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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.

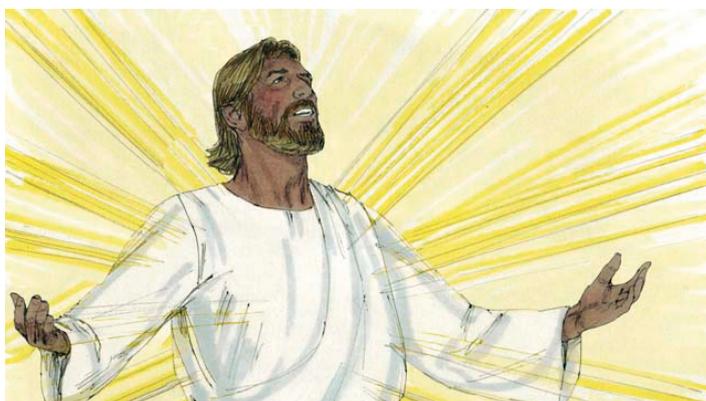


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 13 March 2022



Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

On Mount Tabor Saints Peter, Andrew and James witnessed the transfigured Lord with their own eyes. For a brief moment, they touched the beauty and light of heaven and knew something of the joy of paradise. We too can have a similar life-changing experience of God. But no one lives ‘on Tabor’ for long.

Human existence is a journey of faith and is lived more in darkness than in the fullness of light. Some experience moments of obscurity, whereas others experience profound darkness, such as Mother Teresa. While we’re on earth our relationship with God develops more with listening than with seeing, and contemplation even takes place, thanks to the interior inner light within which God’s Word illuminates.

Although she was the human creature closest to God, the Virgin Mary herself walked day after day as though she was on a pilgrimage of faith, keeping God’s Word in her heart, whether through Scripture or through the recognized and accepted God’s mysterious voice.

This is, therefore, the gift and commitment for us all during Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary, for she learnt to contemplate and treasure the events of Jesus’ life, even though grief and tribulation would pierce her soul.

On this topic, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI declared, ‘To listen to him in the word, preserved in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the very events of our lives, trying to read in them the messages of providence. To listen to him...in our brothers, especially in the little ones and the poor, for whom Jesus himself asked our concrete love. To listen to Christ and to obey his voice. This is the only way that leads to joy and love.’

To be a disciple is to be transformed, transfigured even, by the light of God’s wisdom which we touch when we pray, read the sacred Scriptures, receive the gift of the Eucharist and serve our neighbour, especially the poor and marginalized.

Lord, grant me the gift to say, ‘Great is the mystery of God’.

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Upcoming Masses

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

MARCH

Saturday 12 6.00 p.m. Mass
People of the Parish

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m. Mass
Michael Ellis RIP
Jean Dunne
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 15 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 16 7.30 p.m. Mass
Feast of St Patrick

Thursday 17 9.00 a.m. Mass
Friday 18 9.00 a.m. Mass
7.00 p.m. Stations of
the Cross

Saturday 19 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament
of Reconciliation

Church Open all week for Private prayer
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 6.00 p.m. Mass
Vince Ma RIP
IGC Restall

Sunday 20 10.30 a.m. Mass
People of the Parish
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of 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: Stations of the cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent. As the church is open all day, you will be able to pray the stations of the cross Privately on any day. Books on sale in the Narthex, Money in the red box.

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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.

Eucharist 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.

Tea and Coffee after 10.30 a.m. Mass - We are resuming tea and coffee after the 10.30 a.m. Mass from Sunday 13 February, but need more helpers to be able to make this a weekly occurrence. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church for dates you could help or email Willa: willa.jackson789@btinternet.com Full instructions will be given.

Second Collection

Today, for CAFOD

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk for details.



Welcome to our parish family and also to our visitors.

We are now in this important season of Lent. In last Sunday's gospel, we heard how Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted three times by the devil. Each time Jesus rebuked the devil. In the third temptation Jesus replied to the devil saying 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone'. How do we resist the devil in our temptations?

In today's gospel we hear how Jesus took Peter, James and John to experience the happiness of being with Jesus in his glory as God. We all want to find happiness. That is why we want

to go to heaven. Heaven is a state of being – being with God, being with Jesus. How awesome is that to look forward to after death? Jesus gave the Apostles the grace to strengthen them for the forthcoming scandal of the Cross by giving them a glimpse of the glorious resurrection.

Every time we come to Mass, let us imagine ourselves like the apostles going up the mountain with Jesus. The Mass is always an experience of being with Jesus, being with God. Traditionally, the Mass is rightly referred to as 'heaven on earth'. God wants to reveal Himself in the ordinary ways and things that are familiar to us. He speaks to us and makes Himself present through the priest, the ministers, and the entire worshipping community - all ordinary men and women. In Holy Communion, we receive His Body and Blood in the form of simple bread and wine. As the servant Elisha said 'we do not see God's presence because our eyes need to be opened'.

So we pray, Lord open our eyes that we may see. St Paul tells us 'that we walk by faith, not by sight'. It is the eyes of faith that need to be opened so that we can discover God's hidden presence in the simple and ordinary things around us.

