

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 27 December 2020



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

To all our parishioners and friends. For all of us this has been a very difficult year where we have all suffered in one way or another. In particular, we think of the many families who have lost a loved one. For them our hearts go out to them, and for those who have died, may they now share the peace of the presence of our Father for all eternity.

However as we approach Christmas and the Christmas season, we have rejoiced in the birth of our Saviour who came to share our humanity so that we can share his divinity. Let us all, at this time in particular and throughout next year, keep to the guidelines given to us so that we can save life and keep each other healthy.

I wish to thank each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness and kindness shown to me over the past year. We also think of all those who have been confined to their homes for one reason or another.

Because of the Lord Jesus we know that we are a family of hope that through the cross of suffering we share the new life of Christmas and Easter.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas season and a happy and healthy New Year. Be faithful to the rules we are told to follow and be faithful to Jesus and live each day of our lives filled with love and thanksgiving.

Every blessing on you and your families.

UPCOMING MASSES

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 26	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 27	10.30 a.m. Deceased members of the Mullarkey family
Monday 28	No public service
Tuesday 29	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.
Wednesday 30	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.
Thursday 31	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 2021

Friday 1	No public service
Saturday 2	No public service

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 2	6.00 p.m. Clive Sexton RIP
Sunday 3	10.30 a.m. Collette English RIP
Monday 4	Church closed
Tuesday 5	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday 6	9.00 A.M. Morning Mass (followed by private prayer until 12 noon)
Thursday 7	Church open for private prayer 10.00 to 12 noon.
Friday 8	Church closed

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

First Holy Communion Parents

Hello and welcome. I apologise for not being in contact with you all over your child's preparation for Holy Communion. Everything at present is on hold because of Covid-19. However, there are three things you can do with your children. First, please contact our website/ Sacraments. Should you wish your child to make his/her first Holy Communion at some point next year, Mary Lockwood, our parish administrator, will send you a form to fill in and return to the Presbytery by 10 January 2021. Secondly, we normally ask the children and parents to erect somewhere in your home, usually their bedroom, a "holy place" consisting of, maybe a crucifix, a rosary, a bible or whatever you wish to place on it. You and your child can pray together each evening. Perhaps you could send a photograph into the school or presbytery of your "holy place". Thirdly, we welcome you and your child to attend mass each Sunday which is a very important part of your desire for your child to make his/her first Holy Communion. These are three ways you can focus the family attention on this important sacrament. I will keep you informed about the progress we are making when it is prudent to do so. Thank you all very much indeed and have a safe and Holy Christmas.

Finance News

Mass attendance last week was as follows:
6.00 p.m. - 36
10.30 a.m. - 24
Collection was £104.40 including £2.00 Gift Aided.
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

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.
Account No.: 61018884

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Albert Sabadell, Arthur Cahill, Mary O'Reilly, Jane Richardson, George Scott, Dr. Clive Sexton, William Ostemeger, George Manning, Lillian Goddard and Gillian Brazier.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. Francis Wilson (1982), Canon John Byrne (1982) and Fr. Brian Reeves (1962).

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, may they Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

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

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.

Face Masks

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

Christmas Hamper

The raffle was drawn just before 10.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 20 December and was won by Brian McGee. Well done Brian – enjoy! Brian has been a parishioner for many years and attends 6.00 p.m. Mass. His children went to our school.

The hamper raffle raised an amazing £885.00 in total. Thank you all for supporting the parish and raising much needed funds. Perhaps we should do the same at Easter?



Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

This is the last newsletter for 2020. We will resume publication on the weekend of 9/10 January 2021. Mass Times are as stated here in the newsletter but please also check the website for changes and for Covid updates. Please also visit our Facebook page.

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

The Jackson family would like to wish Fr. Leslie, friends and parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. In particular we would like to thank all Stewards, Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their commitment to our parish this year

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

Chris Bailey would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all his friends and acquaintances at St. Josephs a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year



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