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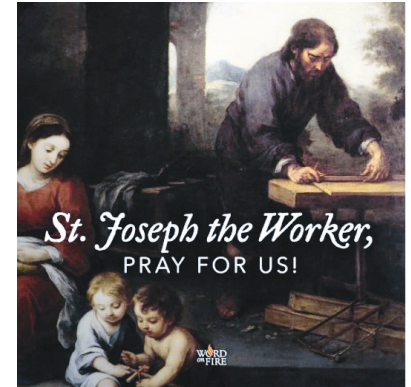
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Mission Statement

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 1 May 2022



"So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

We know that God cares for us, body and soul. By death the soul is separated from the body, but our hope is that they will be reunited on the last day. Jesus' resurrection revealed the nature of this new body, a risen body, infused with God's light and life, and not prone to sin or death.

John's Gospel records some deeply personal and intimate moments in Jesus' life, such as when he wept at Lazarus' death (John 11:35) or when he invited his disciples to 'Come and have breakfast' (v.12) after cooking fish for them. The breakfast story leads into a fascinating exchange between Jesus and Peter, in which Peter is asked three times to feed the Lord's sheep (vv.15-17). This meant that as the Rock, Peter must ensure that believers are fed with the nourishment of Christ. We see this in Peter's First Letter: 'Like newborn babies crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good'(2:2-3 NIV).

One way we can literally feed off this pure spiritual milk is by prayerfully studying and meditating on Peter's two letters. When we do this, we draw directly from the original rock on which the Church was built, the pure well of our salvation. If we don't eat (feed), we grow weak and unhealthy. This is also true in our spiritual lives and the staple diet from which we feed is: prayer, the Scriptures, the Church's teaching (the Magisterium) and Lectio Divina (spiritual reading).

Supremely we are fed by the Eucharist and the Sacraments, food for our soul and food which is good for this life and the next. We don't live in a parched land: God has given us rich sources of spiritual food, and a banquet of teaching and spiritual life has been prepared for us. Just as with our physical bodies, eating on the run isn't ideal: we must carve out time and space with the Lord where we can be nourished by him.

Lord, we praise and thank you for the table from which we feed - the Word of God, the tradition of the Church, and the source and summit of our faith, the holy Eucharist.

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Upcoming Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

APRIL

Saturday 30 6.00 p.m. Mass
Katie Greenfield
(Thanksgiving)
J Greenfield

MAY

Sunday 1 10.30 a.m. Mass
People of the Parish
4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 3 St. Philip and St. James
9.00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday 4 7.30 p.m. Mass (Please
note the time)
Thursday 5 9.00 a.m. Mass
Maura McBride RIP
Feast of S Catherine of Siena
Friday 6 9.00 a.m.
Saturday 7 Confession from 10.00 a.m.
- 10.30 a.m. and by
appointment

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30 6.00 p.m. Mass
Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 1 10.30 a.m. Mass
People of the Parish
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: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance.

Ministries

Church Cleaners - We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

Altar Servers - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

Eucharist Ministers - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk for details.



Welcome to our parish of St. Joseph the Worker to all our parish family.

Easter is a celebration of resurrection and an opportunity to reflect on the power of new life. Sometimes we assume we understand the mystery of death and resurrection. Until a child says to you 'What is the meaning of death?' or 'Where did grandma go after her death'. Or where is heaven?

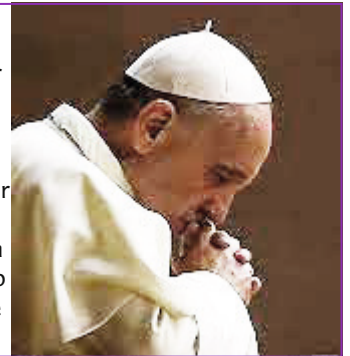
In simple terms rising from the dead is like waking up from sleep. We simply point to the skies as the place of heaven.

