

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 December 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 7 6.00 p.m.
Barbara Rose Murphy RIP
Sunday 8 8.30 a.m.
Michael Dunne RIP
Jean Dunne
10.30 a.m.
For parishioners

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 9 9.15 a.m.
Curtis McDonald RIP
G McDonald

Tuesday 10 9.15 a.m.
Brian Green RIP
C Sutcliffe

Wednesday 11 NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 12 9.15 a.m.
David Balmer RIP

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

Friday 13 9.15 a.m.
Jim Jarvis RIP
Jan Jarvis

Saturday 14 NO MORNING MASS
9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.
CONFESSIONS
5.00 p.m. (until 5.50 p.m.)
CONFESSIONS ALSO
EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14 6.00 p.m.
Fred Greenfield RIP
J Greenfield
Sunday 15 8.30 a.m.
Willie Burns
10.30 a.m.
For all parishioners

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 9 December. We invite as many as possible to come to the morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. on Monday 9 December.

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions before Mass every Saturday
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5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.
Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday



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*

Christmas Hamper

The Classic Christmas Hamper contains all the luxury essentials for a grand festive season. Each indulgent treat has been carefully hand-picked to ensure unrivaled quality and taste, delighting friends, family and colleagues. Toast the occasion with Lanson Champagne and enjoy the exceptional Minters Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, Christmas Wreath Biscuits from Chloes, Ardens' Mini Chocolate Panettone and so much more.

To accompany this vast food and drink offering is a hand-woven basket with rope detail handles, perfect to store winter blankets for the family. Whether you choose to surprise a friend, treat your family or send to staff or customers, this delightful Christmas Gift Hamper is sure to impress. Weight 8kg.

Includes:

- ★ Champagne - Lanson Black Label NV (12.5%) - 75cl
- ★ White Wine - Vina Vasta Verdejo Viura (12%) - 75cl
- ★ Red Wine - Vina Vasta Tempranillo Syrah Merlot (12.5%) - 75cl
- ★ Market Town Bakery - Stem Ginger Cake (400g)
- ★ Minters Fine Foods - Christmas Pudding (350g)
- ★ Delicioso - Picos Artesanos (200g)
- ★ Jacquot - Bitter Classic Truffles (200g)
- ★ Elizabeth Shaw - Salted Caramel Crisp (175g)
- ★ Copperpot - Milk Chocolate Coated Fudge (175g)
- ★ Abbey Biscuits - Mixed Berry (150g)
- ★ Whitakers - Black Cherry Cremes (150g)
- ★ Chloe's - Christmas Wreath Biscuits (150g)
- ★ Elizabeth Shaw - Raisin & Hazlenut Biscuits (140g)
- ★ Walkers - Turkish Delight (110g)
- ★ Yorkshire Crisps - Sweet Cured Ham & Pickle (100g)
- ★ Arden & Amici - Mini Chocolate Panettone (100g)
- ★ nibnibs - Rosemary Big Minis (100g)
- ★ Grandma Wild's - 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- ★ Yorkshire Popcorn - Salt & Sweet (40g)



£480 so far



Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (7/8 December 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ewa Kania Bill O'Regan Gaye O'Regan A N Other
8.30 a.m.	Lyn Birnie Jan Jarvis Mary Allum A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Chris Brooks Mary Brooks Hyacinth Albuquerque A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses (7/8 December 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m.	David Holt
10.30 a.m.	Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (14/15 December 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Ann Howarth Stella Walker Carol Turnbull A N Other
8.30 a.m.	John Spinks Jan Jarvis Lyn Birnie A N Other
10.30 a.m.	Dominic De Albuquerque Tyrone Sequeira Sarah Barber A N Other

Readers For Next Week's Masses (14/15 December 2019)

6.00 p.m.	Rose Mulvey
8.30 a.m.	Kevin Jackson
10.30 a.m.	Peter Sanders

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

ALSO DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR OUR 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, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Lunny. 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:

Ellen Burnham, Peter Heron, Win Rhodes, John O'Herlily, Matilda Brooks, Edie Thomas, Margaret Walsh, and Jean Frost.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. John Lane (2008), Fr. Anthony McKentey (2017), Fr. Geoffrey Pye (1990), Fr. Eamonn McGrath (2013), Fr. George Carolan (1924), Fr. William Evers (1960), Fr. Francis Kerrigan (2002), Fr. Gerald Kerr (1997).

