

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 1 December 2019

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR "A" FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m. Mark McCabe <i>D Looney</i>
Sunday 1	8.30 a.m. Irene Bentley RIP <i>Spinks family</i> 10.30 a.m. For parishioners
Monday 2	9.15 a.m. Mary Lunny (sick)

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Tuesday 3	9.15 a.m. Ernest Stimpson RIP <i>Barry and Kevin</i>
Wednesday 4	NO MORNING MASS
Thursday 5	9.15 a.m. Kathleen Green RIP <i>C Sutcliffe</i>
Friday 6	9.15 a.m. Fiona Smith (sick)

Saturday 7	NO MORNING MASS 9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. CONFESSIONS 5.00 p.m. (until 5.50 p.m.) CONFESSIONS ALSO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Saturday 7	6.00 p.m. Barbara Rose Murphy RIP
Sunday 8	8.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP <i>Jean Dunne</i> 10.30 a.m. For parishioners

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 9 December. We invite as many as possible to come to the morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. on Monday 9 December.

PLEASE NOTE.

Confessions before Mass every Saturday
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5.00 p.m. - 5.50 p.m.
Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday



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*

Christmas Hamper

The Classic Christmas Hamper contains all the luxury essentials for a grand festive season. Each indulgent treat has been carefully hand-picked to ensure unrivaled quality and taste, delighting friends, family and colleagues. Toast the occasion with Lanson Champagne and enjoy the exceptional Minters Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, Christmas Wreath Biscuits from Chloes, Ardens' Mini Chocolate Panettone and so much more.

To accompany this vast food and drink offering is a hand-woven basket with rope detail handles, perfect to store winter blankets for the family. Whether you choose to surprise a friend, treat your family or send to staff or customers, this delightful Christmas Gift Hamper is sure to impress. Weight 8kg.

Includes:

- ★ Champagne - Lanson Black Label NV (12.5%) - 75cl
- ★ White Wine - Vina Vasta Verdejo Viura (12%) - 75cl
- ★ Red Wine - Vina Vasta Tempranillo Syrah Merlot (12.5%) - 75cl
- ★ Market Town Bakery - Stem Ginger Cake (400g)
- ★ Minters Fine Foods - Christmas Pudding (350g)
- ★ Delicioso - Picos Artesanos (200g)
- ★ Jacquot - Bitter Classic Truffles (200g)
- ★ Elizabeth Shaw - Salted Caramel Crisp (175g)
- ★ Copperpot - Milk Chocolate Coated Fudge (175g)
- ★ Abbey Biscuits - Mixed Berry (150g)
- ★ Whitakers - Black Cherry Cremes (150g)
- ★ Chloe's - Christmas Wreath Biscuits (150g)
- ★ Elizabeth Shaw - Raisin & Hazlenut Biscuits (140g) Walkers - Turkish Delight (110g)
- ★ Yorkshire Crisps - Sweet Cured Ham & Pickle (100g)
- ★ Arden & Amici - Mini Chocolate Panettone (100g)
- ★ nibnibs - Rosemary Big Minis (100g)
- ★ Grandma Wild's - 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- ★ Yorkshire Popcorn - Salt & Sweet (40g)



Eucharistic Ministers for This Week's Masses
(30 November/1 December 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
Ewa Kania
Ann Howarth
A N Other

8.30 a.m. Jan Jarvis
Mary Allum
Lyn Birnie
A N Other

10.30 a.m. Dominic De Albuquerque
Tyrone Sequeira
Sharon Ruffles
A N Other

Readers For This Week's Masses
(30 November/1 December 2019)

6.00 p.m. Marian Anderson
8.30 a.m. Julie Stone
10.30 a.m. Willa Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses (7/8 December 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ewa Kania
Bill O'Regan
Gaye O'Regan
A N Other