Conversely we point to the ground, to explain that hell is the depth of the earth. However, for an adult, deeper explanation is required.

A true picture of heaven and hell is as a state of relationship or exclusion from God. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus who assures all who believe in him that they would experience the process of dying and rising. Jesus told his disciples 'I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, though he was dead, yet he will live'. 'And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die'. This is an expression of faith, to believe in the resurrection of the body and in the life to come. At Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ; we anticipate our resurrection: we celebrate the grace of rising from our many falls; we celebrate our rising from sickness to good health; we also celebrate our rising from despair to a blessed hope. St. John Paul II advises us 'Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are Easter people and hallelujah is our song.' Have a blessed week.

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.*



A Thank you from CAFOD

"Thank you to everyone at St. Joseph the Worker Church for your gift of £370 to our Lent appeal, which we received recently. Your parish's prayers and collective Family Fast Day donation of £370 is so appreciated.

Thank you especially for your efforts in organising a collection in your church, for being a bridge between your community and our sisters and brothers around the world. Your parish's support of Family Fast Day means that we can be there for more families experiencing hunger, poverty, discrimination and the dangers of conflict, and help them to rebuild their lives."

A Thank you from MISSIO

"In 2021, St. Joseph the Worker Parish raised £201.02 through our Red Boxes and donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Your community at St. Joseph the Worker Church is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline and how your support of MISSIO changes lives for the better. Fr. Anthony Chantry, MISSIO National Director."

Bible Alive

The Easter edition of Bible Alive is available in the Narthex. Please do purchase a copy to help us pray and reflect on the word of God during the weeks of Easter.

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

St Joseph The Worker School Change to the Mid-Year Admissions Applications

As from 1 April the local authority will no longer be coordinating the Admissions requests for mid-year applications. These will now need to be sent directly to the school and the application form can be found on our website (Key Information/ Admissions/Mid-Year Application Form). The Local Authority will continue to manage the applications for new starters in the Early Years.

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First Holy Communion Day



Our children will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday 14 May at 11.00 a.m. We have all participated recently in the Easter Triduum on the day of the Last Supper, the priest consecrates the bread and wine and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they are totally changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. This change is called transubstantiation. In this change the crucified and risen Lord is truly present to his church and he calls us to share in his divine life. In Holy Communion, it is nothing less than Christ's Body & Blood, Soul, and Divinity that we receive. We are drawn into communion with God, the All Holy One. We live in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

This is an awesome moment in the life of your child. A life that you as parents have the responsibility to nurture and enter into the very life of Jesus Christ - food for the soul as he or she journeys to Eternal life. As parents and as a community we must set the example of attending Sunday Mass. This must be for each one of us a priority in our lives. Please pray for our children and parents and all of us that this may be, so Christ promises us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (Jn 6:54,56). **The mass is the source of true freedom and witness.**

March for Life

This will be held on 3 September in London - Please put this date in your diaries. - Ten Million too many. Every life is precious.

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.

SVP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is an international volunteering organisation that gives practical help and support to those in need. We are looking for volunteers to support our vibrant schools programme that helps children put their faith into action. Volunteers are required to support teachers and talk to students about how they can be involved. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month). Full training is given, resources are supplied, and costs are covered. If you are interested and would like to know more, please register for an introduction zoom 'open evening' on 9 May or a zoom 'open afternoon' on 19 May with no commitment required at this stage. Register on Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for SVP Open.

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.

Dates for your Diaries

CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The present year of the family will conclude with the 10th World Meeting of Families taking place in Rome 22 -26 June 2022. Whereas previously participation in the World Meeting of Families had been pretty much limited to those present, this time the aim is to encourage much wider participation, with a smaller gathering in Rome itself. The talks given in Rome will be made available online, and there will be a special blessing for families at the end of Pope Francis's Sunday Angelus on 26 June. It is hoped that all parishes will be able to make marriage and family life a particular focus for preaching and intercession. More information about the WMF programme can be found online at <http://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

In terms of diocesan events to mark the end of the Year of the Family, our focus is on relaunching the Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life after a Covid enforced hiatus. In addition to the prayer cards, Bishop Alan will be celebrating in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 16 July. Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. As part of the Year of the Family we will be inviting people to send in their own prayer requests via our website, and these will be placed before the altar at this Mass and included in the intentions for the Mass.