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



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors.

The year 2020 is designated as The God Who Speaks. Therefore 2020 will be a year of celebrating, listening, living and sharing God's word. We are invited to listen afresh to the Word of God as did our Blessed Lady at the Annunciation to encounter anew the presence of the Word and to proclaim it afresh in the church and in the world.

It would be helpful for all of us to be seated in the church at the beginning of Holy Mass so that we can purify our minds and hearts to listen attentively to God's Word and then prepared to meet Him personally in the Eucharist.

The Season of Advent is about celebrating the Birth of our Redeemer, and preparing for the meeting with Our Lord at the moment of death. That is what John the Baptist was helping the people to do. He was preparing the people to meet Christ. Advent is only a short time to prepare. You need to stop. You need to look around you and recognise the fire. You need to plunge into his forgiveness as you did at your baptism. You need to be ready to stand before your God on Christmas morning. When you welcome him with joy, He will come to you with joy.

During Advent we should also try and come to a weekday morning Mass for our beautiful encounter with Our Lord. Please try to make time for morning and evening prayer. Pray the Rosary asking our Blessed Lady to help us in our Advent journey - "May our Father help us to listen to Jesus and may the power of the Holy Spirit encourage us and strengthen us on our Advent journey, Amen".

May you all have a blessed Sunday with your families and a wonderful week.

Christmas Mass Times

Nativity Of The Lord

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday 24 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Fr. Leslie wishes you all a happy and holy Christmas.

The Word Of God

In this year of the Word of God, please pick up a free copy of Matthew's Gospel. We invite you, together with your family, to read a couple of verses each day and reflect on it. Hopefully you will be able to discuss the section you have chosen with your families.

Bible Alive is also available in the Narthex.

Stewards Of The Gospel

The Stewards of the Gospel will shortly be able to present their thoughts as a result of their discussions over this past year. This has primarily involved planning for the operation of our partnership - Ongar, Doddinghurst, Ingatestone, Stock and Hutton. The presentation to parishioners will take place on the Third Sunday of Advent (next week).

This week our discussions will be presented to the Bishop's Working Group. Next week a copy will be given to each family and you are warmly welcomed to make comments and provide suggestions early next year.

The Bishop's Working Group will consider all the reports from across the Diocese from different partnerships and give us his response before Easter.

2019 Christmas Appeal For Prisoners - Today

There will be an appeal after all Masses on Dec 7/8, the Second week of Advent on behalf of prisoners here at home and abroad. Working through the International Prison Outreach (IPO) charity, this appeal aims to provide Bibles, rosaries, Bible Alive magazine, prayer books and other religious texts for prisoners who often have very limited access to them. Following this appeal there will be refreshments after each Mass in the parish hall. *Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Stephen and Ann Howarth*

Advent Week Two: Preparation

We are called to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We reflect on the messages of repentance and forgiveness that John the Baptist preached as he prepared the way for Jesus. During this week, we are asked to call on God to move us to action for He will answer if we do so.

The pressures on young people have never been greater and the scale of the mental health issues they face is enormous. The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society works on the frontline of dealing with this and we thank you for your support. *Brentwood Catholic Children's Society*

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662

or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Mrs Sheila Slade RIP

The Funeral Mass for Sheila Slade will take place on Monday 23 December at 10.00 a.m. at St Joseph the Worker. Following this service the Internment will take place at Bentley Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

200 Club Winners For November

1st. D Creedon
2nd. G Clack
3rd. P McCready

Christmas Gift To Your Priest

The envelopes are available at the back of the church. This gift forms a major part of your Priest's income for the year.