8.30 a.m. Lyn Birnie
Jan Jarvis
Mary Allum
A N Other

10.30 a.m. Chris Brooks
Mary Brooks
Hyacinth Albuquerque
A N Other

Readers For Next Week's Masses
(7/8 December 2019)

6.00 p.m. Ann Howarth
8.30 a.m. David Holt
10.30 a.m. Paul Downey

Mass Intentions

Over the years the number of people asking for a Mass for a deceased family member, friend or intention has decreased. Each one of us will be in need of prayers when we leave this world. Our Mass, the sacrifice of our Redeemer on Calvary, is the greatest and most powerful prayer to help us on our journey into God's presence. In the book of Maccabees "It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins". Please do give this some serious thought.

ALSO 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, Patricia Green and Mary Lunny. 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.

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, Alice Holman, Andrew McCreadie, Peter Lunny and Peggy Bartlett.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Brian Drea (one time parish priest of St. Joseph - 1993), Fr. Bart Lynch (2010), and Fr. James Hannon (1990).

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



Welcome to everyone today as we enter the Holy Season of Advent. Please do not let the frenetic Christmas shopping get in the way of your personal spiritual preparation on the real meaning of Christmas, namely the birth of our redeemer and saviour. Advent conjures up Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Whilst advent is about the birth of Jesus and the 'Parousia' as the returning of the Master Jesus, both implications are drawn from the Advent celebrations, and even more importantly, the daily coming of Jesus into our lives.

The first reading and the psalm invites us come to the mountain of the Lord, whilst the gospel speaks of the the Son of Man on the last day. The mountain signifies a place of worship for Israel, all nations of the world are involved. However in the Gospel reading, Jesus gives us the urgent warning to be prepared and stay awake, lest his coming catches us unaware like the coming of the flood in the days of Noah. There is a urgent air of preparation during the advent season, as many people work harder to be set for the Christmas celebration. There is an increase in the wave of corruption, cheating, stealing etc. in the mad craving to make material advancement. The warning of Jesus today is meant to save someone. The one to be saved is the one who agrees to be prepared i.e. ready in good works. Therefore the period of Advent should be a period of good works and not of evil. It should be a period of peace not of quarrels. Let these be our guiding principles in this season of Advent. May God find us ready and waiting at all times, in his daily encounter with us in his Word and Sacrament and at his second coming.

Happy Sunday to you all with the blessing of the Lord Jesus.

Fr. Leslie

Clearing Leaves

Please, if you are able, do come along and help to clear leaves from the church property. That would be extremely helpful. *Thanks in advance and God bless*



Christmas Gift To Your Priest

The envelopes are available at the back of the church. This gift forms a major part of your Priest's income for the year. *Thank you and God Bless.*



Hope

First Sunday of Advent

"You too must stand ready because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Matthew 24:44

Eternal God,
you will come when we do not expect you.
Help us to welcome you now in one another,
to reach out to our sisters and brothers
in need of care and support.
And in this way
may we be found ready,
when you come again in glory.
Amen.



Cafod Harvest Fast Day

We have heard from CAFOD that this year's Harvest Fast Day collection amounted to £284.98. *Thank you very much for your support.*

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

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Providence Row – Homeless

Tom O'Connor, who was with us earlier in the year, will be here on Sunday 1 December to speak about the work that is done at Providence Row, and what they do for so many people who need help. There will be a retiring collection.

Christmas Cards Left In The Church

Should you leave Christmas Cards at the back of the church, please make sure the full name and address is on the envelope and also make sure that they come to Mass at our church. Please don't just put Christian Name only on the envelope as there are many parishioners with the same name! Many cards were left unopened last year, which is a great shame after all that effort.

Schoolchildren Year 4 To 6

Our parish schoolchildren in years 4, 5 and 6 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confession on Monday 2 December in the afternoon. Please pray for them.

Our First Holy Communion children celebrate their first confession at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 6 December. Please also pray for them.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Advent is a season of light: a time when the light of Christ shines forth into our lives and on to our world, and we receive a great gift: "to us a child is born, to us a son is given". In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness".

