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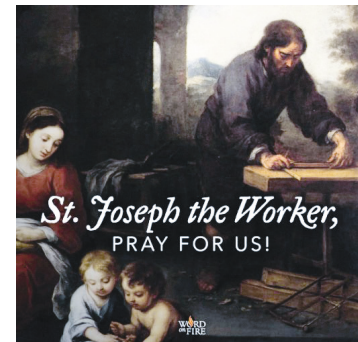
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Mission Statement

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 January 2023

We wish all our parishioners a happy and healthy New Year



“The next day, John saw Jesus coming to him, and he said: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world.”

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

A primary headteacher once complained bitterly about the front cover of one of our publications. The publication displayed Francisco de Zurbaran’s strikingly beautiful and powerful painting, Agnus Dei. The headteacher was vexed that an image of a poor lamb, trussed up and ready for slaughter, could be deemed as an appropriate image for Lent! She had a point and we were sympathetic that religious imagery can shock and even offend our modern sensibilities. If you think about it, is this image more offensive or shocking than that of a man dying on a cross? For the cross, the symbol of terrible torture and suffering, is at the very heart of our faith. Jesus is the innocent, sinless one, the perfect sacrifice, whose death on the cross reconciled us to the Father.

We can’t remove the cross from our understanding of Christianity because it’s at the very heart of our faith. In Genesis, Isaac asks Abraham, ‘... where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’, to which Abraham responds, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering’. Ultimately, it was a ram and not a lamb which was sacrificed in Isaac’s place, but sacrifice is a central theme of Judaism and Christianity. We need the Holy Spirit to show us that Jesus is truly the Lamb who takes away the sin of the whole world.

This same grace also imparts a joy through which we learn to rejoice in our salvation. Jesus is the High Priest, and his priesthood is the only priesthood - every priest shares in Christ’s priesthood and through baptism we too have some share in it. Therefore, Jesus is both the priest and the victim (the Lamb) who forgives our sins and reconciles us with the Father. Lent - which will be upon us before we know it - offers us a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of the cross, to grasp in a new and exciting way God’s love poured out upon the cross. How much does God love us? Jesus held out his arms on the cross and said, ‘This much.’

‘The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.’

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Upcoming Masses

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 14 6.00 p.m.
Margaret Tynan RIP
- Sunday 15 10.30 a.m.
Deceased Children & Grandchildren of the late Leo & Teresa Kenny
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 17 9.00 a.m.
Parishioners
- Wednesday 18 7.30 p.m.
Dorothy Hales RIP
M Galligan
- Thursday 19 9.00 a.m.
Deceased members of the Dillane Family
- Friday 20 9.00 a.m.
John & Nora Dillane RIP
- Saturday 21 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) or by appointment. Also before 6.00 p.m. Mass.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 21 6.00 p.m.
Conville Family RIP
B Wignall
- Sunday 22 10.30 a.m.
Parishioners
3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and find that peace and tranquillity in the presence of your dearest friend, Jesus, who loved us so intimately.

- 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.

PLEASE NOTE: At the weekends you may not get the date you request because everyone wants mass at the weekend. So you may get a different day. However your mass can be said on a weekday nearer the date you request. I am mandated as a Parish Priest to offer mass for @ Parishioners' each weekend.

We should have regular mass for our loved ones (Holy Souls) as often as we can.

200 Club Winners

October	November
1st. M. Hallinan	1st. B. Doyley
2nd. W. O'Regan	2nd. S. Barber
3rd. S. Ruffles	3rd. A. Bottono

December

1st. S. O'Connell
2nd. B. Richards
3rd. J. Peachey



Welcome to our parish family and to all our visitors.

Each new year begins under the watchful care of Mary our Mother and Mother of the church. We seek her intercession, offering up all our joys, hopes and fears, knowing that God hears the cry of our hearts. Mary teaches us how to pray, how to read and reflect on The Word of God and with St. Joseph the value of family life. Our homes are the domestic church where we learn how to live together in love, with compassion and forgiveness towards one another. God has done mighty things in our lives too. Let us reflect on all the magnificent things we

have received and that God has done for us.

This year is an important year for our parents, our Children and our parish as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. It is a time for the parents of their children to pray that they may truly love this wonderful gift that Jesus gave to us on the night before He died. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are as Christians flows from the celebration of Mass and everything we do finds its ultimate meaning and fulfilment in the Eucharist.

