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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.

*'At this Christmas when Christ comes,
will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent
by loving and serving others
with God's own love and concern.'*
Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
(1910-1997)



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 20 November 2022

Advent is just around the corner and Christmas is only 42 days away!

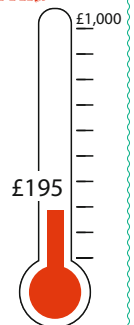
Time then for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! This year the hamper is bigger and better than ever and will grace any family's Christmas Dinner table. Regulars will know all they need to do is to put a £5 note in an envelope (at the back of the church) and write their phone number on the front. There are boxes in the Narthex to put the completed envelope in. New parishioners are very welcome to join in the fun! It's a record-size hamper. Let's see if we can make it a record sized fundraiser to help parish finances.



HAMPER CONTENTS

The Fizz and Festivities Christmas Hamper is packed full of indulgence. It is the perfect gift for that special someone – be it family, friends or colleagues – who enjoy life's little luxuries. Crack open the trio of Accademia Prosecco, this triple treat is sure to be a great addition to the most discerning drinks trolley! We have popped in two signature kilner tins from Cartwright & Butler, one with English Breakfast Tea and the other with delicious Cheddar Biscuits. A fabulous box of Belgian Chocolates from Cachet in a gold sunburst design alongside sweet and savoury treats galore! All of these delights are carefully packed in a bespoke hand-crafted wicker basket. It's brand new for this festive season and is sure to make a stylish addition to your home once the fabulous fare has been enjoyed.

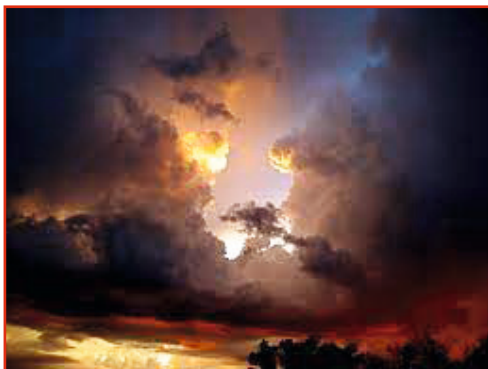
TOTAL SO FAR!



The hamper includes:

- ◆ Accademia Gold Prosecco (11%), 3 x 75cl
- ◆ Gold Crown Christmas Pudding, 350g
- ◆ Cachet Milk, Dark and White Chocolate Assortment, 200g
- ◆ Chloe's Cinna-Men Biscuits, 175g
- ◆ Abbey Biscuits Mince Pie Shorties, 150g
- ◆ Grandma Wild's Butter Shortbread Biscuits in Tube, 150g
- ◆ Savoursmiths Italian Cheese & Port Crisps, 150g
- ◆ Vitavigor Cheese Breadsticks, 125g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Chocolate Wafer Rounds, 120g
- ◆ Lily O'Briens Creamy Caramels with Sea Salt, 120g
- ◆ Walkers Classic Collection Gold, 120g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Cheddar Cheese Biscuits in Caddy, 100g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler English Breakfast Tea in Tin, 90g
- ◆ Godiva Dark Chocolate Ganache Heart Bar, 86g
- ◆ Buitemans Gouda Biscuits Gold, 75g
- ◆ Wicker Basket with Round Handle Detail

Weight: 11.1kg



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

"And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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Upcoming Masses

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (YOUTH DAY) - YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19 6.00 p.m.
Winnie Spinks RIP
Spinks Family
Sunday 20 10.30 a.m.
John Castle RIP
B Castle
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Feast of Saint Cecilia

Tuesday 22 9.00 a.m.
Parishioner
Wednesday 23 7.30 p.m.
Hinostroza Family RIP
Thursday 24 9.00 a.m.
Leno Curry (sick)
A Turvey
Friday 25 9.00 a.m.
November Dead
Saturday 26 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

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

SEASON OF ADVENT

During Advent and Christmastide we ask you to pray for Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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Saturday 26 6.00 p.m.
Irene Bentley RIP
Spinks Family
Sunday 27 10.30 a.m.
Patrick Dooley RIP
B Dooley
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

* 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.

