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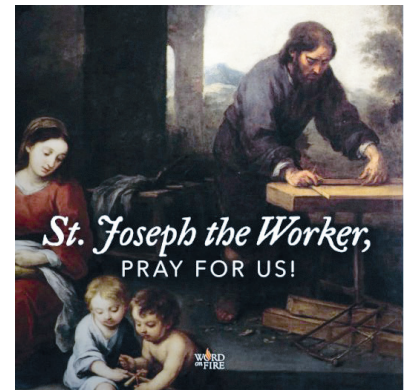
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Mission Statement

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 19 September 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

What were the disciples arguing about? Given that a good number of them were fishermen, were they comparing sizes of nets, boats or their biggest ever catch? Was Matthew boasting about the cash he had made during his time as a chief tax collector? Or was the row about physical prowess, stamina, or endurance (they were all men after all!)? Or was it about more personal matters, and to do with family wealth, their children, their wives?

Because we will never know, it is impossible to speculate (although good fun and an interesting exercise). There can be little doubt, however, that the detail of the row would have been at a very low level and clearly cast them all in very poor light indeed. In a way, though, such incidents point to the utter reliability and authenticity of the Scriptures, because if the gospel writers were simply writing propaganda (as they can sometimes be accused of), they would have sought to gloss over or cover up this kind of embarrassing weakness and failure. Instead, their insecurity and self-doubt are on show for all the world to see for all time.

If you want to be great, Jesus tells them and us, become the least, the servant of all; better still, take on the disposition and attitude of a child (children and women were virtually non-citizens in these ancient cultures). This teaching is staggering - so refreshing, so radical, so alternative, so counter-nature, let alone counter-cultural. There is true freedom in humility, but it is always grounded in a true knowledge of God and self. We grow in humility to the degree that we grow in our knowledge of God's greatness and our smallness. 'God is great', is the prayer of the humble.

True humility has nothing to do with self-loathing or self-disgust or a negative self-image, but rather the opposite. In the light of today's Gospel, we can understand humility as a kind of spiritual science, to be studied, reflected on, and then applied in our daily lives.

'The science of humility rests upon the knowledge of God and of oneself' (Bishop William Ullathorne)

The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, known as Circles.

Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise. You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931



200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary's Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.



MISSIO

The Autumn 2021 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the porch. Please also help yourselves to prayer cards. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. For more information or to make a donation, please visit the website missio.org.uk

Thank you for your support. Clare Barton.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 15, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Mass Attendance

Saturday 11 September:	39
Sunday 12 September:	80

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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

- Saturday 18 6.00 p.m. Mass
Fred Greenfield R.I.P.
Joan Greenfield
- Sunday 19 10.30 a.m. Mass
Monday 20 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
- Tuesday 21 **No 9.00 a.m. Mass**
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Wednesday 22 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
- Thursday 23 Church open all day for
Private Prayer from 09.00 a.m.
- Friday 24 9.30 a.m. Mass (This week
only at 9.30 a.m. School Mass)
Church open all day for
Private Prayer after
morning Mass
- Saturday 25 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
from 10.00 a.m - 10.30 a.m

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 18 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of the Parish
- Sunday 19 10.30 a.m.
Ammanuel Rassam R.I.P

* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 4/5 September.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: William Drake, Leonard Hagerty, Myra O'Regan, Richard Postot, Silva Wade, Liane Wilson, and Watravad Madejezyk

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Gahagan (1947), and Fr. John Ryan (1970)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic - May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk for details.

Finance

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Hello and welcome to our Sunday celebration to all our parishioners and visitors.

It was so good to see more of our parishioners returning to church. However there are more, especially the first communion parents, we would love to see. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that "If we can see Jesus under the form of the bread, we can also see him in the mutilated bodies of the poor. We need the poor to see him".

