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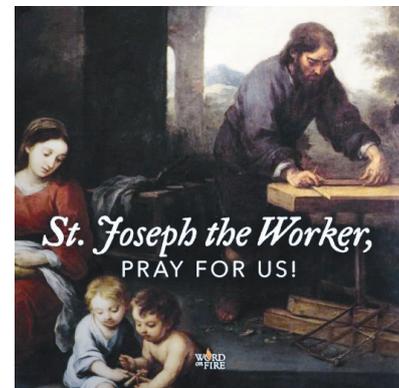
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Mission Statement

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 21 August 2022



“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

IN TODAY’S GOSPEL

Have you ever been asked, ‘Are you saved?’ Most of us find such intrusive questioning offensive. Perhaps the reason that it offends is that it invites a response. Our hackles get raised, due to embarrassment and a feeling of invasion of our privacy. Jesus was interrogated in a similar fashion, his interlocuter keen to know not whether he will be saved but how? (v.23).

Jesus doesn’t dismiss the challenge but rather comes at it from a different angle. Refusing to get bogged down in statistics, he counsels that the gateway to everlasting life is a narrow one and then tells a sober parable about a householder who doesn’t know those who pound on his door.

This salutary teaching is driven home by the Lord with the stark image that those who remain outside the kingdom are embittered and filled with rage (v.28). It’s an amazing truth that those inside are surprised to be there, just as those outside are surprised to find themselves there.

Try as we might, we cannot remove this kind of emphasis from Jesus’ teaching, as it’s a significant part of his message. Jesus is the ultimate realist. He never cajoled his people or forced them to do as he said. Rather, his language of love is of warning, urging and pleading. Jesus taught clearly and unequivocally that our eternal destiny is profoundly linked to his person. To accept him as Lord and worship him as God is the key to the door; to walk humbly before him is the way through the narrow gate. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, opens the gate leading to eternal life for everyone who believes in him. He opens the gateway to eternal life and continually knocks on the door of our souls. St. Ambrose shrewdly observed, ‘He would never come and knock at the door, unless He wanted to enter; it is our fault that He does not always enter.’

Lord Jesus Christ, you opened the gate of heaven to us. Your saving death purchased for every human the gift of everlasting life. Protect me from being complacent or negligent in my walk with you and teach me that, although the door is narrow, your presence keeps me safe.

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Upcoming Masses**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR C****THE WORD OF GOD****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY****AUGUST**

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.
Bernadette Rossiter, Staff
& Pupils of St. Joseph The Worker school
Sunday 21 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 23 9.00 a.m.
Fr. Anthony Brunning RIP
Wednesday 24 7.30 p.m.
(Please note the time)
Vo Dam Family RIP
Thursday 25 9.00 a.m.
Roy Family RIP
Friday 26 9.00 a.m.
Monica Lynch RIP

Do try and come to a weekday Mass.
We all need Jesus.

**TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR C****FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
Deceased Members of
McPherson Family
Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.
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 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.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the
greatest privilege of all. Looking forward
to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite
all Catholics who have not done so to
return to attending Mass in person.

**Eucharistic Ministers For This
Week's Masses**

20 August 6.00 p.m.
M Anderson
C Turnbull
21 August 10.30 a.m.
W Jackson
P Sam

Readers For This Week's Masses

20 August 6.00 p.m.
M Brennan
21 August 10.30 a.m.
R Mulvey

**Eucharistic Ministers For Next
Week's Masses**

27 August 6.00 p.m.
M Brennan
M Anderson
28 August 10.30 a.m.
M Brooks
J Jarvis

Readers For Next Week's Masses

27 August 6.00 p.m.
I Restall
28 August 10.30 a.m.
U Ekpechue

Mass Attendance

Saturday 13 August: 34
Sunday 14 August: 59



Welcome to all of our parish family and visitors to our Sunday
Celebration of our Holy Mass.

