

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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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 29 November 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 28 No Mass (Lockdown 2.0)

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The mass for Dominic De Albuquerque will be said privately on Sunday 29th November. He is coming up for his 95th Birthday. Keep him in your prayers.

PRIVATE PRAYER

During the lockdown, the church will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER from 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday only.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.

These masses will take place providing Lockdown 2.0 restrictions have been lifted.

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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.

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 of this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.



Today is the First Sunday of Advent

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

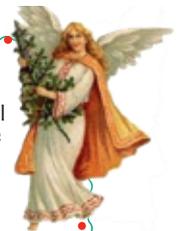
- This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the week before Christmas.
- Please do all you can to help, and to spread the word to friends and family.
- We'd really like to make this a bumper fund-raiser if we can.
- *God Bless and please take and complete as many envelopes as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for the completed envelopes.*

Christmas Hamper

- Our Christmas Hamper is packed full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. It weighs around 8kg so is really substantial.
- Each delicious treat has been hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas favourites include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps.
- All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.

Includes:

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g
- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g



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Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Konrad Barrett, James Barrett, Hettie Dalley, John Crofton, Colin Towler, Sheila Slade, Alice Holman, Andrew McCreadie, Father Brian Drea (one time parish priest of St. Joseph the Worker), Peter Lunny, and Peggy Bartlett.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Francis Branney (1975), Fr. Bart Lynch (2010), and Fr. James Hannor (1990),

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

Parish Contribution

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically. Catholics are asked to continue to give as generously as possible in these difficult times. You can do this by filling out a standing order form and gift aid form if you pay tax. Or online via the new website, or direct into our parish account 40-13-22 61018884 Payable to St Joseph the Worker Hutton.

During the church closure we lost a considerable amount which, for small parishes, it is a lot. If you are watching Mass from home, please remember your weekly offering unless you pay by standing order or through other ways.

We have a number of maintenance tasks to be done which is the responsibility of our parish. *Thank you*

Mass Intentions

The best and most sacred way to remember the souls of our most loved one is to have a Mass offered for them that they may be released from sin and come into the presence of our heavenly father. Also we should also pray for our sick and for the intentions of whoever asks for our prayers. Mark the envelope either RIP/SICK/Private Intentions.

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has died RIP/SICK/or an Intention please put this on your envelope with your donation through the PRESBYTERY letter box or give it to FATHER at any of the two Sunday masses. To have a Mass said for someone is the most important prayer we should offer for them. One day we will need a Mass said for us. Please don't forget previous Priests of our Parish.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

First Holy Communion 2021

Although we are uncertain about how and when we can begin preparation for this most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, it would be helpful if you could access the parish website, under Sacraments, First Communion and email to request the form, complete the form and return to the parish email account or Presbytery. The main requirement to put your child forward for this most holy sacrament is that you must be a regular attendee at Mass. If you have any questions call the Presbytery for more information. Keep your families safe - every blessing on you all. And please remember, the church is sanitised by an independent company.



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners on this Holy Season of Advent.

The good news is that we shall be able to return to Mass from next Sunday 5/6 December. It will be great to be together again around the Lord's table. May I remind you to let Mary our Parish Administrator know which Mass you will be attending on Christmas Day (either 8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.). You will need to supply her with your name and contact details (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The Christmas Eve Mass at 6.00 p.m. is fully booked. We have to keep to the guidance of numbers as laid out by the government to keep our church COVID safe. So we are restricted in numbers.

Now that we are in Advent we prepare for Christmas by prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be available in the Blessed Sacrament chapel on Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 10.30 a.m. or by arrangement. Our parish bought Advent booklets for your children as we do every year, so please pray with your children so that they may come to know Jesus. May I suggest you tune into EWTN on Sky 588 from time to time. It is a Catholic network which goes out throughout the entire world. It brings our Catholic faith into our homes. Live Truth. Live Catholic.

Advent is a time when we await the joyful celebration of the birth of the Servant King. God reveals himself as man. He was born in poverty in a humble stable, into a poor family. We pray with eager anticipation and renewed expectation for the coming of Jesus into our lives.

I humbly pray that during Advent a new song comes into my heart, a song of worship and praise, of love and adoration of the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit for sending Jesus, the Saviour, the Eternal Son God made man, the Word made flesh, the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, born in a manger; Christ the Lord, Christ the King.

May God our Father bless our families.

Dominic De Albuquerque's Birthday Celebration



Dominic will be celebrating a milestone Birthday at the end of November. In normal times we would celebrate his Birthday in the hall after Mass, but because of COVID-19, his family will be celebrating it at home. As we cannot meet fellow parishioners, we would like to invite you all to join us in celebrating Dominic's Birthday online. Please contact Tyrone, before 28 November using ProdSee273@outlook.com for more details regarding participating in Dominic's Birthday celebration.

Christmas Greetings

Every year we try to fill the back page of the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to each other. The money raised goes straight to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We're going to start the page going next week so please do send me an email (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) with CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the subject bar and I'll be sure to include your greeting to Fr. Leslie, your friends and your fellow parishioners. Please send a £5 donation in the post to Fr. Leslie, or pop round and post it through his letterbox if you can. We all need cheering up this year more than ever! Can we fill the back page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

Can You Help?

Pope Francis's new encyclical to the world on fraternity and social friendship, Fratelli tutti, challenges us to unite in a spirit of cooperation in facing the needs of the world together.

"We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth..."

