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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".

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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 21 July 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.
Breda Conville RIP
B Wignall

Sunday 21 8.30 a.m.
Jim Jarvis RIP
J Jarvis
10.30 a.m.
For all Parishioners

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Monday 22 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls

Tuesday 23 9.15 a.m.
Bill Parris
P Mellin

Wednesday 24 NO MORNING MASS

ST. JAMES

Thursday 25 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday 26 9.15 a.m.
Holy Souls
3.00 p.m. (until 4.00 p.m.)
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

Saturday 27 NO MORNING MASS
9.45 a.m. (until 10.15 a.m.)
Confessions

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
Angela Riley RIP

Sunday 28 8.30 a.m.
Russell Swift
10.30 a.m.
For all parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is available before all weekday Masses (on request) and on Saturday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Do come and join us in prayer and reflection

Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses (20/21 July 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Gaye O'Regan
Bill O'Regan

8.30 a.m. John Spinks
Angela Mahoney
Jan Jarvis

10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Hyacinth Albuquerque
Willa Jackson

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

In a Story unique to St. Luke's Gospel, we read of a remarkable and beautiful incident in Jesus' life. Mary of Magdalene, whose feast we celebrate tomorrow, is traditionally associated with the Mary before us today but scholars think that it is unlikely to be the same person, believing this woman to be Mary of Bethany. What is clear is that, like Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany loved the Lord. In this account, she did not wash his feet with her weeping, or anoint his body with expensive nard but she showed that one thing was needed, and that was to sit at the Master's feet and learn from him.

There has always been a tension between the contemplative arm and the apostolic arm of the Church. The contemplatives are accused of being too focused on prayer whereas the apostolics are criticized for being too preoccupied with action and not placing enough emphasis on the interior life. Of course, this is too simplistic a juxtaposition but there is an element of truth in it.

It is, however, hard not to feel some sympathy for Martha, who this understanding embodies i.e. apostolic approach. Mary can come across as a kind of "goodv two shoes" (and nobody likes a goody two shoes). Martha, on the other hand, has no airs and graces: she is a worker and not a shirker. Clearly both women were serving the Lord, but Mary, in Jesus' own words, chose what is better. This doesn't mean that what Martha was doing in that moment wasn't good or noble or worthy, or even the right thing for her to be doing: it simply means that ultimately sitting at the Lord's feet and learning from him who is humble and gentle of heart is the goal of our faith.

The great saints of the Church did not hesitate to serve others practically. It was said of St. Catherine of Genoa, for example, that she used to be so preoccupied in prayer that she appeared to be in a trance. Nevertheless, if anyone needed her help, she would stop praying immediately to respond. Pope Francis is calling us all to serve others in a spirit of love and charity, but all service of God must be first rooted in prayer and hearing God speak through his Word.



Golden Jubilee

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to prepare for our Golden Jubilee celebrations which were so beautiful and praised by everyone. Father Stewart Foster gave a wonderful summary of the beginnings of our church which we all found so interesting. More details, and of course photos, can be found in the History of our Parish booklet which is available at the back of the church. Please could we have a minimum donation of £5.00 per copy.

47 Years a Priest

Fr. Leslie sends his gratitude to those who have sent cards and good wishes and assurances of their prayer on the occasion last Monday of his 47 year anniversary since he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood

First Holy Communion 2020

Applications are now closed.

Readers For This Week's Masses (20/21 July 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m. Gerry Sarah
10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (27/28 July 2019)

6.00 p.m. Stella Walker
Ian Restall
Carol Turnbull
8.30 a.m. Jan Jarvis
Mary Allum
Lyn Birnie
10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Tyrone Sequeira
Sharon Ruffles

Readers For Next Week's Masses (27/28 July 2019)

6.00 p.m. Stephen Howarth
8.30 a.m. Julie Stone
10.30 a.m. Peter Sanders

Anniversaries

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

Leslie Regan, Isabella Russell, Doreen O'Neil, Fred Shaw, Edwin Cannon, James Cannon, Elizabeth Sadler, and Stephen Sutcliffe

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Patrick Taylor (1996), Fr. John Boardman (1923), Fr. Michael Hannon (1927), Fr. Dermot Moore (1966), and Fr. James Cooney (1982)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Please pray for Fr. William Young and Fr. John Garrett, parish priests of Barking and Stansted who are in hospital.

