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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 28 May 2023

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY



UPCOMING MASSES

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY FEAST

Tuesday 30 9.00 a.m.
Ann Edwards RIP
A Edwards

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH

OF ST MARY AND ST HELEN DIOCESAN FEAST

Wednesday 31 7.30 p.m.
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

Thursday 1 9.00 a.m.
Friday 2 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 3 10 – 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.

We all need Jesus.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR (A)

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Saturday 3 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 4 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
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CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 27 May 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Ian Restall
Sunday 28 May 10.30 a.m.
Sharon Ruffles
Chris Brooks

Readers

Saturday 27 May 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Sunday 28 May 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

Mass Attendance

Saturday 20 May: 38
Sunday 21 May: 53



Welcome to our parish family and to our visitors.

Today's feast falls seven weeks after the Jewish Passover and it marks the end of the grain harvest. According to the Old Testament, on the Sunday after Passover a sheaf of barley was taken to the Temple and presented to the Lord. That marks the beginning of harvest. This was the day - Sunday after Passover - that Jesus rose from the dead, the first fruits of the Resurrection. Fifty days later at Pentecost, two full loaves of freshly baked bread made from the new flour were presented to the Lord.

This marked the end of the harvest. Today's feast is what Jesus

promised. The church was born today, when the nations are gathered, and God can be seen with the eyes of faith.

So, after Christmas and Easter, comes Pentecost. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. And we as well: after breaking with sin and believing in our heart, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. 'What shall we do?' Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 2 37-38). Everything God the Father has to give, everything his Son has to give, is summed up and given in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So often in the scriptures we are called to repentance for our sins. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words, And my word is not my own: it is the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you (John 14: 23- 26).

Today the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and wants to fill us. Today, may every one of us go home filled with the Holy Spirit.

May God bless our families and grant eternal rest and peace to all who have died.

Fr. Leslie

Appeal for Church Roof

The raffle raised £605 – Donations so far £2,395.00. Total so far for the roof £3,000.00. The total cost for the repair is £3,900.00. Please donate if you can help to keep God's house dry. I realise the financial difficulty we are all suffering now, but your generosity is a great blessing. There is a white box at the back of the church – (if you pay tax please use the pink envelopes in the Narthex) or you can donate into our account – details are in the newsletter. May God bless your kindness and generosity.

Consultation for Sunday Morning Mass

The pastoral parish team would like to thank you all for your response to the above. We would still appreciate your opinions. We thank you for all the support and kindness you gave to our parish. The reason for the consultation is to try and get back our parishioners who have not returned since COVID. Your response so far is much appreciated.

Knit and Natter

Or just knit.

Or just natter!

Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 07561 894327. Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Campion School

The Campion School Open Evening for admission of boys who will be 11 years old during the current academic year will be held at the school on Thursday 29 June 2023 from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Talks by the Headteacher will be at 5.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?" the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself,

Lunchtime Recitals

There will be a piano/baritone recital given by Ben Collyer and Thomas McGowan on Wednesday 31 May at 1.00 p.m.

Further details of this and other concerts can be found on the Cathedral music website here:

<https://brentwoodcathedralconcerts.org>

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Mass Intentions Poster

The Mass Intentions Poster in the Narthex has all Mass intentions (subject to change) for that week, and any other events in the parish.

Bible Alive

Each day pray the scriptures with Bible Alive with your family prayer. It contains the fullness of Resurrection Faith, Bible Study, Daily Reflections. Do you know the presence of the Holy Spirit in your own life?

Have you experienced the scriptures come alive and your heart burn within you.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you are a regular attender at Mass and would love to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and willing to take the blessed sacrament to our sick at home, please contact Fr. Leslie.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know!

'I would like to thank you for all you do in your parishes, especially for the welcome and support you give to new couples and those seeking the sacrament of holy matrimony. Whilst preparing couples for marriage can be time-consuming it has the potential to bear rich fruit, not only in helping create secure marriages, but also in terms of parish life and the mission of the church and is therefore a worthwhile investment of our time and energy. It is also an opportunity for lay people in the parish to share their own wisdom and experience. Couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage should know that the church community wants to help them find a path through, and our departmental website contains links to a number of organisations which can provide support at different stages of engaged and married life, as well as opportunities for those who wish to serve the church in this way to get involved.' Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi (Director and Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life).

Coffee After Mass On Saturday evening

First Saturday of each month. And after 10.30 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Please do make time to come and join us.



Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

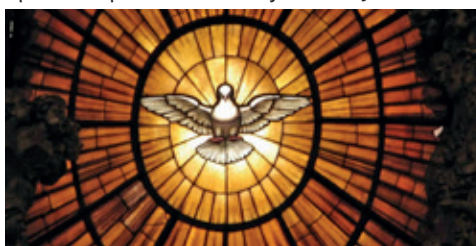
The Priests Charity Concert



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30 June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Today is Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles while they were in Jerusalem.



Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

We all love flowers in our homes or for special occasions. Jan has been arranging flowers for the church, for Easter and for Christmas, for many years. She is now looking for some help to take over this great and wonderful task of beauty for our church and the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider giving help and care for God's house. You can be part of a team and it would lessen the burden on Jan. As a parish community we want to thank Jan and her helpers for carrying out this ministry of love and thanksgiving. Please contact Jan Jarvis on 07561 894327 or speak to Fr. Leslie. For those in the past who have helped Jan but have now gone to their new life with God, Our Father, we owe them a debt of gratitude. Please do come forward! We want God's House to be beautiful and thriving with many more of our parish community. St. Joseph Pray for Us.

Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website www.ewtn.co.uk you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@ewtn.co.uk. Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High St, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

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: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 21 May you gave £355.00 of which £19.00 was via Gift Aid.

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: Constance Pollard, Jessie Killarney, Doris Mohabier, Jack O'Regan, Gerald Worster, Margaret Green, John Looney, and Bernadette Morris

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Timmins (2014), BP John Petit (1973), One time priest of our diocese Canon Eric Goldingay (1978), Fr. Donald Clover (1995), and Canon Jerome Deady (1937),

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.

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for June is available in the Narthex - may God's word guide our lives.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Parish Hall

Because of the increase in gas and electricity bills we have to increase our hire charges to £35.00 per hour. This is to meet our expenditure on repairs and other expenses.

Light

Laughter

I can't even count to ten in French: un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept... Aarrghh! Sorry, I've got a huit allergy!