

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 17 January 2021

CHURCH CLOSURE

While some places of worship remain open, we have decided that it will be more prudent to close St. Joseph at the moment, given the very high local infection rates. This has been a difficult decision to take, but the care and well-being of our parishioners is uppermost in our minds at this very difficult time for us all. The church is sanitized each week but we feel that we cannot ask parishioners to put themselves at risk.

Please refer to the parish website or our Facebook page for up to the minute developments. All those parishioners that have registered their details on the website will also receive an email notifying any changes.

The church will not be open for public Masses. The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Where Masses have been asked to be said for the individuals' intentions, these will be said privately by Fr. Leslie.



Second Sunday in Ordinary time

A very big welcome to all our parishioners. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and I hope we will all have the vaccine soon so that we can get back to normality.

I ask you to please register your name and details on our website if you have not already done so. And to take out a standing order so that it will help us to budget. I realise everything is difficult for all of us but we are financially in the wrong place with all these restrictions that are forced upon us.

If you are at home watching the celebration of Mass please put your offertory collection through my letter box unless you are giving through standing order. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. We have a number of maintenance works to be done to preserve our parish.

I invite you to pray the Rosary for an end of this pandemic and to remember the families who have lost a loved one.

I wish to thank you for the generous Christmas offerings and the many cards.

All very much appreciated. **May the Lord bless you all**

UPCOMING MASSES

SEASON OF THE YEAR BEFORE LENT (B)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Saturday 16	6.00 p.m. Ammanuel Rassam
Sunday 17	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 18	No public service
Tuesday 19	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.
Wednesday 20	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.
Thursday 21	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.

Mass will be celebrated privately during the week.

Please put your mass intentions through the presbytery letterbox or hand in on Sundays.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

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.

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.

Finance News

Mass attendance last week was as follows:

6.00 p.m. - 36
10.30 a.m. - 24
Collection was £104.40 including £2.00 Gift Aided.

Thank you and God Bless.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 23 6.00 p.m.
Vince Ma RIP
Design Portfolio

Sunday 24 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Maura Oakley, Michael Lyons, David Curts, Maurice Hussey, Dorothy Sutton, Victor Dragon, Anita Laidlaw, Kathleen Elliot, Fergal McDonagl, Anna Bloomer, Dorothy Hart, and Maurice Mansfield.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuypers (1948), Mgr. Canon David Donnelly (2010), Fr. John Meehan (2012), Bishop Bernard Ward (1920) First Bishop of Brentwood, Fr. Christopher Quirke (2000), Pope Benedict XV (1922), Bishop Anthony Doubleday (1951) Second Bishop of Brentwood,

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.

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.

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.



Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.

If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbane our membership officer on 01277 219746.

First Holy Communion Parents

Hello and welcome. I apologise for not being in contact with you all over your child's preparation for Holy Communion. 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 January 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. Thank you all very much indeed and have a safe and Holy Christmas.

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.

200 Club

December 2020 winners:

- 1st. R & E Kania
- 2nd. A Thomas
- 3rd. D & C Brentnall

Happy New Year to all our members. Thank you for your continued support, which has enabled us to donate a further £250 to parish funds.

Stewards

When we return to having public Masses again, we will undoubtedly need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought. It's not a big task - you would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle.

Please please help if you can.



Pope on Twitter



God overcomes the world's evil by taking it upon himself. This is also how we can lift others up: not by judging, not by suggesting what to do, but by becoming neighbours, empathizing, sharing God's love.

In difficult and dark moments let us find the courage to say: "Blessed are you, Lord". Let us praise the Lord: this will be so good for us

We possess a great wealth that depends on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in his image. All these things make each of us precious in his eyes, each one of us is priceless and unique in history.

A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.

It is striking that the Lord spent most of his time on Earth living an ordinary life, without standing out. It is a beautiful message that reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in God's eyes of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple.

Light
Laughter

I don't trust stairs.
They're always up to something!

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PLEASE NOTE

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