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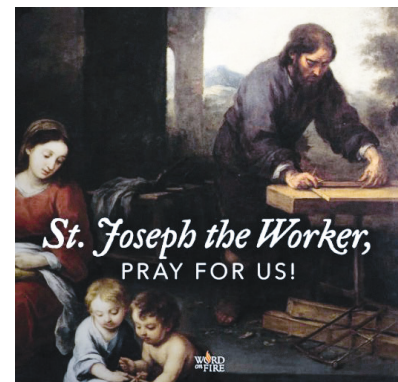
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Mission Statement

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 6 November 2022

Advent is just around the corner and Christmas is only 49 days away!

Time then for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle! This year the hamper is bigger and better than ever and will grace any family's Christmas Dinner table. Regulars will know all they need to do is to put a £5 note in an envelope (at the back of the church) and write their phone number on the front. There are boxes in the Narthex to put the completed envelope in. New parishioners are very welcome to join in the fun!

It's a record-size hamper. Let's see if we can make it a record sized fundraiser to help parish finances.



HAMPER CONTENTS

The Fizz and Festivities Christmas Hamper is packed full of indulgence. It is the perfect gift for that special someone – be it family, friends or colleagues – who enjoy life's little luxuries.

Crack open the trio of Accademia Prosecco, this triple treat is sure to be a great addition to the most discerning drinks trolley! We have popped in two signature kilner tins from Cartwright & Butler, one with English Breakfast Tea and the other with delicious Cheddar Biscuits. A fabulous box of Belgian Chocolates from Cachet in a gold sunburst design alongside sweet and savoury treats galore!

All of these delights are carefully packed in a bespoke hand-crafted wicker basket. It's brand new for this festive season and is sure to make a stylish addition to your home once the fabulous fare has been enjoyed.

The hamper includes:

- ◆ Accademia Gold Prosecco (11%), 3 x 75cl
- ◆ Gold Crown Christmas Pudding, 350g
- ◆ Cachet Milk, Dark and White Chocolate Assortment, 200g
- ◆ Chloe's Cinna-Men Biscuits, 175g
- ◆ Abbey Biscuits Mince Pie Shorties, 150g
- ◆ Grandma Wild's Butter Shortbread Biscuits in Tube, 150g
- ◆ Savoursmiths Italian Cheese & Port Crisps, 150g
- ◆ Vitavigor Cheese Breadsticks, 125g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Chocolate Wafer Rounds, 120g
- ◆ Lily O'Briens Creamy Caramels with Sea Salt, 120g
- ◆ Walkers Classic Collection Gold, 120g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler Cheddar Cheese Biscuits in Caddy, 100g
- ◆ Cartwright & Butler English Breakfast Tea in Tin, 90g
- ◆ Godiva Dark Chocolate Ganache Heart Bar, 86g
- ◆ Buitemans Gouda Biscuits Gold, 75g
- ◆ Wicker Basket with Round Handle Detail

Weight: 11.1kg



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise."

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 5 6.00 p.m.
Thomas O'Connor RIP
Sean & Anne-Marie Clarke

Sunday 6 10.30 a.m.
Janice Masters RIP
C. Restall

4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8 9.00 a.m.
Paul McMonagle RIP
G. Sarah

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Wednesday 9 7.30 p.m.
For Our Parishioners

St. Leo the Great

Thursday 10 9.00 a.m.
November Dead

St. Martin of Tours

Friday 11 9.00 a.m.
November Dead

Saturday 12 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Saturday 12 6.00 p.m.
Dorothy Durant RIP
M&J Anderson

Sunday 13 10.30 a.m.
Gonsalves Family RIP

4.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
Exposition 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 tranquility 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.

November Dead Envelopes

During the month of November, it is customary for you to pray for members of your family. For this purpose, envelopes are in the Narthex. Put the names of those you wish Mass to be offered together with a donation. Thank you. They will be placed on the altar during Mass.



I welcome you all to our parish celebration of our most Holy Mass.

