

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Parish Hutton and Shenfield

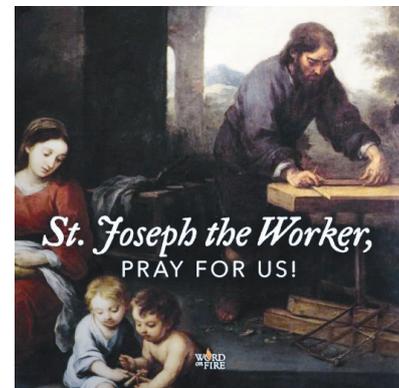
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Mission Statement

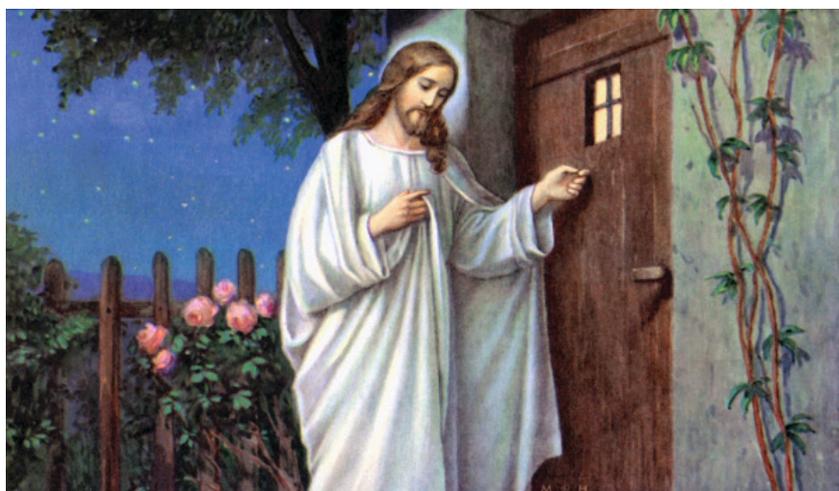
To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



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 24 July 2022



“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus' teaching on prayer is radical and challenging. Radical because he urges us to pray “God as our Father”; challenging because he encourages us to be bold and persistent. Our desire for prayer is often determined by external rather than internal pressures. When we are in trouble or our need is acute we suddenly discover the gift of prayer. A classic response these days is. “I’m not a religious person but I’ve never prayed so hard in all my life”. Exams, work difficulties, a job interview or a domestic crisis move us unashamedly to prayer.

We tend to turn to prayer as a last resort rather than our first stop. We also give up easily, don't persevere and can lose confidence quickly. This response is human and natural, but Jesus wants to teach us a more godly way. His teaching on prayer is geared towards expanding our horizons and opening us up to a new world of hope, expectancy and confidence. Use today's Gospel as an opportunity to have your thinking challenged. After all, we're privileged to have the teaching of the Master; no teacher on prayer can compete with the wisdom of Jesus.

Do you know God is your Father? Many struggle with this glorious truth. Perhaps their own experience of fatherhood was not good, which tends to cloud their understanding. The truth that Jesus wanted us to grasp and hold on to is that God is our Father and loves each and every one of us as if we were his only child. God longs for us to pray to him in a close, warm and intimate way. He wants us to have a fruitful prayer life; to hope for that which seems beyond hope, to intercede for situations or people which seem beyond redemption or help. We're all in the school of Christ and this module is the most difficult. Its rewards are eternal and lasting and its effects wonderful, but we need a courageous heart to be faithful and persevere.

“Be eager in prayer, and vigilant, without wearying; and remove from yourself drowsiness and sleep. You should be watchful both by night and by day: do not be disheartened”. (Abraham of Nathpar)

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Upcoming Masses**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C THE WORD OF GOD
FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 23	6.00 p.m. John & Nora Dillane Anniversary RIP
Sunday 24	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES**Feast of St Joachim & Anne (Parents of Mary)**

Tuesday 26	9.00 a.m. Bill Bray RIP Norah McPherson
Wednesday 27	9.30 a.m. School End of Term Mass (All are welcome) 7.30 p.m. (Please note the time) Steve Kok Norah McPherson
Thursday 28	9.00 a.m. Mary Rudin RIP Jan Jarvis
Friday 29	9.00 a.m. Fr. Leslie Ordination Group Priests who have died

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR C****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m. Trevor Rhodes RIP
Sunday 31	10.30 a.m. Parishioners 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

* 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.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

23 July	6.00 p.m. E Kania M Brennan
24 July	10.30 a.m. M Allum W O'Regan

Readers For This Week's Masses

23 July	6.00 p.m. I Restall
24 July	10.30 a.m. U Ekpechue

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

30 July	6.00 p.m. C Turnbull I Restall
31 July	10.30 a.m. M Brooks S Ruffles

Readers For Next Week's Masses

30 July	6.00 p.m. M Brennan
31 July	10.30 a.m. P Sanders



Welcome to our celebration this weekend to our parish family and our visitors.