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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 12 November 84
Sunday 13 November 68



Welcome to our parish family and to visitors to our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

During the Advent season, as we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour, let us first receive the Sacrament of Confession. The Father lifts us up in every situation, he forgives all our sins. Secondly, afterwards, please sit for a few moments to remember the forgiveness you receive. Thirdly, never feel ashamed. God loves you in every place and situation. Fourthly, God rejoices in forgiving us, time and time again. Confession

is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and help us back on the path of following Jesus. This Sacrament of confession shows us the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us.

We can also come to visit Jesus in Adoration of Jesus before us in the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m., especially parents and children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confession and Holy Communion and our parish families. We all need to grow in our love for Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. This is a great opportunity to slow down and rest in the presence of Our Lord. Did not Jesus say to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane before His passion 'can you not watch and pray that you will not be put to the test?'

Saint John of the cross said. 'In sorrow and suffering go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed; and Saint Vincent of Pallotti said 'Remember that the Christian life is one of action; not of speech or daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well'.

I wish you all a Blessed week and don't forget to pick up your envelope for the raffle of the beautiful Christmas hamper. Please put your name and telephone number on the envelope with £5.00 inside and return and place it in the box provided please.

God Bless to you all.

Christmas Mass Times

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday 24 December: Mass at 6.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 25 December: Masses at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29 May 2023, led by Bishop Alan. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Ann Edwards

Prayerful Sympathy to Arthur Edwards and his family on the death of Ann. Her funeral service will take place on Monday 28 November at 11.00a.m. Her body will come into the church on Sunday Evening at 5.00 p.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Christmas Envelopes

Christmas Envelope for your priest are on the table at the back of the church. This collection forms a major part of your priest's income. We know you will be as generous as you have done so in the past.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

19 November 6.00 p.m.
Stella Walker
Mark Brennan
20 November 10.30 a.m.
Lyn Birnie
Percy Sam

Readers For This Week's Masses

19 November 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
20 November 10.30 a.m.
Sati Ariya

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 - Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

Safeguarding Course (For Your Information)

Fr. Leslie recently attended the annual safeguarding course for all Priests and Deacons of our Diocese. This course is run by CSSA, as we continue to look at and implement our safeguarding procedures.

Parish Social - Saturday 10 December

In the church Hall straight after Mass on Saturday 10 December. 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Come along and join in the fun, a great opportunity for the children to wear their favourite festive outfit/jumper. And adults too!

We'll have:

- ♦ Mince pies
- ♦ Mulled Wine
- ♦ Nibbles
- ♦ Wine



Please bring your own treats too, plus games for the children to play.

More details to follow as we get closer!

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

26 November 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Stella Walker
27 November 10.30 a.m.
Chris Books
Bill O'Regan

Readers For Next Week's Masses

26 November 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
27 November 10.30 a.m.
Uzoamaka Ekpechue

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Luke's retelling of the Passion and death of Jesus has several unique features. He shows Jesus speaking warmly to the disciples at the Last Supper: 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom...' (22:28-29 NIV).

He also speaks of Peter's future role: '...when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers' (22:32). Furthermore, Luke has little interest in the disciples' abandonment and states that, '...all his acquaintances...who had followed him from Galilee...' (23:49) witnessed Jesus' death. During the journey to Calvary he records the women of Jerusalem weeping for him and Jesus' prayer to the Father for those who will crucify him: 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing' (23:34).

As with the above examples, Jesus' encounter with the good thief is only recorded in Luke's Gospel. Genius storyteller that he was, he's always interested in showing how Jesus reaches out to the lost, especially sinners. Jesus' promise to the good thief is something of a climax. It's Jesus' last act of kindness before he commends his spirit to the Father: '... today you will be with me in Paradise' (v.43). Through this, Jesus offers once more the 'today' of salvation.