May I humbly ask you to aim to arrive at mass in good time. If you come to mass harassed and 'on the run' then there will be little opportunity to still your mind and recollect your heart. This may prove a challenge even at the best of times, but it should remain a spiritual goal. As the psalmist says. 'Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace (psalm 31) and adults should try to do so as well because silence makes

us more sensitive to the presence of Christ whom we love with all our hearts and overjoyed to be in His Presence. When we are quiet all the noise outside is forgotten as we are caught up and more aware of God's presence which we hope to be with for all Eternity.

Our celebration on Saturday and Sunday should move our hearts and minds to the wonder of this moment and fill us with peace and tranquillity so that what we do and say and live every day should be a Holy experience blessed by Our Father.

May today and everyday be a blessed day.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Leslie

Parish Social Event 12 November

All parishioners are invited to a Wine and Cheese Social Evening on Saturday 12 November 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Come along and meet fellow parishioners in an informal social event in the parish hall. £3 for the initial drink, with cheese and other snacks; additional drinks can then be purchased.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Greetings

We have today opened up our Christmas Greetings section to parishioners. This is where you can send your Christmas messages to friends and family (and Fr. Leslie!). All you need to do is to email ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk with your Christmas message (please put Christmas Greetings in the subject bar) and make a donation of £5.00 per message. Place in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Leslie please. All monies received will go to support Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) at what is always a difficult time for children who are abused physically or mentally, or treated poorly, often by those closest to them. *Thank you in advance for your support.*

Thank You From CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners at St. Joseph the Worker for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £225.00 which we received on 12 October 2022. Thank you so much for being there for our global family. Thank you for your generosity, solidarity and for being alongside families as they work to protect their children from the long term causes of hunger, such as climate change and an unjust global food system. Please keep all those affected by the food crisis - including those here at home - in your prayers.

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.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP

World Day of the Poor

The sixth World Day of the Poor will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 13 November, with the theme of "For your sakes Christ became poor" (2 Cor 8:9).

Pope Francis, in his message for the upcoming day, said: "The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us." Highlighting the current challenges facing the world's poor, he added: "Several months ago, the world was emerging from the tempest of the pandemic. 'Now, however, a new catastrophe has appeared on the horizon [the war in Ukraine], destined to impose on our world a very different scenario.'"

St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary - Admissions Policy

The Admissions Policies, along with supporting documents for 2023/2024 and 2024/25 are available on the school website (under Key Information, Admissions). A full size map is available in the school office.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

5 November 6.00 p.m.
Marian Anderson
Stella Walker

6 November 10.30 a.m.
Mary Allum
Sharon Ruffles

Readers For This Week's Masses

5 November 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan

6 November 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

12 November 6.00 p.m.
Carol Turnbull
Ian Restall

13 November 10.30 a.m.
Mary Brooks
Sarah Barber

Readers For Next Week's Masses

12 November 6.00 p.m.
Sophie Newbould

13 November 10.30 a.m.
Rose Mulvey

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The Pharisees and the Sadducees were both attracted and repelled by Jesus, and they couldn't stop trying to catch him out. The aristocratic Sadducees scorned the middle-class Pharisees and their modern interpretation of the law. They had a narrow world view and were true conservatives, accepting only the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (the Pentateuch) and rejecting any belief in the resurrection of the body or of any existence after death.

Under the Levirate law, if a Jewish man's brother died childless, the man was supposed to marry the widow and provide an heir, so that the estate wouldn't leave the family and the brother's name would continue. The Sadducees, who were too clever by half, posed a scenario which they didn't even believe would ever occur, hoping to force Jesus to renounce the resurrection or allow polyandry (a woman having more than one husband).

Jesus pointed out that the resurrection, life and our current earthly existence are not to be compared. In heaven the relationship of a married couple will be transcended by an entirely new kind of relationship. As Christians, we don't simply believe that after death we live on in some way: what we do believe is that on the last day our bodies will be raised incorruptible. This is our blessed hope and the very essence of what it means to believe in the resurrection.