This weekend is World Day for the Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis quotes from psalm 92:15 "in old age they will still bear fruit". These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we proclaim to all on this day of World Day for grandparents and the elderly. Many people are afraid of the elderly. They consider it as a disease with which any contact is best avoided. A long life - so the

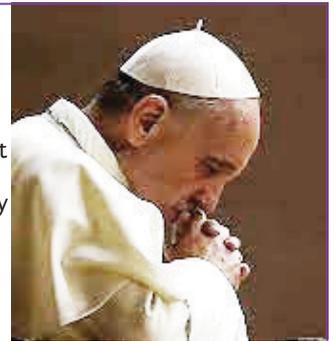
Bible teaches - is a blessing and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly. Pope Francis says "Dear grandparents, Dear elderly, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world. Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can change hearts. We can be the enduring chorus of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the fields of life". Our Holy Father continues "This world day of grandparents and the elderly is an opportunity to proclaim with joy, that the church wants to celebrate with all those whom the Lord - in the words of the Bible - has filled with joy. Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war. The Pope concludes from a very long speech "To all of you and your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection". And He concludes not to forget to pray for Him.

I wish you all a very happy weekend and please take this newsletter home with you.

Thank you and God Bless

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**Bible Alive**

Copies of the July edition (£3.00) are in the Narthex. I do encourage you to purchase a copy and come to be familiar with the word of God - to guide you in your daily lives and come to understand the message of salvation. It can be used in conjunction with your bible. I ordered a few extra - Please do not forget the word of God - inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Prayers please

Please keep in your prayers Joe and Dorothy Duranti, Denis and Eileen Norman, and Adam Scott. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.

Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

**Stewards**

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry. The list is on the table at the back of the church.

Thank you for your help.

Mass For Grandparents

Today is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and Mass will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

The theme is also an invitation to reconsider and value grandparents and the elderly who are too often kept on the margins of families, civil and ecclesial communities. Their experience of life and faith can contribute, in fact, to building societies that are aware of their roots and capable of dreaming of a future based on greater solidarity.

The invitation to listen to the wisdom of the years is also particularly significant in the context of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 16 - Monday 17 October: Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette, Cathedral.

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March For Life: 3 September

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life. We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3 September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00 a.m. at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 p.m., proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 p.m. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/> Our witness is vital. Please encourage parishioners to attend.

Visiting the lonely elderly

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in a situation in which in many countries the health emergency has ended, which will allow initiatives to be taken with greater freedom and to put personal encounter and embrace at the centre of each one. In order for the message of closeness and consolation that the Day wants to express to reach everyone - even those who are most isolated - we ask people to make a visit to their grandparents and the lonely elderly in their community and to deliver the Holy Father's message to them.

The visit, a tangible sign of the outgoing Church, is a way to reaffirm that the elderly, even the loneliest, are at the centre of our communities.

The visit shows the personal choice to get up and go quickly to others (cf. Lk. 1:39), just as Mary did to visit the elderly Elizabeth.

The visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the Day's prayer together.

Visiting a lonely elderly person is one of the possibilities for obtaining the Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of the Day. The encounter between young and old, the friendship that can result, is one of the signs that "In old age they will still bear fruit."

Anyone able to offer a lift to elderly, please contact Mary our parish administrator.

The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline - a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Knit and Natter

Or just knit. Or just natter!

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? A New group has started and will meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



Journey Home - Threshold Of Hope

Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Scripture also reveals on the Lord's day was the liberation of Israel from the damage of Egypt. "The Lord your God recommended you to keep the Sabbath day." The gospel reports of the many incidents was accused of violating the Sabbath law. But Jesus never fails to respect the holiness of this day. Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week" Because it was the "first day" the day of Christ's resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the eighth day following the Sabbath. It symbolises the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection.

Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it chronologically every week, for Christmas its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath. In cherish Passover, Sunday fulfils the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath in God. For worship under the law prepared for the mystery of Christ, and what was done there prefigured some aspects of Christ... The practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginning of the apostolic age. "The letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful" not to neglect to meet together as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another.... The precepts of the church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely "on Sunday and another holy day of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the mass." The precept of participating in the mass is satisfied at a mass which is celebrated anyway in a Catholics rite, either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day.

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and conformation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason - for example illness, care of an infant or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. (2181 Catechism of the Catholic Faith).

To be continued next week - The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

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. The Parish will find it much easier to communicate with you, and you with it, if you are registered. And of course, in these Covid times, we have to take bookings for Mass to ensure that we adhere to the restrictions. This process will be much simpler for all if you have already registered.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00 a.m. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

6 August • 3 September • 1 October •

5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



Pope on Twitter



I am near the suffering Ukrainian people. How is it possible not to understand that war only creates destruction and death, driving people apart, killing truth and dialogue? Let us #PrayTogether that negotiations might begin again.

Let us #PrayTogether for the people of Sri Lanka. I urge all parties to seek a peaceful solution to the current crisis that especially favors the poorest, resecting everyone's rights.

The word of Jesus is a teaching that touches and shapes life, frees it from the dullness of evil, satisfies and infuses it with a joy that does not pass: it is the better part. Therefore, Mary gives it first place: she stops and listens. The rest will come after

I invite you to go out and look for those elderly persons who are most alone, at home or in residences where they are guests. Let's make sure no one feels alone. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. - Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. - Matthew 22:34-39



Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Elizabeth Chandler, Mary James, Stephen Sutcliffe, and Angelica Calabrito

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Boardman Jones (1923), Fr. Michael Hannan (1927), Fr. Dermot Modie (1966), Fr. James Conney (1982), and Fr. John Harding

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.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Light

Laughter

I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

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A selection of photos taken by Arthur Edwards from the celebrations after the two Masses last weekend for Fr. Leslie's 50th anniversary of his Ordination. The parish also presented Father with a Papal Blessing to commemorate this incredible achievement. Well done Fr. Leslie! And a good time was had by all!

