

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

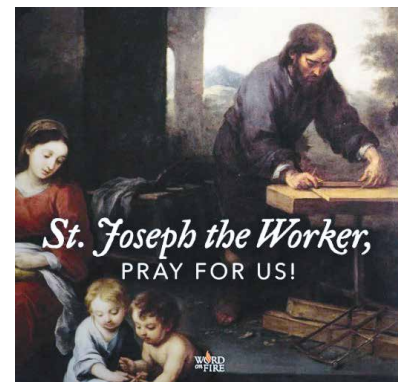
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## Mission Statement

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.



## 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 23 October 2022**



**“I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

‘The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds’: the truth of these words from today’s reading in Ecclesiasticus (v.17) is illustrated by Jesus’ hard-hitting parable in the Gospel. The tax collector’s outward actions are worth noting. He stands at a distance, reflecting his sense of shame. Ironically his physical distance creates a spiritual proximity to God. Also, he beats his breast, which, in a commentary on Luke’s Gospel, St. Theophilus interpreted as him ‘... striking it as it were because of the evil thoughts, and moreover rousing it as if asleep.’ Furthermore, the tax collector’s prayer is short, direct and full of sorrow. This is a model of prayer for us. First, it calls to mind the words of our Lord when he says, ‘... when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words’ (Matt. 6:7 NIV). Second, we see how the tax collector’s humility stemming from his genuine contrition leads to him becoming closer to God. St Anthony the Great teaches Christ’s followers to ‘... dispose your heart towards humility.. .For God and His angels and saints turn away from the proud in heart.. .hearts that are humble and contrite the Lord will not despise.’

Contrition of heart comes above all in an honest confession of our sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to unburden our hearts, like the tax collector. Scripture says that, ‘If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness’ (1 John 1:9). There’s a sense in which confessing our sins takes courage, but there are also amazing graces and gifts bestowed on those who do confess. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, ‘Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible’ (para. 1455).

*‘Be then, O Heart of goodness, my justification before God the Father, and turn away from me the strokes of his righteous anger. O Heart of love, I put all my confidence in you.’ (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)*

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**Upcoming Masses**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**THE WORD OF GOD  
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER**

- Saturday 22 6.00 p.m.  
Alan Turvey RIP  
A&P Ayer
- Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.  
Romano & Mrs. Rosalina Fernandes RIP  
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

- Tuesday 25 11.30 a.m.  
Funeral Mass for Kevin Rogers RIP
- Wednesday 26 7.30 p.m.  
Jan, Ken, Mark Kotulski RIP
- Thursday 27 9.00 a.m.  
Frances Tolladay Int
- Friday 28 9.00 a.m.  
Parishioners
- Saturday 29 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.  
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

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

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

- Saturday 29 6.00 p.m.  
Mary Dillane RIP
- Anniversary Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.  
Parishioners  
4.00 p.m. – 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.

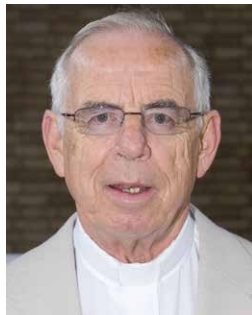
\* Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.

\* 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.



Welcome to our Parish families, visitors and all who are new to our parish family. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate are newly confirmed young people, our catechists and Andrew Wright and the choristers from our Cathedral who produced lovely music at our Confirmation Mass last week. We thank Bishop Alan for presiding and confirming our young people and for visiting our parish and school. Thank you also to our altar servers who by their ministry heightened our Sacred Liturgy. Thank you also to their parents and to all our parish who were present. It was

a very special evening for our parish.

Today Jesus wants to teach us about prayer. The reading from Sirach is very clear that God listens to everyone, rich and poor alike. The real challenge is to be among the lowly. The only important reality in life is to relate to God, to continue to speak to him day and night. It is not easy to live a Christian life today. But we need to put Jesus at the centre of our day and to fulfil his commandments to love God and our neighbour. We come to church to express our belief. Let us today pray that God will strengthen our faith and trust that God will show us His way in our daily lives.

Keep faithful to Mary and pray the rosary each day.  
May God bless you all.

**Confirmation Mass**



The Bishop visited us on Wednesday 11 October, visiting the school and the parish. In the evening he presided over the Conformation Mass that we held for our younger parishioners. It was a beautiful Mass, with music provided by Andrew Wright and some members of the Cathedral choir, and it was great to see the church almost full. Thank you. Refreshments were also available in the hall after Mass and it was good to see the Bishop chatting to young and old alike. A number of photographs were taken by Arthur Edwards and these can be found on the back page.

**Harvest Foodbank Collection**

We will be holding a parish collection for Hutton Community Foodbank on the weekend of 29/30 October. The food hub would welcome donations of any tinned items such as spaghetti, meat, potatoes, fish and vegetables, as well as breakfast cereals, longlife milk, and non-food items such as toilet rolls, nappies and toiletries. Donations should be bought to Mass and placed in the marked boxes in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**November Dead Envelopes**

During the month of November, it is customary for you to pray for members of your family. For this purpose, envelopes are in the Narthex. Put the names of those you wish Mass to be offered together with a donation. Thank you. They will be placed on the altar during Mass.

**Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)**

Because Abraham believed in God and walked in his presence and in covenant with him, the patriarch is ready to welcome a mysterious Guest into his tent. Abraham's remarkable hospitality at Mamre foreshadows the annunciation of the true Son of the promise. After that, once God had confided his plan, Abraham is attuned to his Lord's compassion for men and he dares to intercede for them with bold confidence.

As a final stage in the purification of his faith, Abraham, 'who had received the promises,' is asked to sacrifice the son God had given him. Abraham's faith does not weaken ("God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering."), for he 'considered that God was able to raise men even from the dead.' And so the father of believers is conformed to the likeness of the father who will not spare his own Son but will deliver him up for us all. Prayer restores man to God's likeness and enables him to share in the power of God's love that saves the multitude.

**St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary - Admissions Policy**

The Admissions Policies, along with supporting documents for 2023/2024 and 2024/25 are available on the school website (under Key Information, Admissions). A full size map is available in the school office.

<b>Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses</b>		<b>Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses</b>	
22 October	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall Mark Brennan	29 October	6.00 p.m. Mark Brennan Stella Walker
23 October	10.30 a.m. Bill O'Regan Chris Brooks	30 October	10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson Jan Jarvis
<b>Readers For This Week's Masses</b>		<b>Readers For Next Week's Masses</b>	
22 October	6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson	29 October	6.00 p.m. Ian Restall
23 October	10.30 a.m. Sharon Ruffles	30 October	10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

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## Month of the Holy Souls

November is a month that we pray for the Holy Souls. In the Narthex there are special envelopes for you to put in the names, with a donation for those Holy Souls whom you wish Mass to be offered up for them during the month of November. They will be placed in front of the altar. 'The commendation of the faithful departed belongs to an age-old tradition of praying for the dead. It's rooted in the early church's faith in God's mercy and faith in a personal resurrection with Jesus. Who indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death they undergo purification to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (CCC 1030).'

## Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. It is a good time for us to be reminded of our call to pray the Rosary every day. This can be traced back to the customer of the Desert Fathers who prayed all 150 psalms each day. We pray 150 Hail Mary's in the Rosary. Our Lady gave the Rosary to St. Dominic in its present form in the late Middle Ages as an instrument for the conversion of those who had strayed to the errors of the Albigensian rosary. In 1917 in her apparition in Fatima, Our Lady nudged us, through the three Shepherd children, to pray the rosary every day for peace, envious of sinners, in refraction to her Immaculate Heart. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours and lead us all to Heaven.

## Church Cleaner required – please!

Just one hour on Thursday after 9.00 a.m. Mass. Many times we have asked for church cleaners. We should all have a profound love for our church, the house of God, and love to be privileged to spend a little time to keep it clean and sparkling. The Narthex – Parish room/office and the church (not forgetting cobwebs), would you like to offer one hour of your time each week to keep our church clean? Please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278. Thank you. – Please Help

## Missio Red Boxes

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly labelled with your name and address. The Autumn 2022 edition of "Mission Today" is available to collect from the table in the porch. If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Thank you for your support. *Clare Barton.*

## 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.sourceandsummit.org](http://www.sourceandsummit.org)

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).

## 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 of us 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.*



## Eucharistic Ministers

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

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound 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.

## Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

Please 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. REMAINING DATES THIS YEAR:

**5 November • 3 December**

**It will be good to see you!**

## Refreshments After 10.30 a.m. Mass and 6.00 p.m. Mass

Please sign up to organize and serve refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass. Full instructions can be given and there are always willing helpers for washing up.

In the scriptures we hear 'that we should make hospitality our special care. We are all called to serve'. Please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex. Also we ask people to come and share with other parishioners and come to know them.

We can't always be in a hurry after Mass. This event is important, just having celebrated 'The Lord's Banquet'. So come forward and sign up please and thank you in advance.

We also have refreshments after the 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month i.e. Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December. Help also needed, come on we are a family.



## Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether with the children of every continent who today are reciting the Rosary for peace in the world. Let us entrust to Our Lady's intercession the suffering people of Ukraine and other people who are suffering due to war, violence and misery

Poor people are not "outside" our communities. They are brothers and sisters whose suffering we share, in order to alleviate their difficulties and marginalization, so that their lost dignity might be restored, and to ensure their necessary social inclusion.

Almighty God abundantly blesses all those who break bread with those who are hungry

How often we send instant messages to the people we love! Let's do this with the Lord too through short prayers of aspiration so that our hearts remain connected to Him. And let's not forget to read His responses in the Gospel to receive a Word of life.

## Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 16 October you gave £210.00. with £21.00 through Gift Aid.

Second collection for Prisoners Sunday: £75.00 with £6.00 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:** Margaret Hunt, Kathleen O'Harte, Thomas Riches, David Giwn, Lilian Carias, Jan Kotulski, Henry Panting, and Winifred Liversley  
**Priests of our Diocese:** Mgr. Daniel Shanaham (1995), Fr. George Steadman (1942), Fr. Stephen Wyatt (1946), and Fr. William Loveland (1983)

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.

## Mass Attendance

Saturday 8 October	57
Sunday 9 October	103

Light

# Laughter

I went down the local supermarket. I said: 'I want to make a complaint – this vinegar's got lumps in it.' He said: 'Those are pickled onions!'

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Confirmation Mass. Photos by Arthur Edwards. *Thank You Arthur!*