Thank you and God Bless.



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Many struggle with the stern and somewhat harsh message of John the Baptist. Living and preaching in the wilderness, dressed in rough clothing woven from camel hair and eating locusts and wild honey, would have been pretty strange and outlandish even then! Most people would have run a mile from John the Baptist and his message of repentance – or so you would think! Yet Matthew tells us that, on the contrary, people flocked to him to confess their sins and undergo a ritual cleansing in the Jordan.

What made the people respond to him in this way? Was the message of repentance, confession and reconciliation more attractive then than it is now? What was it about the Baptist that created this reaction? These questions encourage us to reflect on this most important aspect of the Christian life. Nowadays we seem to have moved away from sin, repentance, confession and conversion, perhaps judging this kind of emphasis to be not “on message” anymore. But, in doing so, we are making a great mistake, because examination of our lives, confession and repentance are crucial to living the Christian life.

The season of Advent is a wonderful, God-given opportunity to discover the gift of repentance and the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When was your last confession? Some people go more regularly than others. The Church invites us to make a sacramental confession at least once a year, but many have not known the grace of this sacrament for a considerable number of years. To anyone in this situation God's hand of mercy and compassion is extended.

Because our confession of sin is mediated through the priest in the confessional, it does require a special grace and some courage to open up our lives in this way. It is important to understand, however, that we are not confessing to the priest: we are laying down our burden before God. If a priest has received faculties to hear confession (and this is not automatically granted by the bishop) we hope and pray that he has the necessary pastoral wisdom and maturity to make this sacrament an encounter with Christ so that the penitent comes to know in a deeply personal way the mercy, forgiveness and compassion of God. Father, have mercy upon me according to your unfading love; purify and cleanse me from sin and put a pure and contrite, heart in me.



Finance News

For the week ending 30 November/1 December you gave £464.35 of which £53.00 was Gift Aided. The Christmas Hamper raised £125.00 last week, making the total to date £480.00. Still some way to go to our target of £1,000!!

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 Account name:
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church,
Hutton. Sort Code: 40 13 22.
Account No.: 61018884



The Pope on Twitter



Let us pray for all the pastors of the Church, that they might guide the flock entrusted to them with the same firmness and tenderness of the Good Shepherd.

Today we renew our commitment so that every disabled person may share their gifts with the community to which they belong and in which they take part

In the #GospelOfTheDay, Jesus exhorts us to be ready for His coming: “Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming” (Mt 24:42). To watch means to have your heart ready to give and to serve, to be attentive to our neighbour in difficulty.

The closeness to the Lord invites our heart to approach our brothers and sisters with love, to show compassion towards everyone.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.
Welcome to our children's corner. Have you noticed the Stations of the Cross in the school playground?

We invite parents and children to say this prayer together. God of mercy and forgiveness, you ask us to listen to your son, Jesus Christ. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and the lives of others. *Amen*

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

John the Baptist is baptising people in the River Jordan. He says everyone must leave their bad ways behind and start doing kind and loving things. Being baptised is a sign of their new way of living.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I would like to do this for your birthday at Christmas - if I did anything unkind last week I will try to change it to something kind this week. Please help me? *Amen.*



Clearing Leaves

Please, if you are able, do come along and help to clear leaves from the church property. That would be extremely helpful. *Thanks in advance and God bless*



Christmas Cards Left In The Church

Should you leave Christmas Cards at the back of the church, please make sure the full name and address is on the envelope and also make sure that they come to Mass at our church. Please don't just put Christian Name only on the envelope as there are many parishioners with the same name! Many cards were left unopened last year, which is a great shame after all that effort.

Spirituality Seminar Series

Spring 2020

“The Spirituality of John Henry Newman” - Speaker Mgr. David Manson on Saturday 18 January 2020 from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. at The Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood.

