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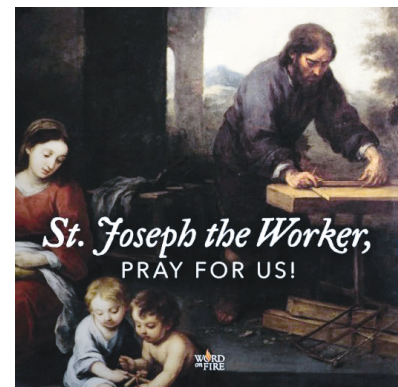
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Mission Statement

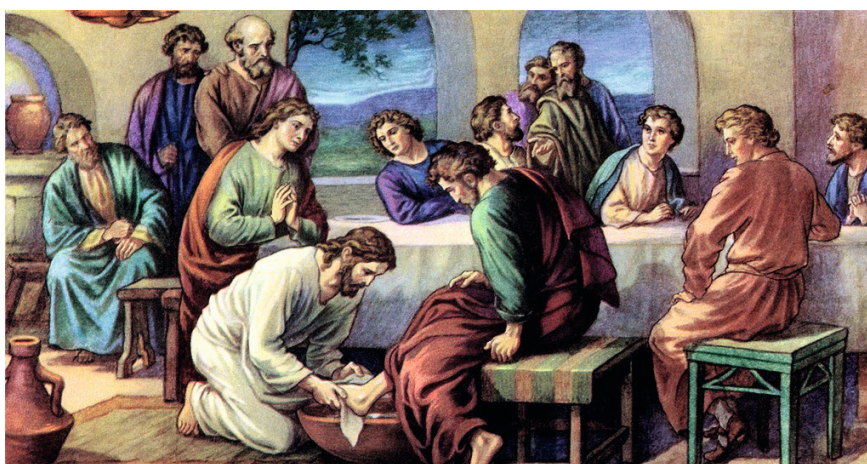
To have Christ at the centre of our lives, enabling us to grow in faith as a community where all feel welcome, loved and valued.



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 15 May 2022



"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Do you know Luther Vandross' song, 'What The World Needs Now is Love? If you're familiar with it you might be tempted to sing or hum it - it's quite catchy, after all! The key lyric is: 'What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of.' But what kind of love does the world need?

We invite you to ponder, reflect on and put into practice the vision of love unpacked by Pope Paul VI: 'Above all the gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good.' 'Let us suppose that...they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine.'

Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst?

'Such a witness is...a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one. Here we have an initial act of evangelization. The above questions will ask whether they are people to whom Christ has never been proclaimed, or baptized people who do not practise, or people who live as nominal Christians but according to principles that are in no way Christian, or people who are seeking...something or someone whom they sense but cannot name.'

'Other questions will arise, deeper and more demanding ones...evoked by this witness which involves presence, sharing, solidarity, and which is an essential element, and generally the first one, in evangelization.' (Evangelii Nuntiandi 21)

Lord, you gave us a new command to love, but in truth it is an ancient command, rooted in revelation. What is new, O Lord, is that we love as you first loved us.

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Upcoming Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

MAY

Saturday 14	6.00 p.m. Mass Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 15	10.30 a.m. Mass People of the Parish 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 17	NO MASS
Wednesday 18	7.30 p.m. Mass (Please note the time) For Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 19	9.00 a.m. Mass George & Harriet Harper
Friday 20	9.00 a.m. Kathleen Andrews RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21	6.00 p.m. Mass
Sunday 22	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: Any mass intentions have to be in a week in advance as our newsletter is printed a week in advance.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

14 May	6.00 p.m. I Restall S Walker
15 May	10.30 a.m. J Jarvis L Birnie

Readers For This Week's Masses

14 May	6.00 p.m. M Brennan
15 May	10.30 a.m. P Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

21 May	6.00 p.m. E Kania M Brennan
22 May	10.30 a.m. M. Allum C Brooks

Readers For Next Week's Masses

21 May	6.00 p.m. I Restall
22 May	10.30 a.m. S Ruffles

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.



Welcome to our parish family and visitors.

On Saturday our children in Year 4 received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We believe that in this Sacrament we receive our joy and happiness. In this Sacrament of his love, He gave us a vast and great desire, which He alone can satisfy. We pray that the parents and their children will be nourished each week with Our Lord and God.

This reminds all of us to be faithful to the invitation of Jesus: "Do this in memory of me".

I wish to thank our catechists and parents for preparing their children for their special day. Also our parish school for the music and decorating the church and all concerned for the occasion. I hope many more of our parish family will return to our Sunday celebration. We miss you very much.

