

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.

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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 7 February 2021

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The Word of God.

Hello and welcome to all our parishioners and young people of our parish. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as our nation and world fights this pandemic. We are all suffering in many different ways, but through our faith we know that Jesus is close to us and He will lead us out. It gives us a chance to make a little time with our families to pray to Jesus and Mary. We can pray the Rosary and reflect on one of the mysteries of the life of Jesus. We can open our bibles and read short passages from one of the Gospels and ask ourselves in whatever passage you choose, - what is Jesus saying to me?

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us. If your child is going to make her/his First Holy Communion, talk to them about your faith and how wonderful it is to receive the person of Jesus sacramentally, within your body, with his presence. For us as Catholics we have the Holy Mass celebrating His passion, death and Resurrection through the priest who stands before us as "the person of Jesus". Very soon we shall begin the season of Lent culminating in Holy Week and into the Feast

of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Also in our prayers please pray for the many families who have lost a loved one through this virus and all who have died. May they Rise in Glory. There will be good days before us and better days to look forward to as we move into Spring. My dear mother used to say when difficult days came around. - "trust in God and all will be well".

Today's theme reminds us, that when we pray to God or through our patron Saint to deliver us from suffering, this is good and worthy prayer. It also keeps the Saints in our mind. They live in perpetual light. Everything in life is a preparation for everlasting life.

Finally, please keep your parish in mind as our finances have been badly hit. A big thank you to those who have sent cheques to me or taken out standing orders or paid money into our account. We do have a lot of maintenance work on hold. *Every blessing on you all and keep safe and keep the faith.*

UPCOMING MASSES

SEASON OF THE YEAR BEFORE LENT (B) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) GOD'S WORD YEAR B

February 17th Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. We are hoping to be able to reopen our church on 21 February for Sunday mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Until then our church will be open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday. If you are able, this will be an opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed sacrament and find solace and peace from all that we have and going through these past few months. In particular, we pray for many grieving families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19.

During the week Holy Mass is said privately. If you wish Mass to be offered for a loved one/intention, please put them through the presbytery letter box. On Sunday Mass is celebrated for all our parishioners living and dead.

Saturday 6 February

Sunday 7 February

For the people of our parish

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sunday 14 February

For the people of our parish

Time of Prayer from the Bishops of England and Wales

In these difficult moments, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer. As a family, try, as suggested by the Cardinal, to pray each day for an end to this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

Parish Register

Please whether you are a parishioner of many years or new to our parish (welcome), please visit our website and fill in your name, address and contact details. Also visit our website to request Baptism and First Communion forms.

Ash Wednesday

Is 17 February, it's a day of fasting and abstinence. More details about guidelines of receiving ashes will follow when available.

Offering

Please remember your financial weekly gift to our parish, if you are not giving through standing orders.

Quotes From The Saints

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.

(St. June Francis Chantae)

It is not good to let our thoughts disturb us or worry us at all.

(St. Teresa of Avila)

If God sends you many sufferings it is a sign that he has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint.

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Streaming of Mass

If you are watching Mass streamed from a Catholic Church, please observe the following:

Do not watch it in bed eating your breakfast (unless you have to be in bed). Do not watch the mass drinking tea/coffee. The Mass is sacred and through the media this great mystery is happening in your home. We should behave as if we are in church.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Eileen Woswod, Theresa Deaks, Elizabeth Guilfoyle, David Hicks

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Alan Wilcock (1988), Ann of Pope Plus XI (1939), Fr. Donald Hills (2013), Fr. John Garrett (2020), and Fr. Charles Snell (1940)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, may they Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue, Patricia Green and Mary Alcock.

Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for them.

If there are any changes please let Fr. Leslie know.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN FUTURE THE NAMES OF ALL THE SICK WILL BE CONTAINED ON A CARD THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR AT EVERY MASS.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT DUE TO DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK NEED TO ASK FR. LESLIE FOR THEIR NAMES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers in The Parish

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to

www.thecatholicuniverse.com

or call them on **0161 820 5722** and they will arrange for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00

or

DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00

Face Masks

At the moment, face masks are required to be worn at all times in the Church.

Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

Vaccines and their roll-out in the Community

All faith communities were asked to encourage and support the roll-out of the vaccines.

There should be explicit encouragement of community members to take up the offer of vaccines whenever it is offered to an individual. Evidence across the country is showing that there is "vaccination hesitancy" amongst certain groups of people, in particular the BAME community, because of misinformation on social media. There was strong encouragement from HMG to counteract this strongly.

In our case, the fact that Pope Francis will be vaccinated next week should be stressed along with his own personal endorsement for vaccination. See <https://www.rt.com/news/512030-pope-francis-covid19-vaccine/>

There was a request for volunteer support in areas with vaccination hubs/centres and this should be done through the local health commissioning groups. There are lots of different roles that are necessary such as stewarding, as well as a request for former healthcare workers to assist in the inoculation programme.

HMG published the Vaccination roll-out plan today. It is found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf

We raised the issue of vaccination for hospital chaplains and care home chaplains, as well as clergy in general, and this will be followed up by email.

Prayer for the sick with COVID

Lord Jesus,

Healer of bodies and souls,

We intercede for those who

Are living with sickness.

You own wounds of suffering

During your Passion and your agony

In the garden bring you close to all

Those who suffer.

Be a source of comfort and hope

To all those who carry the burden

Of sickness in body and mind.

Bless all those whose vocation is to

Care, whether professionally or

through the bonds of family.

May your loving gaze bring

Wholeness to brokenness

And light out of darkness.

Amen.



Pope on Twitter



There is no time today for indifference. Either we are brothers and sisters, or everything will fall apart. Fraternity is the new frontier for humanity on which we need to build; it is the challenge of our century.

I would like to congratulate the UN Secretary General António Guterres, and Latifah Ibn Ziaten, Foundress of the Imad Association for Youth and Peace, winners of the 2021 #ZayedAward for #HumanFraternity. I thank both of you for your witness.

Tomorrow we will celebrate the first #HumanFraternityDay. Let us pray and work each and every day so that everyone might live fraternally together in our world and in peace.

The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the Liturgy. Let us ask the grace of a personal and authentic encounter with the living Christ in the liturgical celebration, so that our lives might become a spiritual sacrifice offered to God

Standing Orders

These represent the most efficient method for you to support our Parish. Please complete a Standing Order form which can be found at the back of the church, and send it to your bank. If you are a tax payer, please do think about Gift Aiding your donation, which benefits the church by an extra 25% of your giving, at no cost whatsoever to yourselves.

HSBC

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.

Account No.: 61018884

First Holy Communion Parents

Everything at present is on hold because of Covid-19. However, there are three things you can do with your children. First, please contact our website/Sacraments. Should you wish your child to make his/her first Holy Communion at some point next year, Mary Lockwood, our parish administrator, will send you a form to fill in and return to the Presbytery by 10 February 2021. Secondly, we normally ask the children and parents to erect somewhere in your home, usually their bedroom, a "holy place" consisting of, maybe a crucifix, a rosary, a bible or whatever you wish to place on it. You and your child can pray together each evening. Perhaps you could send a photograph into the school or presbytery of your "holy place". Thirdly, we welcome you and your child to attend mass each Sunday which is a very important part of your desire for your child to make his/her first Holy Communion. These are three ways you can focus the family attention on this important sacrament. I will keep you informed about the progress we are making when it is prudent to do so.

Light

Laughter

Where are average things manufactured?
The satisfactory!

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Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.