During these difficult times St. Vincent de Paul Society members in England and Wales have been working harder than ever in order to meet the needs in their local parishes and communities. Existing SVP groups have responded creatively to the challenges of the pandemic, and the national Society has established a number of hardship and innovation funds to ensure that, where possible, those in need can access support through our members. The society has also collaborated with other organisations such as Caritas, Trussell Trust, Acts 435 and St. Mary's university in order to extend our reach and impact. You may like to join the Cathedral SVP or open one here at St Joseph's (more info from www.svp.org.uk)

Christmas Offering For Your Priest

Your Christmas offering is your gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Because of the lockdown over Easter, we were unable to get the envelopes out. Please be a generous as you can, but we realize everyone is financially suffering. Thank you.

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of it's evolvement and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Altar Servers

I send my best wishes and thanks to the altar servers who at present cannot exercise their ministry especially our newly trained servers. Take care of yourselves.

Prayer during Advent

I humbly pray that during Advent a new song comes into my heart, a song of worship and praise, of love and adoration of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit for sending us Jesus, the saviour, the ETERNAL son, God made man, the word made flesh, the body wrapped in swaddling clothes, born in a manger, CHRIST the Lord, CHRIST the King.

Advent is very much focused on expectation and longing, but also thanksgiving and rejoicing. Advent contemplates the great truths of our faith. The incarnation, God made man, the word made flesh and the second coming of Christ. These truths open up our hearts to receiving Jesus into our lives in a way that deepens our faith and draws us close to God.

Let us truly make this season of Advent, truly one of prayer with each other and as individuals. As we go about our daily work, let us constantly say "Come Lord Jesus, Come".

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project to provide a vital support service for survivors of church-related abuse.

Although the churches have funded the service, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales. Please see more details on our new website www.stjosephshutton.org

St. Joseph the Worker School

Our school Admissions Policy for 2022/2023 and Supplementary information Form can be found on the website under Key Information/ Admissions. www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, and is the first day of the liturgical year and the start of the season of Advent.

Weekly Collection

Weekly collection can be placed in the white buckets in the church when open for private prayer, or placed though the presbytery letter box.

Finance News

The Christmas Hamper raffle raised another £20.00 this week making a running total of £260.00

Also we were very pleased to receive a Donation of £15.00 from parishioners. *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

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Pope on Twitter



We were not created to dream about vacations or the weekend, but to make God's dreams come true in this world. God made us capable of dreaming, so that we could embrace the beauty of life. The works of mercy are the most beautiful works in life.

Dear young people, let us not give up on great dreams. The Lord does not want us to narrow our horizons or to remain parked on the roadside of life. He wants us to race boldly and joyfully towards lofty goals.

Before pouring out His love for us on the cross, Jesus shares His final wishes. He tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters - hungry, thirsty, strangers, in need, sick, imprisoned - we do to Him

Today, #ChristTheKing Sunday, the Cross and the icon of Mary, Salus Populi Romani, symbols of World Youth Days, begins a new pilgrimage which will lead to Lisbon in 2023.

Face Masks

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

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.

Parish Website

We would welcome your comments on our new website and any suggestions you may have.

A Christmas Cracker!

A man walks into a pet store to buy a goldfish.

"Do you want an aquarium" the salesman asks?

The man responds -

"I don't care what star sign it is!"

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Our English word "advent" comes from the Latin adventus meaning "coming" or "arrival". The term, however, originally meant not the arrival of simply anyone but rather that of a person of noble birth. Of course, in the season of Advent this person is the Lord of Lords, the servant King, Jesus of Nazareth, and we celebrate his three comings, the first in the manger, the second at the end of time and the third into our hearts.

The liturgy kicks off the season of Advent by focusing not on Jesus' first coming but on his second, reminding us that we need to prepare ourselves for that great day. The Scriptures reveal that the deepest longing of the Holy Spirit is expressed in the cry, "Come". This is the same deep prayer that the Holy Spirit gives to every believer and to the Church as a Body. The prayer of the Spirit and the Bride, his Church, will always be, "Come, Lord Jesus, come".

The question is, are you alert and ready for the return of Christ, or are you asleep? We could be forgiven for sleeping because rarely nowadays do we hear a homily on the second coming. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the return of Christ is imminent; in other words, it could even happen today! At Jesus' second coming in glory, we will know the redemption of our bodies and the full deliverance for which the whole of creation groans and longs.

Advent is, then, a time to grow in holiness through repentance and the forgiveness of sins, and to grow in faith as we celebrate the birth of God-made-man and pray for his second coming. The return of Jesus will usher in the definitive establishment of the kingdom in power, in glory, in triumph and in strength. Since the beginning the Church has taught that we should pray for it, long for it and even groan for it because it is imminent - because it could be today! We join in the cry of the Church through all the ages, "Come, Lord Jesus, come".

Lord Jesus, as I reflect on your first coming, help me to look with hope, confidence and expectation towards your second coming in glory, power and triumph. Come, Lord Jesus, come.



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CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD MESSAGES TO THE BRAVE

Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. CAFOD are asking that as many of us as possible to show our solidarity with these brave people, by sending them a Christmas message, to show their efforts and struggles are not forgotten. It's easy to do - please follow the link below for instructions, or go to the CAFOD website and look for Messages to the Brave.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and 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.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2021.



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



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!



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



The Directors and staff at Design Portfolio wish Fr. Leslie and all parishioners at St. Joseph a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love, and a happy and healthy New Year



COME ON GUYS! CAN WE FILL THE BACK PAGE?

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