Remember

To have a Mass offered for your loved ones. One day we too will be a Holy Soul depending on others to pray for us. Book of Macabees - "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins".

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR YOUR PRIESTS WHO HAVE GONE HOME TO ETERNAL LIFE. ALSO YOUR RELATIONS, FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Daniella DiLisio, Simone Austin, Jacqueline Birnie, Nora McPherson, Mano Subryan, Beryl de Prazer, Diana Pearce, Greg Thomas, Liz Kent, Alan Bailey, Brian Donoghue and Patricia Green.

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.

Safety, Safety, Safety

For safety reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent when they use the toilet in the Parish Hall. Children should not use the toilet in the Parish room.

Church Opening Hours

We are lucky to be able to keep our church open for private prayer during the week from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Sometimes it may close early if Father Leslie is away.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors to our Sunday liturgy on this sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time. We welcome Christ our friend and guest.

Today we are reminded of the importance of hospitality. It is a Christian virtue and our duty towards others. We are also reminded to pay attention to Christ our guest. Most importantly we are advised not to pay more attention to material things than we do to spiritual things.

Abraham displayed this hospitality by receiving and welcoming strangers in his house. Fortunately for him, the strangers were messengers from God. Not only did he welcome them under his roof, he took care of their material needs and equally paid attention to their message and instructions. Hence his hospitality expressed his spirituality.

The gospel presents us with a challenge today. This is because there is a tendency to think that Christ was against caring for material needs of guests: Jesus responded to Martha "You worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed". This is simply to remind us not to place attention on material needs, more than on spiritual needs. The Gospel is a call to each and every one of us to set our priorities right. In our families we pay attention to every other thing, but little of no attention to the spiritual growth of members of our families. We have time to socialise but little or no time for praying together or reflecting on the word of God together. No time either for a morning Mass or time to spend before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He, himself there Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity for us to lay our poor lives before him and leave refreshed and at peace.

We all need to cement our relationship with Christ, by seating close to him as a family by paying attention to what he has to say to us. Christ needs our attention because he has something new to teach us every day. He wants us to live in his presence all the time. Hence the psalmist reminds us today "The just will live in the presence of the Lord".

May God's blessing be upon you and your families.

Golden Jubilee Commemorative Gift

To mark the next 50 years, Fr. Leslie has received two suggestions of how current parishioners could leave their mark on our future parish.

1. Stained-glass window
2. Commemorative doors

Please keep your suggestions coming!

200 Club Superdraw Winners

1st. £100. C Bray
2nd £60. M Simpson
3rd. £40. C Peters

Readers at 6.00 p.m. Saturday Mass

We have a Readers Rota for all Masses but for the Saturday 6.00 p.m. Mass we are a bit stretched. If anyone would like to join us, please let Willa Jackson know (willajackson789@btinternet.com) and she will arrange full training etc. Thanks in advance.

Altar Servers -

THIS IS URGENT - VERY URGENT

Over the years our parish has been blessed with wonderful, committed Altar Servers. Serving at the Altar is not just a hobby that we do each week. It is part of who we are - following Jesus Christ. Serving at the Altar is a privilege - something we do out of love for him. Let others see what a difference our faith makes to our lives. As Altar Servers let us be a people of faith and strong followers of Jesus, let us respond generously to God's call. We require more Altar Servers at each Mass. Please contact Fr. Leslie.

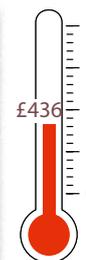
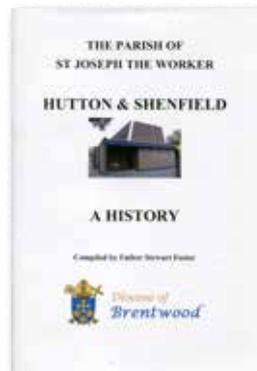
We need help and we need it now!