If any families would like to attend, please see Father Leslie who will give you an invitation card. For those attending there are no special car parking arrangements, therefore they should come early and be prepared to use one of the public car parks in Brentwood or travel via public transport as the cathedral car park will fill up very quickly.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

As you will be aware from the information Fr. Daniel Kelly has already sent out, we are also keen to encourage families to take part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 28 May. We have tried to identify things that will make the day easier for parents with young children and help them and their children get as much out of the day as possible. Plans include setting aside a room at the shrine for the use of families during the day, and designating a time when families can visit the slipper Chapel without fear of disturbing the prayer of others, when there will also be a family rosary led by one of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will also be producing a special liturgy and activity booklet for the children. If in the past parents have expressed any concerns about coming to Walsingham with the diocese it would be useful to know what these concerns are so that we can try and address them.

200 Club winners

JANUARY

- 1st C & M FITZPATRICK
- 2nd B NOBLE
- 3rd D GRAINGE

FEBRUARY

- 1st J & D DURANTI
- 2nd V J BARBER
- 3rd P CREAVIN

MARCH

- 1st J GREENFIELD
- 2nd S & C O'CONNELL
- 3rd L PEACHEY

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all for your continued support. **New members welcome** by completing a standing order form for £2 per month. Details at the back of the church.



Pope on Twitter



Let's remember the forgiveness and peace we have received from Jesus. Let's put the memory of God's warm embrace before the memory of our own mistakes and failings. In this way, we will grow in joy. For nothing will ever be ever the same for anyone who has experienced God's joy!

I ask everyone to increase their prayers for peace and to have the courage to say, to show that peace is possible. Political leaders, please, listen to the voice of the people who want peace, not an escalation of the conflict.

I renew my appeal for an Easter truce. Stop the attack, so as to respond to the suffering of the exhausted population. Let it stop, in obedience to the words of the Risen Lord, who on Easter repeats to his disciples: "Peace be with you!"

It is sad that in these days, which are the holiest and most solemn for all Christians, the deadly roar of weapons is heard rather than the sound of bells announcing the Resurrection. And it is sad that weapons are increasingly taking the place of words

Finance News

For the week ending Friday 22 April you gave £180.00 with £4.00 through 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.*

Mass Attendance

Saturday 23 April: 39

Sunday 24 April: 83

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Eileen Taylor, Peter Harper, Thomas Boniface, and Elizabeth James.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John Kennedy (2003), Canon Thomas Norris (1933), Fr. Fergus Saurin (1971), Fr. Andrew Dorricott (2013), Canon Patrick Palmer (1948), Canon Basil Booker (1954) and Fr. John Callaghan (2003).

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.

Please pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. A mass of course is a great prayer for those who have gone before us. The mass is the crucified and risen Christ real presence.

Thought for the Day

We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone!

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq, London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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QR Codes

What are they and how do they work?

A QR (Quick Response) code works in the same way as a barcode at the supermarket. It is a machine-scannable image that can instantly be read using a Smartphone camera. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. In our instance, the QR code will take you directly to a website where you can make your donation digitally, instead of using cash. The Diocese is wanting ALL churches to use this form of giving to replace cash which is time consuming and expensive to count and check.

Using the QR code enables the parish to save time and money – both of which are very welcome! So please don't forget that if you normally donate cash weekly, then please use the QR codes which can be found on the back page of the newsletter each week. This helps to keep the money coming in while reducing the amount of cash that we have to count, double check and then take to the bank. And amazingly some banks have actually stopped taking cash! *Thank you and God Bless.*



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