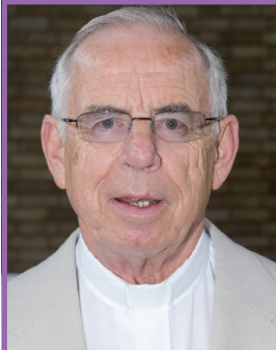


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

3 May 2020



Hello everyone. I hope you are all well, and especially a warm welcome to those who are alone and are vulnerable. I hope you are all managing. If you need help, we will point you in the right direction by contacting myself or an email to our parish administrator Mary Lockwood hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org

At present we have no idea when the church will be open. You are all in my prayers. On Friday we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. I offered Mass on that day to St.

Joseph for your intentions and especially for his protection for all those effected by this virus. I especially remembered all those who have died and gone home to our Eternal Father especially those associated and in our parish community.

I have heard from many parishioners who have found help in praying together as a family. Thank you to all who have called me to see if I was well and offered help. During this time, we ask St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother to bring us closer to know her Son Jesus especially in this month of May. Pope Francis asks us to pray the Rosary every day in this month of May. Each Sunday we have a link through WebEx to gather together to say the Rosary at 4.30 p.m. through the help of Tyrone (tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk) Do come and join us. Also you can help our parish with online payment via our parish website.

Today is called Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel speaks to us of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also a day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Pray that we may listen to the voice of the good Shepherd.

First you need to expect that God can reach you. Think of the good things that have come to you, the good things that you have experienced. Secondly prayer, which places our soul at the disposal of God. Prayer can bring us to reflect, to contemplate, to see and hear the actions of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we are reflective we gain insights - we see things and we see people as God wants us to see them. Is that not God seeing and speaking to us? God also speaks to us in the beauty and majesty of creation. Moments when we are filled with awe and wonder over nature's beauty are moments when God speaks to us. Prayer is such a special time to be in the presence of the God who loves us, the God of mercy, the God of peace and who is always with us especially at this time in our lives. He is our Good Shepherd who protects us in every situation. Our prayer should be "Jesus I trust in you. Jesus I love you. Jesus you know me by name".

I wish you all safe week and every blessing on you all especially the sick and most vulnerable among us.

Fr Leske

Virtual celebrations

Online Mass every Saturday at 6.00 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.
www.wickfordcatholic.com

St. Joseph Rosary group – say the Rosary with the St. Joseph parishioner family.
Every Sunday at 4.30 p.m. (email tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk for link)