Baptism at St. Joseph The Worker

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism then firstly please complete a form which you will find at the back of the church, and arrange an appointment to see Father Leslie. Best way to do this is to see Father Leslie after Mass. For your child to be Baptised you must attend Mass regularly. In the Catholic Church this is an obligation, not a choice. At least one Godparent must be a Catholic and he or she must obtain a letter from their parish priest that they attend Mass regularly.

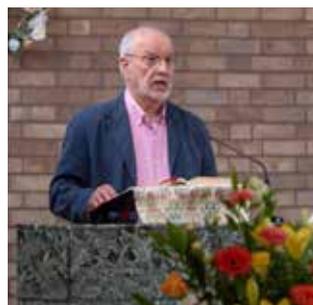
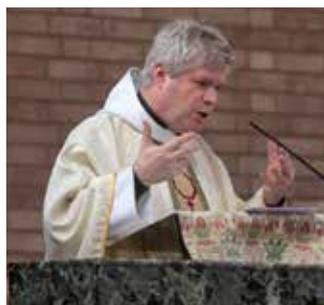
History Of The Parish

Commemorative brochures celebrating our 50th Anniversary are available now. We are looking for donations to offset the quite large cost of printing them. They are a very interesting read with many fascinating photos from the archives, just a few of which we have featured in the newsletter over the past few weeks. Donations last week totalled £255.09, making the running total £436.09. Please do take one home for the family to read and learn about our fascinating history. And please be generous with your donations (min £5.00 please). **God Bless.**



Amount raised to date

Pictures on this page and the next taken last weekend by Arthur Edwards MBE



Golden Jubilee of the Parish

It has been suggested that the present generation of parishioners should mark this very special occasion, but we are not sure how to move this forward. There is a wide range of things that could be done but we want to open it up to you all, our parishioners, to come forward with suggestions to mark this very special occasion. Please do think about it and make your suggestions, in writing, to Chris Brooks. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show our gratitude to our former parishioners who worked so very hard to build this beautiful church of God's abiding presence in Hutton and Shenfield.

New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please fill in a Registration Form which can be found in the church porch. We will also arrange a home visit from one of our Parishioners to welcome you and help you settle in.

ABSEIL CHALLENGE

Raising funds for BCCS (over £500 and still counting) parishioner Alex Thomas set off last Friday on his Abseil Challenge at the Orbit in the Olympic Park. The photo shows Alex just about to go over the edge...



Finance News

For the week ending 14 July 2019 you gave £493.71 of which £63.00 was Gift Aided.

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.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Donations to the Parish can be made via HSBC. Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton. Sort Code: 40 13 22. Account No.: 61018884



Pope on Twitter



Today, the Feast of #OurLadyofMountCarmel, we contemplate the Virgin who stands beside the Cross of Christ. That is also the place of the Church: close to Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus proposes the Samaritan as a model. By loving his neighbor as himself, he demonstrates how to love God with one's whole heart, while at the same time expressing true religiosity and full humanity.

Today we celebrate #SeaSunday, dedicated to seafarers and fishermen. I pray for them and their families, and I encourage every effort to protect and safeguard their human rights.

Faith is a gift that keeps alive a profound and beautiful certainty: that we are God's beloved children.

Children's corner

Welcome to children's corner.

Welcome to our children's corner. Have you noticed the Stations of the Cross in the school playground?

We invite parents and children to say this prayer together. God of mercy and forgiveness, you ask us to listen to your son, Jesus Christ. Open our ears to hear your word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and the lives of others. Amen

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, welcome Jesus into their home. Mary listens carefully to all that Jesus has to say, while Martha hurries about doing lots of jobs and getting cross with Mary for not helping. Jesus tells them that it is important to stop and listen to God.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, help us always to find time to listen to your word, no matter how busy we are. Amen.



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We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website (www.stjosephshutton.org). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under “communication”.