The Eucharist opens our hearts to God and unlocks our hearts to all those whom Jesus calls 'the least of my brothers and sisters: the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and prisoner, the sick and those who have nothing. Holy Communion also provides us with the foretaste of the glory that awaits us. It is spiritual food during our earthly lives, nourishing our souls and preparing them for eternity.

Now that we are learning to live with COVID, I am sure we all firstly give thanks to God but importantly we remember with heartfelt love and compassion those who are grieving for the loss of a loved one. Let us never forget them as we go about our lives and how much we depend on God's love and mercy. We are all in the palm of his hand and a heart-beat from eternity.

Saint Francis of Assisi constantly looked at the Cross. There we see just how much God loves us that He died and rose again for each one of us. A few days back, on 14 September, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the cross. It seeks to remind us that we have to remain loyal to Jesus and to follow him no matter what lies ahead. We must look straightforward; to focus ourself towards Jesus never turning to other distractions, knowing that he will lead us to eternal glory.

On Sunday 12 September we welcomed to our parish Fr. Joseph who was recently ordained in the Dominican religious order. It was such a wonderful occasion for our parish. Fr. Joseph was a former altar server in our parish, and he told me the seeds of his vocation were sown and nurtured at St. Joseph. Thank you Fr. Joseph for coming back to preside at our Sunday Mass and on behalf of all present thank you for your individual blessing. My thanks also to those who provided refreshments after Mass. It was wonderful that we were able to do this again for the first time since the pandemic. I hope we can do this again soon, maybe just once a month at first.

May God our loving Father bless and protect our families.

Fr. Leslie

First Communion Parents and Children

Our Catechists Justine Morris and Sharon Ruffles have had the opportunity to meet with Fr. Leslie and have put together the dates for First Communion programme.

We would like to invite First Communion Parents to attend a meeting on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Where possible, Parents should attend without their children. If only 1 parent can attend, in order to cover childcare, that is absolutely fine.

This will be an opportunity for Fr. Leslie and the Catechists to outline the format of this year's programme, provide you with relevant dates and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you on 15 September and to helping you begin your journey in the preparation of your child towards the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Supporting Children's emotional health and well being

As we begin the huge task of dealing with the after-effects of the pandemic on the mental health and well being of children and young people in our diocese, our message to families is simple "We are here for you if and for as long as you need us." If you are a young person in need of help or know someone who would benefit from our specialist professional support, please contact BCCS.

Visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk

Contact us: headoffice@bccs.org

Childcare, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 9EH

Please see poster in the notice board outside the church

Damian Dillon, Community Engagement Officer,
ddillion@bccs.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fr. Martin Boland on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination on 14 September. Mass at 7.30 p.m. followed by refreshments at the Cathedral. Ad Multos Annos!

Rosary Whirlwind - British Isles

On Saturday October 31 - Eve of All Saints - National Rosary relay from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Diocese are invited to take an hour. The designated hour for our diocese is from 11.00 a.m., we are invited to pray the rosary sometime between 11.00 and 12 noon. Contact for our diocese is Fr. Mark Swires at Brightlingsea.

Culmination of the Rosary mission - Sunday 1 November - Feast of All Saints - Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will lead a thanksgiving rosary at 8.00 p.m. from St. Mirin's Cathedral Paisley. Participants are invited to join with him that evening from their homes.

Candlelight Fund

This is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory now and in the future will be combined to make a life changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest communities.

It can be a private act of remembrance - donating to mark special moments like your loved one's birthday or you can invite others to join in too. Leaflets will be available in the narthex Family Fast Day this year will be 4 October.

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Food Hub



This takes place at St. Georges Church in Ongar every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. The Food Hub is also available at St. Peters in Hutton.

CAFOD

To all our parishioners.

Let me begin by saying thank you. Thank you for everything you've done this year to reach out with love and compassion. Now, as always, you are at the heart of our work – your gifts, your efforts, your prayer and your campaigning help our local experts keep doing what they do best – responding to the needs of our sisters and brothers we may never meet, but with whom we share the same earth.