A famous hymn asks, 'Were you there when they crucified Our Lord?' Participating in the sacrifice of the Mass allows us to answer, 'Yes, we are there'. We tremble before the mystery of love that forgives the sins of the world and defeats our great enemy, death. I ask you all to reflect on the above words so that this year we will have a humble and a great love for this wonderful Sacrament which is nothing less than Christ's Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive.

O my Jesus give me the grace to love you more and more each day. Jesus I love you.

May this year be an opportunity to revere this most wonderful gift and put Jesus at the centre of our lives.

Help Wanted

After many years of sourcing and arranging of flowers in our church, I am looking for someone to take over this task, and perhaps, if possible, be part of a team .

Also some help with the washing of the altar linen would be most welcome.

Please consider giving some time to help and care for God's house if you can .

If interested please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278 or speak to Fr. Leslie.

Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal was launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis. The cost of one food parcel, providing enough food for two people for a week costs approximately £16. Each package contains the basics (grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish preserves, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, tea coffee, biscuits, etc.).

It is hoped that £160,000 can be raised allow the supply of 10,000 food parcels to those most in need and I ask that you and your parishioners will consider supporting this Emergency Winter Appeal.

Funds can be remitted to:

Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church
Central Fund

Account Number: 20927317

Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to

Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is: Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ

First Communion

There is a Parents' meeting for the First Communion program on Wednesday 18 January 2023. 7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start.

Repository

We are very pleased to have received a donation of £500.00 from the Repository. This will give a much-needed boost to parish funds. Our thanks to all the helpers who make the Repository such a welcoming place. Thank you also for supporting the Repository and please do remember there are lots of lovely items available for you to purchase all year round.

Christmas Hamper

Following a very generous last minute donation we were able to exceed our target and the final total raised was £1,175.00. Thank you to all who supported this annual raffle which will also give a much-needed boost to parish funds. The winner was Bridget Dooley, one of our senior parishioners, and the hamper was safely delivered to her just in time for Christmas. Well done everyone and well done Bridget. We hope you enjoyed it!

Brentwood Diocesan Directories

Brentwood Diocesan Directories are available to purchase from the narthex or parish office in the church at a cost of £2.95. If possible, please use the OR Code or red box on the table.

Refreshments after 6.00 p.m. Mass

Fr. Leslie invites you all to join us for tea in the hall after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month.



Dates for 2023

4 February · 4 March · 1 April · 6 May –
Coronation Day · 3 June · 1 July · 5 August · 2
September · 7 October · 4 November · 2
December

Tea, coffee, biscuits and cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. Please join us.

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Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: "CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY".

WHO CELEBRATES?

Liturgy is an action of the whole Christ. Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the heavenly liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast.

THE CELEBRANTS OF THE HEAVENLY LITURGY

The book of Revelation of St. John, read in the Church's Liturgy, first reveals to us, 'A throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne'. 'the Lord God.' It then shows the Lamb, standing, as though it had been slain. Christ crucified and risen, the one high priest of the true sanctuary, the same one 'who offers and is offered, who gives and is given.' Finally it presents 'the river of the water of life... flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb, one of the most beautiful symbols of the Holy Spirit.

Recapitulated in Christ, these are the ones who take part in the service of the praise of God and the fulfilment of his plan; the heavenly powers, all creation, the servants of the Old and New Covenants, the new People of God, especially the martyrs 'slain for the word of God,' and the all-holy Mother of God, the Bride of the Lamb, and finally a gentle multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples and tongues.

It is in this eternal liturgy that the Spirit and the Church enables us to participate whenever we celebrate the mystery of salvation in the sacraments.

Banking Coins

The banking of Coins has become a challenge as HSBC refuse to accept them. We now bank coins in the post office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers waiting to be served. Therefore, if possible, please support our parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking – our parish bank details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hutton and Shenfield St Joseph The

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Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 61018884

If you use this method, please put your surname and initial as a reference. If you are part of our gift aid scheme, then please add your gift aid number.

By entering this reference our gift aid organizer will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the gift aid regulations.

I do understand that there are some people who would prefer to continue making their offering by cash. We will continue to pass round the collection baskets as normal. *Thank you ever so much for your continued generosity and support of the running, work and mission of our parish at St. Joseph the Worker.*

New Year Concert

We are delighted to invite you to a New Year's Concert here in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 15 January at 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Once again we are delighted to welcome eight year Violinist Hermione Duan who will be accompanied by members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Many of you will remember Hermione's wonderful performance for us in August of last year and we are very excited to have her and the RPO back here again.