In today's gospel Jesus answers a difficult question. Sir will
there be only a few saved? He replied 'Try your best to enter
by the narrow door! It is better to work hard in order to be
saved'. Through this Jesus reminds us that the invitation to
His feast is open to all. However, each person must struggle
to be there. We must do what we have to do by following the
teaching of Jesus. In our families we do need to find a time, no
matter how busy we are and the strains that we are under, to
pray. Prayer is the raising up of the mind and heart to God. Also we need to reflect
on a passage of God's word and discuss it with your Children and your teenage
children. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Most of all attend and participate in
our Sunday Mass. We have an obligation to do this and to miss Mass, except if we are
sick or unable to come through physical disability, is a serious sin; if we miss Mass we
need to come to Jesus in His Sacrament of Reconciliation before we next go to Holy
Communion. This is one of the Ten Commandments given to us by God. So often
we do other things which could be important but God comes first. We should also
encourage other members of your family to join you. This is how we evangelise and
spread the Good News. St. Paul admonishes us; 'Work out your salvation with fear
and trembling'. (Phil 2:12)

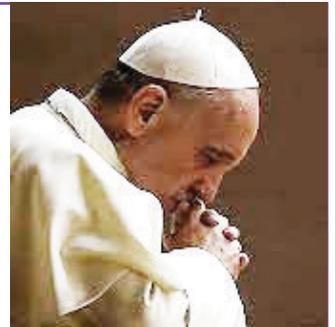
We are constantly reminded in the scriptures that 'we do not know the day or hour
when God will call us from this life'. Therefore, we have to get ourselves together
by making use of the available opportunity in order to be prepared at all times. We
are therefore called to be focused and disciplined in order to be part of the great
gathering of the saints.

There is a new list for volunteers to make and serve the teas and coffee after 10.30
a.m. Mass and on the first Saturday of the month after the Saturday evening Mass.
Please do not see this as a chore but rather a joy, to serve our parish friends like we
hear of St. Martha in the gospel. Also try not to be in a rush to get home. Please
make it a time to socialise and meet one another especially our new parishioners and
visitors. The more volunteers the easier it will be for everyone.

I wish you all a safe and holy week with God's blessing

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.

**Norbertine Priory**

Opening Mass for The New Norbertine Priory in
Peckham.

Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. We very
much hope you will be able to join us. If you are
able to come, please email Fr. Stephen on
Stephen.morris@norbertines.org.uk

Bible Alive for September

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help us
on our journey of faith - Price £3.00.

Please also pray the rosary - what a powerful
prayer with your families and teach your
children to love Mary through this great prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is held every Sunday between 4.00 p.m. and
5.00 p.m. We live in very troubled times in our
world. We need to find some peace and tranquillity
in his divine presence in the Eucharist. Also come
to Jesus often. Our church is open all day. Mass is
the summit of our faith and is celebrated each
day except Monday. For those who are working
we have Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 - 1**FROM SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 1**

The relic of St. Bernadette will travel to our
Cathedrals in the United Kingdom.
Such is the importance of this tour, and such are
the gifts of grace that will flow from these days
that we hope that all will feel encouraged to
visit. Please see details on the white board in the
Narthex of our church. Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ The date for our Cathedral in Brentwood
is in the newsletter.

Cardinal Vincent says 'The pilgrimage of St.
Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity
to bear active witness to our faith, joining with one
another across many communities to encounter
God's love and find spiritual, emotional and
psychological healing and renewal'.

'I shall do everything for heaven, my true home,
there I shall find my mother in all splendour of
her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of
Jesus himself' (St. Bernadette). More details see
www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

**ST BERNADETTE RELIC - PLEASE SEE WHITE
BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.**

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Blessed Sacrament Reservation

First of all thank you again for your generous donations towards our church heater. Thank you for your support. It will keep us all warm if we have a cold winter.

Secondly, for many years, I have been wanting to make the Blessed Sacrament more prominent in our church so that it can be seen clearly and to give us all the sense of Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. At this time when Catholics are not showing much enthusiasm for the eucharist, we need to reflect deeply on the theme 'I am the Bread of Life' under the sub heading of 'food for the journey'. For these two phrases capture a good deal of the richness of the meaning of our Mass.

I would like now to look more deeply how we can do this change. Firstly, we need to involve from the beginning the diocesan Art and Architecture committee for them to come and see the possibilities – and take their advice.

At present the tabernacle is close to the wall and hard to see. It would be wonderful to have the tabernacle in a more central place, either in the centre of the sanctuary or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Art and Architecture committee would give their recommendation. Please pray for this project so that we may all come to know and love Jesus present in the Eucharist. I will keep you up to date.

