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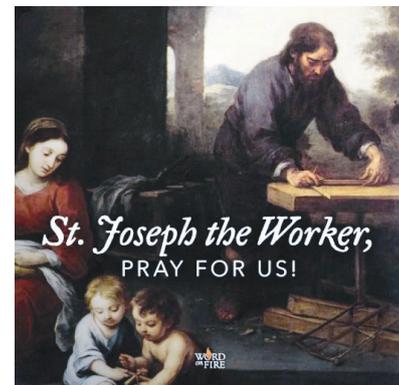
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Mission Statement

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 29 May 2022



“Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.”.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Unity, rather like charity, begins at home. Jesus’ prayer for unity is often identified with Christian unity. However, there can’t be any peace, reconciliation or unity without this grace first being present in our own lives.

Jesus’ prayer for unity has a sense of urgency and foreboding about it, as if there was a tendency more towards faction and division than unity and peace. St. Augustine said, ‘There was never a race more built for disunity than the human race: never a race built for unity than the human race.’

We have a propensity for both unity and disunity, which can be seen in our own lives, families and parishes. Faction and division are easy, yet peace and unity are challenging and hard-won.

Jesus’ prayer is a signpost for peace, showing us how we can obtain the treasure of unity among us. He points us towards his relationship with the Father: within the Holy and Blessed Trinity there exists perfect unity, and through baptism we’re immersed into the very life of the Trinity. Our partaking in this divine life of the Trinity can seem a million miles from the day-to-day run-ins, personality clashes and power plays we all endure and impose on others, but considering the unity of the Trinity is the key that opens up the door to peace and unity among us.

Peace and unity isn’t just an absence of war; it’s knowing a peace and unity in our hearts that transcends our limited understanding, which can be won through carving out time to pray and enter into the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Peace and unity aren’t human works, they are divine and we play our part by asking God to pour out his peace into our hearts so that where there is rancour and malice we can bring peace and reconciliation. In prayer we come to know the persons of the Trinity; we receive the Father’s wisdom, the Son’s peace and the light of the Holy Spirit to be instruments of peace and ambassadors of unity, in our own hearts, families and parishes.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace and unity; where there’s hatred let me put love; where there’s suspicion and enmity let me bring reconciliation.

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Upcoming Masses**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY****MAY**

- Saturday 28 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
- Sunday 29 10.30 a.m.
Fr. Bengt-oue Jakobsson
CHS RIP
Jackson Family
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Dedication of Our
Cathedral Church*
- Tuesday 31 9.00 a.m.
John Castle RIP
*Brenda Castle
St Justin*
- Wednesday 1 7.30 p.m.
(Please note the time)
- Thursday 2 9.00 a.m.
St Charles Lwanga Companions
- Friday 3 9.00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR C**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

- Saturday 4 6.00 p.m.
Brenda Conville RIP
O Conville
- Sunday 5 10.30 a.m.
*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
on the celebration of her
Platinum Jubilee*
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: 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 (See last Sundays insert of 15th May).

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

- 28 May 6.00 p.m.
S Walker
C Turnbull
- 29 May 10.30 a.m.
W Jackson
P Sam

Readers For This Week's Masses

- 28 May 6.00 p.m.
M Anderson
- 29 May 10.30 a.m.
R Mulvey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

- 4 June 6.00 p.m.
M Anderson
I Restall
- 5 June 10.30 a.m.
L. Birnie
M. Allum

Readers For Next Week's Masses

- 4 June 6.00 p.m.
M Brennan
- 5 June 10.30 a.m.
W. Jackson

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Welcome to all our parish family and visitors to our Sunday Mass.

The Mass is the centre and heart of our faith and should be a priority in our lives. On Sunday afternoon from 4.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m. we have Eucharistic Adoration. This is a time spent in the presence of Jesus. We believe that the Eucharist, the communion bread and wine, through the power of the Holy Mass, becomes Jesus Christ, truly present in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. In the Eucharist, we can pray before Jesus, truly present before us. Eucharistic Adoration is how we grow in love by being in the presence of God, who is love. Through

this, we receive God's grace and healing and can speak to Him in the quiet of our hearts. It is by this we are renewed and strengthened for our Christian journey. It is a time of silence, waiting and emptying ourselves in freedom so He may free and fill us. Jesus invites you and your children to spend this precious time with Him.

Our church is open all day for us to come and pray. Let us resolve to give some time to experience the peace and tranquillity of the moment so that we become refreshed in body and soul.

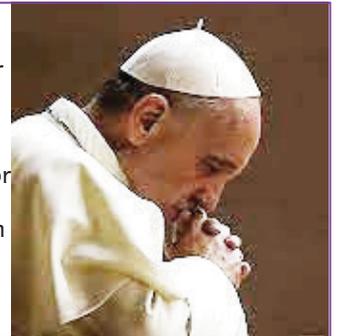
This Sunday which hangs between Ascension Thursday (26 May) and Pentecost Sunday forces us to focus on heaven as we look towards God who judges with justice. The gospel presents Jesus' last speech in the upper room as he makes his prayer to the Father. This is known as the priestly prayer of Jesus. He offers prayer for others. His main prayer is that we may all be one. Perhaps we can during the week read and reflect on this prayer of Jesus to His Father. (John 17: 1-11).

