

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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 21 March 2021

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Hello and welcome to our Most Holy Mass.

It is encouraging to see more people returning to our Sunday Mass. We want those who are shielding to know that you are remembered in our Holy Mass each week. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Palm branches will be given to you as you leave church. I pray that more parishioners will return to Mass in order to celebrate the Pascal mysteries.

Our church is safe. We remind you to wear masks if you are returning after a long time. Now is the time to add your sacrifices to those of the Lord who gave His life for you. Because of COVID, Confessions are available on request.

In the readings the themes of suffering, surrender, and dying are repeated as we approach Holy Week. Jesus' prayer in today's gospel is known as the "Johannine Gethsemane" since the tone is reminiscent of the Gethsemane episode "Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father glorify your name". Jesus had understood the mystery of the wheat grain and was ready to surrender.

In today's readings we have the level of surrender and death (unless a grain of wheat...). Then there is the struggle with sin. However, both surrender and death bring about salvation. We can ask ourselves, are we ready for struggle and for surrender so that my life becomes salvific?

Each day we die to sin and evil and rise to peace and joy. Let us each day pray especially the Rosary. As we go about our daily activities let us say Jesus, Jesus and put God first in our lives. Jesus' mercy should be on our lips. Lord God our light and salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and our faith. Help us to walk in your ways and meet you in prayer and to talk about you to others especially in our families and encourage them to be faithful to your Word and Sacrament. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come to know your beauty with our brothers and sisters in the life to come. May we all have a good Holy Week and come to the feast of Easter with renewed hearts.

Fr. Leslie

UPCOMING MASSES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY - REOPEN FOR MASS

Saturday 20	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 21	10.30 a.m.
Monday 22	Private Mass
Tuesday 23	Private prayer 10.00 -12.00 midday
Wednesday 24	Private prayer 10.00 -12.00 midday

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Thursday 25	Morning Mass at 9.00 am Church open to midday
Friday 26	Morning Mass at 9.00am followed by private prayer
Saturday 27	Confession by appointment because of COVID.

PALM SUNDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27	6.00 p.m.
Sunday 28	10.30 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

Monday 29	Private mass
Tuesday 30	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 31	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Mass of Lord's Supper,
Thursday 1 April Mass at 8.00 p.m.
*(No washing of the feet, no
procession to altar of repose)*

Good Friday *Day of fasting and abstinence*
2 April Solemn liturgy of Lord
Passion at 3.00 p.m.
No adoration of the cross

Holy Saturday Liturgy of Pascal Vigil and
3 April First mass of Easter at 7.30 p.m.

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Sunday 3 April Mass at 8.30 a.m.
Mass at 10.30 a.m.
People of the parish

*If you have not already done so, please pick up
an EASTER envelope collection for your priest.*

**Please note Mass is celebrated each day
privately except Fridays. For more public
morning Masses we need two stewards as
a minimum as expressed in the guidelines
for public services. Please come and help.**

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

Giant Easter Egg Raffle

Not just a big Easter egg. A giant Hotel Chocolat Easter Egg. Half 40% milk, half 50% milk, piled with filled chocolates. In fact, over a kilo of chocolate wrapped, boxed and ready to go!



For a bold, enjoyable and celebratory Easter gift, this Ostrich Easter egg with all the milk chocolate accessories is a perfect choice for a family. Or a couple of chocoholics!

If you'd like the chance to win this amazing Easter Egg, all you need to do is put £5 in an envelope, put your name and address and phone on the envelope, and hand it in before or after Mass, or pop the envelope through Fr. Leslie's door.

We know times have been tough for all our parishioners but Covid is very hard on our parish too. If you can help us to raise much needed funds, it will help a lot.

And you might win this fabulous Easter Egg. Someone will win it. Will it be you?

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Esther Gilmore, John Ives, Edwin Costin, Catherine Streetin, Hilda Calabrites, and Noreen Farquharson

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Arthur Holmes (1968) Fr. John Sherlock (1964), Mgr. Canon Alfred Gilbey (1996) and Fr. Denis Hall (2015)

All who have died of COVID-19

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

Please pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the pandemic – May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

Easter Envelopes

This collection is for your priest and is the main source of his income. Please pick up an envelope and also one if you know of someone who is unable to come to Mass. *Thank you.*

Mass Intentions

This season of Lent is a good time to ask to have a Mass said for your loved ones who have died or who are sick or private intentions.