We read this passage on the Solemnity of Christ the King because the Kingship of Jesus is seen in his reaching out to the lost. Jesus' kingdom, to quote the Gospel of John, is 'not of this world' (18:36 NIV). Instead, it's the kingdom of God, where peace and mercy reign, not an earthly kingdom which can be fought over in war and violence. Jesus has come to 'bring good news to the poor' (Luke 4:18), and to 'seek and... save the lost' (Luke 19:10). St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote, 'How wise the reasoning and how excellent the thoughts of the penitent thief! He became the confessor of the Saviour's glory and the accuser of the pride of those who crucified him. Let us look at his most beautiful confession of faith. He says: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." You see him crucified and call him a king.'

'The true meaning of his kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross.'(CCC 440)

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: "PRAYER IS THE RAISING OF ONE'S HEART TO GOD OR THE REQUESTING OF GOOD THINGS FROM GOD."

When the hour had come for him to fulfil the Father's plan of love, Jesus allows a glimpse of the boundless depth of his filial prayer, not only before he freely delivered up ("Abba... not my will, but yours."), but even in his last words on the Cross, where prayer and the gift of self are but one: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do", "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise", "Women, behold your son" – "Behold your mother", "I thirst.", "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" "It is finished" "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" until the "loud cry" as he expires, giving up his spirit. All the troubles, for all time, of humanity enslaved by sin and death, all the petitions and intercessions of salvation history are summed up in this cry of the incarnate Word. Here the Father accepts them and, beyond all hope, answers them by raising his Son. This is fulfilled and brought to completion the drama of prayer in the economy of creation and salvation. The Psalter gives us the key to prayer in Christ. In the "today" of the Resurrection the Father says: "You are my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

MISSIO

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2023 is available to collect from the table in the church 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.

Hamper Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex. Hamper contents are elsewhere in this newsletter. Please take an envelope, add your name and phone number (and £5 please) and return to the church. Our Target is £1000.00

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Parish Cheese and Wine

A very nice evening last Saturday for the Parish Cheese and Wine Evening, straight after 6.00 p.m. Mass. As well as an abundance of food (and wine!) there was a raffle, pictured below, which raised £40 for parish funds.



And during a break in the proceedings, Willa organized a short quiz, just to keep us on our toes! Some of the questions were tortuous! And of course some people went home with winning prizes and big smiles. Some of us left empty handed! But a great time was had by all!



Pope on Twitter



I would like to recall the #COP27 Summit on Climate Change, which is taking place in Egypt. I hope that steps forward will be made, with courage and determination, in the wake of the Paris Agreement.

On the first anniversary of the launch of the #LaudatoSi' Platform for Action, which promotes ecological conversion, I encourage this mission, crucial for the future of humanity, so that it may foster in everyone a genuine commitment to the care of creation.

Let us always remain close to our brothers and sisters in martyred Ukraine. Close in prayer and with concrete solidarity. Peace is possible! Let us not resign ourselves to war.

On this #WorldDayOfThePoor, God's word is a forceful admonition to break through that inner deafness that prevents us from listening to the stifled cry of pain of the frailest. #GospelOfTheDay (Lk 21:5-19)

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 13 November you gave £230.00. with £31.00 through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper sales: £120.00.

Running total now: £195.00

Christmas Greetings: £0.00

Donation to parish funds from Cheese and Wine evening: £40.00

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: Lucy Cooper, Kathleen Drowsfield, Abina Southgate (Carla), Dorothy Bright, George Steptoe, Teresa Bolton, Patricia Mills, Janice Masters, and Sally Cannon.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. James Linburgh (2007), Mgr. Edward Watson (1929), Canon Martin Hancock (1993), and Fr. Anthony Robson (1985).

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.

Light
Laughter

What did the drummer call his twin daughters?

Anna one, Anna two!

CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH!

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter? Please email your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and send the donation (normally £5.00) to The Secretary 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton – or hand to Fr. Leslie as soon as possible. All donations will go to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society which is our major charity.

Thank you in advance. Come on – let's fill the back page!

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2023.

Christine and Ian Restall wish Fr. Leslie, and all their friends and parishioners at St. Joseph a very happy, healthy and holy Christmas and let's all hope – a happy and healthy New Year!

*A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.
Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas*

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy festive period with their loved ones.
Love The Peachey Family*

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