter.

Cardinal Vincent says 'The pilgrimage of St. Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our faith, joining with one another across many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional and psychological healing and renewal'.

'I shall do everything for heaven, my true home, there I shall find my mother in all splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself' (St. Bernadette). More details see

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)

**ST BERNADETTE RELIC – PLEASE SEE WHITE BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.**

## Bible Alive for September

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help us on our journey of faith – Price £3.00.

Please also pray the rosary – what a powerful prayer with your families and teach your children to love Mary through this great prayer.

## Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

### THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

**“YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS  
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOUR.”**

In brief:

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.” Christ's disciples have 'put on the new man, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.'

Truth or truthfulness is the virtue which consists in showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and guarding against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

The Christian is not to be ashamed of testifying to the Lord in deed and word. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith.

Respect for the reputation and honour of persons forbids all detraction and calumny in word or attitude.

Lying consists in saying what is false with the intention of deceiving the neighbour who has the right to the truth.

An offense committed against the truth requires reparation.

The golden rule helps one discern, in concrete situations, whether or not it would be appropriate to reveal the truth to someone who asks for it.

The sacramental seal is inviolable. Professional secrets must be kept. Confidences prejudicial to another are not to be divulged.

Society has a right to information based on truth, freedom and justice. One should practice moderation and discipline in the use of the social communications media.

The fine arts, but above all sacred art, of their nature are directed towards expressing in some way the infinite beauty of God in works made by human hands. Their dedication to the increase of God's praise and of his glory is more complete, the more exclusively they are devoted to turning men's minds devoutly towards God.

*To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.*

### Blessed Sacrament Reservation

First of all thank you again for your generous donations towards our church heater. Thank you for your support. It will keep us all warm if we have a cold winter.

Secondly, for many years, I have been wanting to make the Blessed Sacrament more prominent in our church so that it can be seen clearly and to give us all the sense of Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. At this time when Catholics are not showing much enthusiasm for the eucharist, we need to reflect deeply on the theme 'I am the Bread of Life' under the sub heading of 'food for the journey'. For these two phrases capture a good deal of the richness of the meaning of our Mass.

I would like now to look more deeply how we can do this change. Firstly, we need to involve from the beginning the diocesan Art and Architecture committee for them to come and see the possibilities – and take their advice.

At present the tabernacle is close to the wall and hard to see. It would be wonderful to have the tabernacle in a more central place, either in the centre of the sanctuary or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Art and Architecture committee would give their recommendation. Please pray for this project so that we may all come to know and love Jesus present in the Eucharist. I will keep you up to date.



## Pope on Twitter



I am following with concern and sorrow the situation created in Nicaragua. I would like to express my conviction and my hope that, through an open and sincere dialogue, the basis for a respectful and peaceful co-existence might still be found

Jesus urges us to enter through the narrow door. This means following him in love, just like those who suffer because of their faith but who continue to pray and love, responding to evil with good, thus finding the strength to forgive.

Without humility we cannot encounter God, we cannot experience salvation, and we cannot even encounter our neighbour, the brother and sister living near us.

To love like Jesus means to serve & give our life. To serve means to put others' interests first, to fight the cancer of indifference, to share the gifts God has given us. To give our life means to leave egoism behind, to make our lives a gift, spending ourselves for all in need.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 21 August you gave £195.00. with £20.00 through Gift Aid

*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:** Jean Courage, Timothy Murphy, and Marian Moffat

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Bernard Collings (1988), Canon John Sloane (1962), Canon John Walsh (1973), and Canon Cyril Sheppard (1938)

**Remember to have masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.**

**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.**

Light

# Laughter

By my age, my parents had a house and a family. But to be fair to me, so do I – same house and same family!

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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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### 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 200278  
Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



### 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:  
• 3 September • 1 October •  
5 November • 3 December  
It will be good to see you!



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