Advent has its roots in the pagan festival of the winter solstice. The word 'solstice' is derived from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still). The pagan world hungered for light and worshipped the sun god Sol Invictus, who was invoked each day at sunrise. As bright and as powerful as the sun is, we know it cannot cast its light on the greatest mysteries of our existence or penetrate the darkness of sin and death. For this a brighter, more radiant light is required. The prophet Isaiah declared hundreds of years before the birth of Christ: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined". Advent, then, is an opportunity for us to come into this light, see with the light of Christ and walk our pilgrim way such that we let our light shine.

"Advent" literally means "coming", and the Church has always sought to remind us during this holy season of the three comings of Christ: his first at his birth, his second at his return to earth in glory, and his third when he comes into each of our lives. The work of the Spirit in our lives is twofold: he compels us to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father, and he also moves us to pray with heartfelt longing, "Come, Lord Jesus, come". Jesus is the meaning of Christmas. He is the meaning of human existence. The baby born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, is our light and hope. We lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for Jesus who is the Light of the World, the light which darkness could not extinguish or overcome.

Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we invite your light into our lives and come ourselves into the light so that by the grace of repentance and a deeper conversion we may walk as children of the light.



Finance News

For the week ending 23/24 November you gave £496.75 of which £58.90 was Gift Aided.

Youth Sunday Collection raised £183.51 The Christmas Hamper has so far raised £250.00. Still some way to go to our target of £1,000!!

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.

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St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church,
Hutton. Sort Code: 40 13 22.
Account No.: 61018884



The Pope on Twitter



To remember, to journey together, to protect. These are three moral imperatives that here in #Hiroshima assume even more powerful and universal significance, and can open a true path to peace.

The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possession of atomic weapons is immoral, as I said two years ago. We will be judged on this

Peace is no more than an empty word unless it is founded on truth, built up in justice, animated and perfected by charity, and attained in freedom.

The kingdom of heaven is our common goal, a goal that cannot be only about tomorrow. We have to implore it and begin to experience it today.

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

Jesus tells everyone that they must always be ready to welcome him. Jesus reminds them that Noah built an ark so he was ready for the flood.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help us to realise you are with us always, in our hearts and in other people. Help us to be ready to do what you would like. Amen.



Youth

Please pray for our young people.

"May young Saints and so many other people who perhaps in silence and hiddenness lived the Gospel to the full, intercede for the Church, so that she may be full of joyous, courageous and committed young people who can offer the World new testimonies of holiness."

Pope Francis - Christus Unit. Christ is alive! Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Our Youth Ministry in 2019 included:

- Welcoming 7,000 young people on retreat with the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer Team
- 217 young people assisting the ill and elderly in Lourdes
- 35 young people travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for World Youth Day with Pope Francis
- 100 -150 young people attending Youth Mass each month
- 700 young people attending the national Flame Congress - which BCYS helped organise
- 140 young people enjoying the Mersea Island Youth Gather
- Plus many resources for youth leaders, catechists, teachers and school lay chaplains at www.bcys.net
- We have very limited income and rely heavily on donations. The National Youth Sunday Collection helps us to provide:
- Bursaries and subsidies to ensure the widest possible access to events
- High quality training and formation for young people, youth leaders and catechists
- Extra improvements to the grounds and facilities at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

www.bcys.net/donate

Walk With Me

Walk with me booklets are £1.00 each. Please put the money in the Red Box. These booklets contain a Journey of Prayer for Advent. Through the Liturgy of Advent, the church makes present expectancy of the coming of Jesus. This sense of expectancy and joy is a very real blessing of the season, for we rejoice in Jesus' first coming and renew our desire for his second coming. May it be a happy occasion as Pope Francis tells us.