During the season of Lent, Jesus invites us to go up the mountain with Him. That is being with Jesus in prayer. It is prayer that strengthens our faith, and opens our eyes to see God and have a glimpse of heaven. God is with us now and always.

How do we resist the devil in our temptations? How do we experience Jesus in the Mass?

Every blessing on your families.



CAFOD WALK AGAINST HUNGER

A group of intrepid parishioners walked to Shenfield and back in the rain and raised £150 for the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger Campaign. Further donations can be made via Just Giving to St. Joseph the Worker, Hutton CAFOD Walk Against Hunger. Thank you to all our walkers!

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.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

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During Lent

We asked you to walk 3 kms to 5 kms for all who are Hungry, for CAFOD. There are 200 million children whose lives are at risk from property and malnutrition. Please give your donation to Willa Jackson.

Also every **Sunday** during Lent we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 4.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Come and relax in the presence of Jesus with your children and young people for as long as you wish.

Also on **Fridays** we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 p.m. There are Stations of the Cross booklets on sale at the back of the church should you wish to say them at home.

Also Confessions on **Saturdays** between 10.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., or by request before Mass.

May this season of Lent be for all of us a time of conversion and renewal, as we prepare for the Holy Week services from 10 - 17 April. Encourage one another as a family to make this a Holy Lent, as we encounter the Crucified and Risen Lord.

Standing Orders

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Without your support our finances would be in a really bad place. There are many people who have not returned to Mass and we hope they will soon be back among us. If you would like to set up a standing order, you can find the forms on our website www.stjosephshutton.org This form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish.

First Holy Communion

For those children who are currently in school Year 3, we will be beginning a new First Holy Communion course in the autumn, and we will be announcing more information about this shortly. Please note that the course in the autumn will only be for children who will be in school Year 4 or above from September 2022. If your child will be entering school Year 3 in September, they will have to wait until they have entered school Year 4 in September 2023 before being able to join the First Holy Communion programme.

Walsingham House

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/2023 - If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young catholic community. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. More information Contact Joseph Beathe 01277 373959 or josephbeathe@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MISSIO

The Spring 2022 edition of 'Mission Today' is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch. There is also a leaflet with information about the life and legacy of Pauline Jaricot, who will be beatified this year 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (now Missio). Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

If you do not have a Missio Red Box and would like one, please speak to me. Alternatively, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website: www.missio.org.uk

There will be a second collection to support the work of Missio towards the end of Lent.

Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton.*

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 11 March 2022

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March 2022 and is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 11 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help those affected by extreme hunger and malnutrition? Through CAFOD's global church network, which is one of the largest aid networks in the world, your support can reach some of the world's poorest people. Please give what you can in this weekend's second collection or by visiting the CAFOD website: www.cafod.org.uk/lent Thank you for your support.

Reader Training

Training for new Readers and refresher training for existing readers will take place on Saturday 19 March 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the church. Please email Willa Jackson - willajackson789@btinternet.com for more details and to confirm attendance.

During Lent

We shall have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. An opportunity to come to meet Jesus in Quiet adoration of blessed sacrament.

Situation in Ukraine

We ask you all to pray for the gift of peace in Ukraine today, so that those responsible may be filled with, and radiate, a peace that is 'contagious' and that the crisis will be overcome exclusively through dialogue.

Friends of the Holy Land

We ask for your help in the Holy Land in prayer and action. Could a group of people meet regularly in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters? Father bless our Brothers and Sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in their homes, in that land and in their hearts. Give to pilgrims a new vision of your kingdom, fill them with compassion and love. We make this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ. Amen.

We know of the financial challenge of many people and of the church. Can we get together especially in the summer months to organise a fund-raising event, more details on 01926 512580 or email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, household parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

Thank you for the three people that have volunteered so far. We will be in touch shortly.

Coffee after 10.30 mass

There is a list at the back of the church for volunteers to host a coffee morning after mass.



Pope on Twitter



Along with the collaborators of the Roman Curia, the Spiritual Exercises will begin. We keep all the needs of the Church and the human family in our prayer. And you too, please, pray for us.

I would also like to thank the journalists who put their lives at risk to provide information. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for this service that allows us to be close to the tragedy of that population and enables us to assess the cruelty of a war

No compromises with evil! We must not fall into that slumber of the conscience that makes us say: "But after all, it's not serious, everyone does it"! Let us look at Jesus, who does not make agreements with evil. He opposes the devil with the **#WordOfGod** and **overcomes temptation.**

Prayer, charity and fasting are not medicines meant only for ourselves but for everyone: they can change history, because they are the principal ways for God to intervene in our lives and in the world. They are weapons of the spirit.

Finance News

For the week ending 6 March 2022 you gave £xx.00 of which £xx.00 was 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: Audrey Daly, Edward Madigan, Mary Smith, Kathleen Carley, Daniel Haeaphy, Jean Fordham, and Irene Murphy.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. William Luby (1993), Canon Martin Horkan (1980), and Fr. Donal Donegan (1988).

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.

Light
Laughter

A ham sandwich walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, "Sorry, we don't serve food in here!"

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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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QR Codes

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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