Christmas Cards 2019

Christmas cards are available from BCCS, the children's charity for Essex and East London. Order forms are available from BCCS, Childcare House, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9EH or you can order them online at www.bccs.org.uk All are priced at £3.99p per pack. *Thank you in advance for your support*

Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you for taking Holy Communion to our sick parishioners. However, please return the Holy Communion containers (known as the PYX) to the church after use, unless they are your own. We will need them for other people. *Thank you and God bless.*

Youth

Please pray for our young people.

“May young Saints and so many other people who perhaps in silence and hiddenness lived the Gospel to the full, intercede for the Church, so that she may be full of joyous, courageous and committed young people who can offer the World new testimonies of holiness.”

Pope Francis - Christus Unit. Christ is alive! Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Our Youth Ministry in 2019 included:

- ♦ Welcoming 7,000 young people on retreat with the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer Team
- ♦ 217 young people assisting the ill and elderly in Lourdes
- ♦ 35 young people travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for World Youth Day with Pope Francis
- ♦ 100 -150 young people attending Youth Mass each month
- ♦ 700 young people attending the national Flame Congress - which BCYS helped organise
- ♦ 140 young people enjoying the Mersea Island Youth Gather
- ♦ Plus many resources for youth leaders, catechists, teachers and school lay chaplains at www.bcys.net
- ♦ We have very limited income and rely heavily on donations. The National Youth Sunday Collection helps us to provide:
- ♦ Bursaries and subsidies to ensure the widest possible access to events
- ♦ High quality training and formation for young people, youth leaders and catechists
- ♦ Extra improvements to the grounds and facilities at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

www.bcys.net/donate

Please Note – Mass Times

Please be aware that some Mass Times MAY change in 2020. Please be mindful of this when requesting a special Mass time going forward.

Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and the donation (normally £5.00) to the Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2020.

Christine and Ian Restall and family wish Fr. Leslie and all our friends and parishioners a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas wish Fr. Leslie and all the St. Joseph parishioners a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year.

The Peachey family (Julia, Phil, Johnnie and Lola) wish Fr. Leslie and the whole St. Joseph parish a very special Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.

Jan Jarvis wishes all parishioners at St. Joseph's a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Catherine, David, William, James, and Verity would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a very happy and Holy Christmas.

Sharon, John, Flory & Tilly Ruffles would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the Parishioners, friends and their families at St. Josephs, a very Happy & Holy Christmas along with Good Luck and Good Health for 2020.

The Jackson Family wish Fr. Leslie, friends and all parishioners a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas, and every blessing for 2020.

Jean Dunne wishes Father Leslie, and all friends and parishioners at St Josephs, a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

COME ON GUYS! CAN WE FILL THE BACK PAGE?



Advent And Christmas Season

Please pray for and support your priest during the very busy Advent and Christmas season. It is this particular time of year which becomes very busy for our priests. We help with confessions and Masses in our parishes and schools around the deanery. Visiting the sick at home and in care homes, during the week and also weekends, means your priests are very busy, especially when you add in the Masses and Baptisms, which of course are the life and heartbeat of our parishes.

Can you help? It would be good if you could accept responsibility to support and encourage our young people to come to Mass and remain involved in the community. We need to have ways to understand young people and what they are looking for in church. It would be a great help if you could look out for new parishioners and make them welcome. Also, by helping elderly and disabled people get to Mass would be a good initiative. Every two weeks on a Friday we have a Friendship Club – maybe you could tell people about it, and offer to help to bring people to it and take them home

afterwards?

Sacramental follow-up? Baptism – sending parents a card on the anniversary of baptisms. Funerals – those attending are often moved by being in church. Is there some way we can keep them involved with us?

We need catechists, musicians, singers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, church cleaners etc. etc. The outside of the church and the church hall doesn't look after itself – we need help! We also need youth leaders.

There are many other ways we can help including updating our parish census forms. All of this can only be done if we pray at home and visit our churches, attending the Sunday Mass and weekday Mass when we can. Helping afterwards with teas and refreshments and encouraging parishioners to spend time with one another would also be very beneficial. I am sure there are many other ways to build our church community and these are just a few immediate thoughts. I would be pleased to hear from