Advent And Christmas Season

Please pray for and support your priest during the very busy Advent and Christmas season. It is this particular time of year which becomes very busy for our priests. We help with confessions and Masses in our parishes and schools around the deanery. Visiting the sick at home and in care homes, during the week and also weekends, means your priests are very busy, especially when you add in the Masses and Baptisms, which of course are the life and heartbeat of our parishes.

Can you help? It would be good if you could accept responsibility to support and encourage our young people to come to Mass and remain involved in the community. We need to have ways to understand young people and what they are looking for in church. It would be a great help if you could look out for new parishioners and make them welcome. Also, by helping elderly and disabled people get to Mass would be a good initiative. Every two weeks on a Friday we have a Friendship Club - maybe you could tell people about it, and offer to help to bring people to it and take them home afterwards?

Sacramental follow-up? Baptism - sending parents a card on the anniversary of baptisms. Funerals - those attending are often moved by being in church. Is there some way we can keep them involved with us?

We need catechists, musicians, singers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, church cleaners etc. etc. The outside of the church and the church hall doesn't look after itself - we need help! We also need youth leaders.

There are many other ways we can help including updating our parish census forms. All of this can only be done if we pray at home and visit our churches, attending the Sunday Mass and weekday Mass when we can. Helping afterwards with teas and refreshments and encouraging parishioners to spend time with one another would also be very beneficial. I am sure there are many other ways to build our church community and these are just a few immediate thoughts. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

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 2020.

Christine and Ian Restall and family wish Fr. Leslie and all our friends and parishioners a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas wish Fr. Leslie and all the St. Joseph parishioners a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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

The Peachey family (Julia, Phil, Johnnie and Lola) wish Fr. Leslie and the whole St. Joseph parish a very special Christmas and a happy and healthy 2020.

Jan Jarvis wishes all parishioners at St. Joseph's a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Catherine, David, William, James, and Verity would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a very happy and Holy Christmas.

Sharon, John, Flory & Tilly Ruffles would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the Parishioners, friends and their families at St. Josephs, a very Happy & Holy Christmas along with Good Luck and Good Health for 2020.

The Jackson Family wish Fr. Leslie, friends and all parishioners a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas, and every blessing for 2020.



Spirituality Seminar Series Spring 2020

"The Spirituality of John Henry Newman" - Speaker Mgr. David Manson on Saturday 18 January 2020 from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. at The Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood.

School Applications

Applicants for St. Joseph's Primary School. If you need a Certificate of Practice form signed you need to see Fr. Leslie on Wednesday 4 December between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. in the afternoon and 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in the evening. Fr. Leslie will be in the parish room which is off the main part of the church.

A Certificate of Practice will only be given to families who regularly practice their faith and attend Mass weekly. If you attend another Catholic church and live within the parish boundary, then you will need to have your form signed by the priest of that parish that you regularly attend.

Christmas Cards 2019

Christmas cards are available from BCCS, the children's charity for Essex and East London. Order forms are available from BCCS, Childcare House, Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 9EH or you can order them online at www.bccs.org.uk All are priced at £3.99p per pack.

Thank you in advance for your support

Ladies Christmas Lunch

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting its very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Friday 6 December at 12.00 for 12.30 p.m. at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea and coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room overlooking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 per person.

To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268 784544/lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Cathedral Advent Service

Sunday 1 December at 4.00 p.m. ADVENT SERVICE with Brentwood Cathedral Choir at Brentwood Cathedral with Andrew Wright directing and Stephen King on Organ.

Items For Newsletter

Please make sure you let Fr. Leslie know should you wish to place items of news in the newsletter. They can be sent direct to Ian Restall (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) should you wish, but do please let Fr. Leslie know first. This is Diocesan Policy for which there are good reasons.

Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you for taking Holy Communion to our sick parishioners. However, please return the Holy Communion containers (known as the PYX) to the church after use, unless they are your own. We will need them for other people.

Thank you and God bless.