That help has never been needed more. Around the world, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed and deepened long-existing injustice and inequality. This comes when the people and communities we work with are already facing unprecedented hardship because of the impacts of the climate crisis. Harvests are failing. Cities are flooding. Entire communities are finding it harder to survive in the place they call home. But we should never lose hope. The first Christian communities understood this. They lived in difficult times. But they formed one heart and one soul, and they shared their resources in common, bearing witness to Christ's abundant grace in them. And in response to today's unprecedented challenges we can do the same.

Thank you so much again for your support. To ensure that everyone can flourish, we need to stop the climate crisis and restore our common home – together.

Stella Maris

Thank you very much for your parish's kind support of the work of Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) through our Sea Sunday 2021 appeal. The generosity shown by your parishioners means that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support that they so vitally need.

After a very chaotic and difficult 2020, this year perhaps everyone can hope for better things. Your parish are making a difference when seafarers and fishers need you most. With your parish's financial and prayer support, our chaplains and volunteers will provide spiritual and practical support to seafarers and fishers.

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help you to reflect on the scriptures each day. They are an important part of our prayer and our spiritual lives.

Youth Gather

23 October at Walsingham house. There will be an input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbra. This is for Year 9 and above.

Journey Home

Journey of faith for Adults. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic or would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so please contact Gaye O'Regan – 07817 515 207. If anyone would like to help Gaye, please contact her, this is a wonderful opportunity for other people to speak about why they are Catholic and help other people who wish to be on this wonderful journey.

Please remember to look at the new Threshold of Hope website at www.thresholdofhope.co.uk All of us now have the opportunity to reflect honestly on the practise of our faith and to mask the decision to make the journey home.

Christmas Gifts (already!)



If anyone needs anything from the Repository for Christmas presents or any gifts generally, please contact Mandy.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

The Permanent Diaconate: A ministry of service

A study day for those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Brentwood and the future of this ministry in a changing church will be held at St. John Payne Catholic Church, 21 Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 2QD on Saturday 18 September 2021 from 10.00 to 14.30 (Mass at 12 noon). Please bring a packed lunch: tea & coffee will be provided.

Lunchtime Concerts

On Wednesday 22 September at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. we are thrilled to invite you to a Lunchtime Recital given by young Soprano Madeline Robinson who this year won the prestigious Essex Young Musician of the year 2021 Contest. Madeline will be accompanied on the piano by Rachel Plucknett. More details including programme for the recital to follow, but for now please make a note in your diaries.

VACANCY:

For many years Eddie O'Donoghue has been keeping our financial records, budgeting and doing the parish returns at the end of the financial year. He is shortly moving away from our parish. I wish him well with heartfelt thanks for helping me with this work on your behalf.

I am now looking now looking for a replacement to take this ministry on as soon as possible on a voluntary basis. It can be done at your home and takes a little time but is not too onerous. Our parish administrator will support you with receipts, bank statements etc., everything you will need. You will also be a member of our finance committee which meets four times a year. **Please help if you can as this is an important ministry.**



Pope on Twitter

We have severely harmed the Earth, our common home. Yet we have reasons for hope. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now

I gave thanks to God for having allowed me to accomplish this #ApostolicJourney. I am grateful to all who, in different ways, have cooperated, above all by their prayers. I carry you in my heart.

Contemplating the Sorrowful Mother, may we open ourselves to a faith that becomes compassion, a faith that identifies with those in need. A faith that imitates God's style, quietly relieving the suffering of our world and watering the soil of history with salvation.

#OurLadyOfSorrows, at the foot the cross, did not run away from her grief. She remains with tears on her face, but with the faith of one who knows that in her Son, God transforms suffering and triumphs over death. #ApostolicJourney

Finance News

For the week ending 12 September you gave £131.00 of which £16.00 was through Gift Aid.

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.*

Making Your Donation By Standing Order:

If you can, please support our parish of St. Joseph the Worker by giving by standing order and, if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, 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.

Light
Laughter

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name!

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