Stewards

Now that we have returned to having public Masses, we will undoubtedly need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought. It's not a big task - you would be needed to take contact details, show people to their seat, and assist in bringing people up for Holy Communion a bench at a time so that there is no overcrowding in the aisle. *Please please help if you can.*

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

MOVING

Stephen and Ann Howarth are moving to Ipswich this month. We thank them both for their help to me and the parish over many years. Stephen was the head teacher of our parish school at one time. We wish them every happiness and good health for the future. If you would like to send them a card to their new home or email they would be very pleased. 1 Kingsfield Avenue, Ipswich, IP1 3TA or annandsteve68@yahoo.co.uk

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.

Covid Safety

Masks are to be worn in the church – please keep a safe distance unless you are one family bubble. Please sanitize your hands on entry and departure from the church.

Face Masks

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

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mass on Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
and Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Mass of the Lord Supper at 8 p.m.

Good Friday 2 April

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 p.m.
This day is a day of Fasting & Abstinence

Holy Saturday 3 April

Blessing of Easter Candle and Water for Baptism and First Mass of Easter at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday 4 April

Resurrection of the Lord.

Mass at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Please try and come to celebrate the above sacred Triduum.

(Due to COVID-19 certain parts of our liturgy will be curtailed – more information will follow nearer the time).

Word For The World

The COVID-19 global pandemic has infected close to 100 million people, resulting in over 1.5 million deaths. The impact of this new virus has been catastrophic and overwhelming. The hardship, brought about by the hidden enemy, has wreaked havoc on people and businesses. We are all victims of COVID one way or another. We, of course, pray for those who have lost loved ones, and for those in hospital and those suffering long term effects. As a parish community let us turn to Mary our mother, to pray for all affected one way or another. Reflect on the Gospels, in your bibles at home. The scriptures are God's words and open your hearts to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that he may bring hope and healing to our world, country and families.

Rosary Leaflets

Brentwood Catenians have made available some Rosary leaflets that can be found at the back of the church. These leaflets are very informative and may help you with how to say the Rosary. They are free too! Just make sure you pick up one from the back of the Church. Happy reading!

Reflection

As we journey towards EASTER, we all need to remember the vital importance of being part of our worshipping community at St. Joseph's. We have had the opportunity of participating in our Mass online, but this is far apart from actually being present at the close encounter with the Risen Lord. As Holy Week and EASTER draw near. I really hope that we'll personally hunger for being in his presence and not be happy with anything less.



Pope on Twitter



With great sorrow, I must recall the dramatic situation in #Myanmar, where many people, especially young people, are losing their lives to offer hope to their country. I too kneel in the streets of Myanmar and say: End the violence! May dialogue prevail!

The Holy Spirit writes the history of the Church and of the world. We are open books, willing to receive his handwriting. And in each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never one Christian who is completely identical to another

In these days of uncertainty about our future, in our charity may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realise that God loves them as sons and daughters

To experience #Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the #Covid-19 pandemic.

Finance News

For the week ending 14 March you gave £163.30 including £16.00 via Gift Aid. We also received an anonymous donation of £250 towards upkeep of the church. Easter Egg raffle continues to be popular. Another £35.00 raised this week, bringing the total to £185.00 to date. Please make sure you take an envelope home with you and complete it in line with the details on page 1. Standing orders received from 6 February to 6 March 2021: £2,749.89
Payments Out during the month: £4,077.24
Thank you and God Bless.

Stations of the Cross

In the Narthex there are Books of the Stations of the cross (£2.00 each) – please buy one and pray the stations of the cross especially on Fridays.

Also booklets on the Rosary (£2.00 each) – please pray the Rosary every day for an end to the pandemic, for all who have died and for grieving families.

Lent – is a journey to God – A time to unite our sorrows pain, anxiety etc to Our Blessed Lord. Remember he was the Son of God, became man and is always with us each day. We need to turn to him in prayer 'God loved the world so much, he became man.'

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.

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