As Catholics we take Jesus at his word when He says "This is my Body which is given for you" (Luke 22:19).

On Sunday afternoon between 4.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to try and draw you into a deep life of prayer. May is the month of Mary, our Mother and Mother of the church. I want to encourage you to set a time to pray to Jesus through Mary by saying the rosary each day. This is a very powerful prayer.

We all have a mission to evangelise, and we begin in our homes, the domestic church.

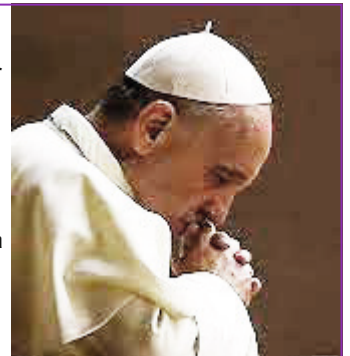
Our reflection today from the scriptures is to live and walk the way of Jesus. To see him in all we meet in our daily lives, to care, to love the way he loved, and in this way God's Kingdom will flourish.

Have a great Sunday with your families.
Every blessing on you all.

Fr. Leslie

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.*



The Society of the Protection of the Unborn Child

Wish to encourage women who are suffering after abortion to contact ARCH (Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline – a project of SPUC. Women who want to talk to someone who will listen compassionately can call 0345 603 8501 (This help line is open from 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. every evening. Calls are free from most landlines and contract phones). SPUC where their Youth Conference had 200 young people who were filled with optimism and energy. Please keep them in your prayers.

Bible Alive

Daily Reflections on the scriptures for each day of the week – This little book (£3.00) is a great way to reflect on the daily readings with yourself and your families. Please set aside some time each day to reflect on the word of God and how we can come close to Jesus and live our Catholic lives through his word.

Also you will find – How to order – Thank you cards, Kids Birthday Cards – Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament etc.

During the month of May – pray the rosary "the Family that prays together, stays together" (Fr. Peyton).

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.

Catholic Faith (Continued)

CONFIRMATION: In this sacrament we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Knowledge, right judgement, understanding, courage, piety and fear of the Lord. In this way, the sacrament of confirmation completes the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism, the Eucharist and confirmation together complete the sacraments of Christian initiation, whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception or sacrament of confirmation is necessary for the completion of Baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of confirmation, (the Baptised) are more perfectly bound to the church and are enriched with special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. (Catechism of Catholic Church, 1285). Please pray in church and at home for those preparing for this sacrament of confirmation in October.

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.

Bible Alive

The June 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.

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First Holy Communion Day



It was a great day. Thank you all so much. Thank you to the Catechists, Parents and Children for all your hard work. Thank you to Jan & Mary for the beautiful flowers.

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.

God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. – Matthew 6:14

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. – Matthew 22:34-39



Lunchtime Recitals

Next Wednesday 18 May at the usual time of 1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. there will be a Lunchtime Organ Recital given by Kelly Yeung from the Royal College of Music. Please also make a note in your diaries for Wednesday 25 May when David Silkoff will be returning to give another much awaited Lunchtime Piano Recital.

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners

for a cup of tea and cake? A New group has started and will meet regularly in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. For further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



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.

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:

4 June • 2 July • 6 August •
3 September • 1 October •
5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).



Pope on Twitter



We should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises help us recognize that we need God and thus allow us to return to the Lord, to experience his love anew.

Before the madness of war, please, let us continue to pray the Rosary for peace each day. And let us pray for the leaders of nations, so they might not lose the "pulse of the people" who want peace and who know well that weapons never achieve it, never.

Today is Mother's Day in many countries. Let us affectionately remember our mothers, even those who are no longer with us down here, but who live in our hearts. Our prayer, our affection, and our best wishes for all our mothers.

Christ's followers go where He goes, on the same path. They seek the lost, are interested in those who are far-off, take to heart the situation of the suffering, weep with those who weep, take their neighbour by the hand, placing them on their shoulders.

Finance News

For the week ending Friday 6 May you gave £119.54 with £31.00 through Gift Aid. Second collection for Vocations: £119.35 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: Gerald Wilson, Margaret Harkin, Mary Page, Horace Bushby, Kathleen Gore, Mary Ward, Philomena Magee, and Gerald Rimmer.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. James McCormack (2015), Fr. John William Hayes (2002), Fr. Paul Dynan (2020), Canon Thomas Clarke (1959), Canon Michael Fitzpatrick (1939), Fr. Brendan Shepherd (1969), and Mgr. William O'Grady (1954)

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.

Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

Light

Laughter

I'm afraid for the calendar.
Its days are numbered!

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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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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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