Admission is FREE. Should you be interested in attending, if you have the chance, do email us at music@dioceseofbrentwood.org to let us know! Limited parking is available – alternatively there is a large multi storey around the corner at Sainsburys.

From Bishop Alan

Mary is the unique witness to the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. From the birth of our Saviour, she accompanied Jesus through his early years, is with him as he begins his public ministry at Cana; she journeys with him through his passion and cross and is present at the birth of the Church at Pentecost.

In all of this the mother of Jesus can be seen as 'The Great Believer' (Pope Emeritus Benedict) and the 'first disciple of the Lord' (Pope John Paul II).

Saints are the great optimists of our world - 'The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness' (the opening words of Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium at the end of his first year as Pope). Mary, the greatest of the Saints, is an astonishing icon of the grace of God- 'full of grace' she models for us a life of perfect faith and discipleship.

Next year I plan to go on pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines at Fatima, Knock, Lourdes and Walsingham. Each Shrine has its special aspect but present in them all are great numbers of pilgrims who, with Mary, seek to come closer to Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer.

All Christian pilgrimage finds its roots at Bethlehem:

'When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished... And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen'.

I am always amazed at the generosity and service of those I encounter throughout the diocese and on my pilgrimages.

Understandably, we may wish to forget the many challenges we face regarding the world's climate crisis, the unjust war in the Ukraine, the enduring inequalities confronted by the poor and refugees; in our own country, increasing numbers of people are dependent on food banks as the cost of living becomes an increasing anxiety.

Yet in the midst of all of this, we need to believe and proclaim the enduring truth of the Gospel - 'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son' (John 10.10).

As we look forward to a New Year I am encouraged by the words of Pope Saint John Paul II when he spoke on the threshold of the third millennium after the birth of Christ - 'Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude. From this wonder there can come ...enthusiasm... People of today and tomorrow need this enthusiasm if they are to meet and master the crucial challenges which stand before us'.

Thanks to this enthusiasm, humanity, every time it loses its way, will be able to lift itself up and set out again on the right path'.

May the wonder of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and all the saints of God encourage us in our pilgrimage to the house of God the Father as we follow Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

Lunchtime Recitals

Our next Lunchtime Recital will be an Organ one to be given by Ben Collyer from the RCM on Wednesday 18 January at the usual time of 1.00 p.m.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 7 January: 72

Sunday 8 January: 77



Pope on Twitter



The paths of peace are paths of solidarity, for no one can be saved alone. We live in a world so interconnected that, in the end, the actions of each person affect everyone.

Let us not forget our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Today, seeing Our Lady who is holding the infant in the Nativity scene, who nurses him, I think of the mothers of the victims of war, of the soldiers who have fallen in this war in Ukraine.

Let us do as Jesus did: let us share, let us carry each other's burdens, let us look at each other with compassion, let us help each other. Let us ask ourselves: am I a person who divides or shares?

By having himself baptized, Jesus reveals that the true justice of God is the mercy that saves, the love that shares our human condition and is in solidarity with our suffering, entering into our darkness to restore light.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 8 January you gave £230.00 with £89.00 via Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper Total: £1,175.00 following a donation.

Donation from the Repository: £500.00 *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: Margaret O'Riordan, James Power, George Porter, Arthur Gilbert, Rosemary Walker, Alfred (Freddie) Said, Maura Oakey, Michael Lyons, David Curtis, Maurice Hussey, Dorothy Sutton, Victor Dragoni, Anita Laidler, and Kathleen Elliot.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Gilbert Basil Pearson (1947), Fr. Neville Banks (2006), Fr. Kenneth Green (1998), Canon Charles Kuypers (1946), Mgr. Canon David Donnelly (2010), Fr. John Meehan (2012), BP Bernard Ward (1920), and Fr. Christopher Quirke (2000).

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.

Light

Laughter

A friend of mine went bald a few years ago, but he still carries around an old comb around with him. He just can't part with it!

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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.



Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of new volunteers to be Eucharistic ministers to:

1. Take Holy Communion to our sick, housebound parishioners in their homes or care homes. Please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie.
2. Altar Servers - We are looking to train new altar servers for our parish celebrations of our holy Mass. It is a great privilege to minister at the altar. Again, if you wish to take on this ministry, please give your name and contact details to Fr. Leslie.

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.

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