I wish God's blessing on you and your families.

Fr. Leslie

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.*

**The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child**

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline - a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Registration for First Holy Communion CHILDREN WHO ARE AT PRESENT IN YEAR 3 AND ABOVE.

Registration for children who are currently in Year 3 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2023) will begin from this weekend 21/22 May for the next four weekends until 11/12 June.

In order to register, please pick up a form from Fr. Leslie after one of the weekend parish masses. Please return this form to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible after. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Leslie after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Priority for places will go to practising Catholic children. If you do not come to Mass regularly then it might be better to defer your child's application until you are ready to make this commitment.

Tea after 6.00 p.m. Mass – 4 June – that's next Saturday!

All are welcome, and we will have a Jubilee theme for this one! Should be fun so do please come along for a chat. No you don't have to wear purple but you can if you want to!

Ted Griffiths RIP

Ted's funeral will be on Tuesday 28 June at 10.30 a.m. at St Joseph's, Hutton. Our prayerful sympathy to the family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

BCYS Youth Gather

22-23 October: Mersea Island, Colchester.

Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you a fresh insight into yourself and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in year 9 and above. Book now at www.bcys.net/events

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.

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Bible Alive

Daily Reflections on the scriptures for each day of the week – This little book (£3.00) is a great way to reflect on the daily readings with yourself and your families. Please set aside some time each day to reflect on the word of God and how we can come close to Jesus and live our Catholic lives through his word.

Also you will find – How to order – Thank you cards, Kids Birthday Cards – Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament etc.

During the month of May – pray the rosary “the Family that prays together, stays together (Fr. Peyton).

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. –

Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. –

Matthew 22:34-39



Stewards

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry. The list is on the table at the back of the church.

Thank you for your help.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am.

Application Forms available for our Parish

Administrator

(hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

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? A New group has started and will meet regularly in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



Mass Of Thanksgiving For Marriage And Family Life

In terms of diocesan events to mark the end of the Year of the Family, our focus is on relaunching the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life after a Covid enforced hiatus. In addition to the prayer cards, Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 16 July. Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. As part of the Year of the Family we will be inviting people to send in their own prayer requests via our website, and these will be placed before the altar at this Mass and included in the intentions for the Mass.

If any families would like to attend, please see Father Leslie who will give you an invitation card.

For those attending there are no special car parking arrangements, therefore they should come early and be prepared to use one of the public car parks in Brentwood or travel via public transport as the cathedral car park will fill up very quickly.

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.

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:

4 June • 2 July • 6 August •

3 September • 1 October •

5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



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.

Eucharistic 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.

Music in the Church

Beginning with evening prayers at 6.30 p.m., we will be having a meeting this month for anyone from age 11 and over who can play any musical instrument to come to the gathering, the date is yet to be arranged.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we need to form a small choir and a leader in the aftermath of the pandemic. I have been arranging, as you are aware, a couple of people from the music school in our cathedral thanks to Andrew Wright. Our school has a choir, if they could come at least once a term it would be great for them and their parents.

Again, as mentioned in the newsletter over a number of weeks – the need for Eucharist ministers (they will be trained), to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound as well as minister at Mass. Also readers and altar server. Please do come forward and offer your talents for the good of our parish.

We feel the pain of those who have not yet returned to Mass since the pandemic.

Christ desires to make his home within us. In turn we open our hearts to him in order that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ. As individuals and as a community we make an offering of ourselves to God. Holy Communion also provides us with a present of the glory that awaits us. It is spiritual food during our earthly lives, nourishing our souls and preparing them for eternity. We look forward to welcoming you back among us.

Repository – help needed

The Repository is opened up before and after Saturday Mass by Mandy but we urgently need someone to do the same at the 10.30 Mass. Please! Full training given. It really is very simple and will help our parish community immensely.

Thanks in advance. Just let Fr. Leslie know if you can spend a little time to help or email Mary direct from our website.



Pope on Twitter



We must regenerate the economy, so it may be more just, sustainable, solidale, and respectful of the Earth, our common home. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can journey together towards a better future

Whoever welcomes a person in need performs not only an act of #charity, but also of #faith, because he or she recognizes Jesus in the brother or sister.

“My peace I give you” (Jn 14:27). Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, a gift, the Holy Spirit. It is He who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity.

Mary, Help of Christians, we entrust the journey of the faithful in #China to you. We ask you to present to the Lord of history the trials and tribulations, the petitions and the hopes of all those who pray to you, O Queen of Heaven!

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 22 May you gave £190.00 with £44.00 through Gift Aid. Hall income: £132.00

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.

Mass attendance

Saturday 21 May: 50

Sunday 22 May: 52

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Jesse Margaret Kilarney, Doris Mohabier, Jack O'Regan, Gerald Worster, Margaret Green, John Looney, Bernadette Morris, Lilian Gilchrist, Alfred Duffett, John Gordon, Aubrey Texeira, Annette Drape.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Timmins (2014), Bishop John Petit (1973) (One time Priest of our Diocese), Canon Eric Goldingay (1978), Fr Donal Clover (1995), Canon Jerome Deady (1937).

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.

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.

Thought for the Day

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

St. Thomas Aquinas

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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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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