

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

23 August 2020



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Hello and welcome to everyone today.

We have every intention of having a 10.30 a.m. Mass as well as the 6.00 p.m. Mass next week, 30 August. For this to happen we need volunteers to be ushers. It is not a big task, but we have to comply with the guidelines. If you can help, please, as soon as possible, give your name and contact details to the Presbytery, or email Mary Lockwood, our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Also, should you wish to go to confession, please call the presbytery or for anything else you need. Mass intention envelopes are at back of the church.

Today's Gospel centres around Peter. Jesus called him to be the first leader of his church. Peter was not perfect but like all of us, he answered the call of Jesus to follow him. This was a journey like no others as he listened to Jesus and saw what he did but he had his doubts and failings even to the extent of denying Jesus when he was put under pressure. But after his Resurrection, he declared to Jesus that he loved him and Jesus said "Feed my Sheep". We too like Peter have answered the call of Jesus when we were baptised and confirmed. We celebrate each day that wonderful gift of The Eucharist. We encounter Jesus in this great Sacrament as we declare our love for Him "Lord I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof, but just say the word and my soul shall be healed". What a wonderful gift he left us.

We pray today for Pope Francis and for all his intentions. We too each day declare our love for Jesus and when we fail we come again and again to seek his mercy and forgiveness in the encounter with Him in the Sacrament of Confession. Our prayer should be "Lord be merciful to me a sinner". Jesus said to Peter "whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, whose sins you retain they are retained". Let us each day as we say the Rosary ask our Blessed Mother to help us always to make a good confession and to receive her Son in the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Every blessing on you all.

Fr. Leslie.

Last Week's Collection

The collection last week totalled £41.85 with £3.00 via gift aid. If you could take out a Standing Order in favour of the Church while we work our way through the present very difficult circumstances for our parish community, we would be most grateful.

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God Bless