MARCH FOR LIFE – Save the Date – London 3 October 2022

10 million Abortions – Too Many

This year marks a sad milestone – it's important now more than ever that we pray and act to stop the killing, to help out where we can and to help people who have a lifetime of suffering. It's important that in large numbers we witness to the infinite dignity of human life from the involvement of conception to its natural end. Bishop Sheringham will celebrate Mass on Saturday 3 October 11.00 a.m. at St. George's Cathedral Southwark. The march itself will begin at Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 p.m. proceeding to Parliament Square where there will be testimony and speeches concluding at 4.30 p.m.

Our witness is vital – please my dear parishioners make a huge effort to take part – it is important for us to save the lives of the unborn – more information www.marchforlife.co.uk Please reflect on your obligation to save lives and pray each day for this cause. If you are suffering after an abortion, please do contact Recovery Care Helpline on 0345 603 8501 (Line open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones)

The Domestic Church

We who are the people of God make up the community of faith. My Story is that I was born into life. The theme is about considering people who love and care for us and remembering that God knows and loves everyone from the very beginning of their lives. In your home create a little prayer table where you and your family can gather together to pray and reflect on the love of Jesus for you and grateful for each day.

Finance News – Church heater

I appealed for donations to replace a heater in the church which has not functioned for two years. It is with great humility that parishioners have come forward with donations, and we have now met the target. Thank you so very much indeed. The total cost is £2,634.30. May God bless your generosity.

Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

“YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.”

In brief:

'You shall not steal' 'Neither thieves, nor the greedy..., nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God'.

The seventh commandment enjoins the practice of justice and charity in the administration of earthly goods and the fruit of men's labour.

The goods of certain are destined for the entire human race. The right to private property does not abolish the universal destination of goods.

The seventh commandment forbids theft.

Theft is the usurpation of another's goods against the reasonable will of the owner.

Every manner of taking and using another's property unjustly is contrary to the seventh commandment. The injustice committed requires reparation. Commutative justice requires the restitution of stolen goods.

The moral law forbids acts which, for bought, sold or exchanged like merchandise.

The dominion granted by the Creator over the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe cannot be separated from respect for moral obligations, including those toward generation to come.

Animals are entrusted to man's stewardship, he must show them kindness. They may be used to serve the just satisfaction of man's needs.

The church makes a judgement about economic and social matters when the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls requires it. She is concerned with the temporal common good of men because they are ordered to the sovereign Good, their ultimate end.

Man is himself the author, centre and goal of all economic and social life. The decisive point of the social question is that goods created by God for everyone should in fact reach everyone in accordance with justice and with the help of charity.

The primordial value of labour stems from man himself, its author and beneficiary. By means of his labour man participates in the work of creation. Work united to Christ can be redemptive.

True development concerns the whole man. It is concerned with increasing each person's ability to respond to his vocation and hence to God's call.

Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

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



Pope on Twitter



Love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty; love generates wonder, it inspires creative, freely-given zeal.

Let us continue to invoke the intercession of Our Lady, so that God might give the world peace, and let us pray in particular for the Ukrainian people.

Looking at the Mother of God in glory, we understand that true power is service, that to reign means to love, and that this is the road to Heaven

The populations of Somalia and various zones of the neighbouring countries, who already live in very precarious conditions, now find themselves in mortal danger due to drought. I hope that international solidarity can respond effectively to this emergency

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 14 August you gave £185.00. with £12.00 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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Henriciter Dudley, Robert Noble, Denham Waight, Peter Buckley, Bridget Luddy, John Mills (Jack), Gaetano Galise, Mary Plant, and John McLoughlin

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. George Gresley (1938), Fr. Sean Sheils (2015), and Canon Vincent Cameron (1945)

Remember to have masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

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.

Refreshments after 10.30 Mass on Sundays

There will no refreshments served after Sunday Mass during August. Refreshments after 10.30 Mass will resume on Sunday 4 September. Please sign up on the rota for September to December. New volunteers are always welcome.



Light

Laughter

Want to hear a construction joke?
Oh never mind, I'm still working on that one!

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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.

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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 200278
Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.



Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:
• 3 September • 1 October •
5 November • 3 December
It will be good to see you!



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