As Paul said, '...God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power' (1 Cor. 6:14). Of course, this is a mystery but one which through faith we can enter into and take hold of in a way which can transform our lives. St. Clement of Rome saw the truth of the resurrection built into nature's cycle: 'Day and night give us examples of resurrection. The night sinks to sleep, the day rises; the day departs, the night comes on.' His namesake in Alexandria said of Christ, '[He] has turned all our sunsets into dawn.'

'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we all will be changed - in a flash. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.' (1 Cor. 15:51-52 NIV)

Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

IN BRIEF: "PRAYER IS THE RAISING OF ONE'S HEART TO GOD OR THE REQUESTING OF GOOD THINGS FROM GOD."

"He was praying in a certain place and when he had ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" In seeing the Master at prayer, the disciples of Christ also want to pray. By contemplating and hearing the Son, the master of prayer, the children learn to pray to the Father.

Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night. He includes all man in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself. Jesus, the Word who has become flesh, shares by his human prayer in all that "his brethren" experience, he sympathizes with their weaknesses in order to free them. It was for this that the Father sent him. His words and works are the visible manifestation of his prayer in secret.

BCCS Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

The BCCS Christmas craft and gift fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED on Sunday 6 November from 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

There will be lots of stalls selling crafts and gifts so why not come along and pick up a few early Christmas presents and enjoy some refreshments while helping us to raise vital funds for our work?

Alternatively, do you have something which we could sell on our stall? Christmas cakes, chutneys, Christmas tree or house decorations, candles, floral centre-pieces or wreaths - any or all donations are welcome.

Baptism

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

BCCS Christmas cards, now in stock!

We know that everyone will be feeling the pinch this autumn but we have taken the decision to go ahead with printing our Christmas cards as usual this year and are keeping the price at £3.99 per pack.

To place an order go directly to www.bccs.org.uk and look for the Christmas tab, then click on the Christmas card page where you will find all our payment methods.

New Website - BCCS

BCCS are delighted to launch our brand new website this month with a new, most user friendly interface. Finally, our supporters will be able to make donations and pay for their Christmas cards directly on our website by using our new payment platform, we have a new newsletter sign up facility too and hope that you will be able to find your way around our site more easily. Take a look at www.bccs.org.uk

A huge 'thank you' to our friends at Design Portfolio for their help with this re-platforming.

Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays - TONIGHT

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. REMAINING DATE THIS YEAR:

3 December It will be good to see you!

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

On Sky 586 or Contact EWTN and Radio (St. Clare Media, 15 High Street, Walsingham, NR22 6BY (0208 350 2542))

This is a catholic global catholic television network. Read more about this channel www.ewtnnews.com/catholic

I have ordered some leaflets about this wonderful channel to help each one of us how to live our faith into today's broken world and to help you to educate your children. This is God's world and we are his children - and he loves you. Please find out more from the above contact.



Pope on Twitter



The life of Jesus and the saints tell us that the seed of peace, in order to grow and bear fruit, must first die. Peace is not achieved by conquering or defeating someone, it is never violent, it is never armed.

Let us #PrayTogether for children who are suffering - especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war - may they be guaranteed access to education and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection

Please, let us not forget martyred Ukraine in our prayers and in our heartache. Let's #PrayTogether for #peace, and never tire of doing so!

And let us pray to the Risen Lord also for those - especially the young - who died in #Seoul last night as a tragic consequence of a sudden crowd surge

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 30 October you gave £110.00. with £49.00 through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper sales: £20.00

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: Robert Richardson, John Wing, Norah Manning, May Peace, Bernard Woods, and Clementine Schembri.

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. William Philpot (1949), Cardinal John Carmel Heenan (1973), Conetina Priest of the Dioceses, Deacon Norman Wiseman (1993), and Canon Denis Petry (1990). 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.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 29 October	66
Sunday 30 October	65

Light
Laughter

Did you hear about the two thieves who stole a calendar?
They each got six months!

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter? Please email your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and send 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.

Thank you in advance. Come on – let's fill the back page!

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2023.

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!

*A very happy and healthy Christmas to all the parishioners at St. Josephs. Stay safe and take care.
Jo, Greg, Alex and Charlie Thomas*

*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



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