

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 February 2021

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)

A big "hello" to all our parishioners. I hope you are all safe in these very uncertain times. I am sure your children and grandchildren just love the snow!

Wednesday of this week (17 February) was Ash Wednesday and Mass was celebrated at 9.00 a.m. This day marks the beginning of the Holy season of Lent. We will also re-open the church from 20 February for Sunday Mass at 6.00 p.m. on the Saturday and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 21 February. This will be the first Sunday of Lent. I do hope you will be able to join us as we prepare for the Solemn feast of Easter.

This is also the time for preparing our hearts. To open them to the love of Jesus, to put him first, especially on Sundays, and to fill our homes with prayer. It is also the time to meet Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess to Him our sins, our waywardness and for the times that we have indulged and gone after all the material things of life making them our gods, rather than putting Our Loving Father first and centre of our lives.

Lent is a sombre time. As we heard on Ash Wednesday from the book of Genesis - in the beginning God cried out "where are you?". We reply "I am here, Lord".

Every blessing on you all.

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST 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.

Reminder wearing of masks is mandatory and social distancing 2 metres unless you are one household.

Monday 22 Mass said privately

Tuesday 23 Private prayer
10.00 -12 midday

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10.00 -12 midday

Thursday 25 Private prayer
10.00 -12 midday

Friday 26 Public Mass
9.00 a.m.

Saturday 27 Sacrament of Reconciliation
10.00 -10.30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish

Sunday 28 10.30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.

Covid Safety

Please wear a face covering at Mass and sanitize your hands.

Weekday Masses

During the week our Church will be open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday. If you are able, this will be an opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and find solace and peace from all that we have and going through these past few months. In particular, we pray for many grieving families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19.

During the week Holy Mass is said privately. If you wish Mass to be offered for a loved one/intention, please put them through the presbytery letter box. On Sunday Mass is celebrated for all our parishioners living and dead.

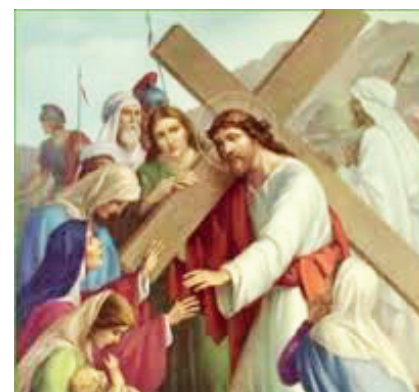
Parish Register

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.

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.

Stations of the Cross



During the Holy season of Lent I suggest as a family recite the stations of the cross. (This was the final journey of Jesus to his death and resurrection because it was his father's will and for love of us and our hope of salvation and eternal life). There are booklets in the Narthex to keep you celebrate of this great devotion (Price £2.00). Also there are booklets on the most holy rosary (£2.00 each).

During this time - we need to join our suffering of Lockdown, Boredom, Anxiety, Depression and all negative feelings to both Jesus suffering and Mary's help. In these difficult times. "These are most wonderful devotions - Turn to God with all your heart."

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Florence Tunkin, William Ward, Alma Tincy, and Edward Peace

Priests of our Diocese:

Deacon Sydney Lewis (1994), Canon Aloysius Roche (1968), Fr. Gerald Murphy (2009), Mgr. Canon Van Meehan (1966), Fr. Clifford Beecroft (2012), and Fr. David Chapman (1998)

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.

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 26 February 2021

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is Friday 26 February 2021 and is an opportunity to help vulnerable communities around the world to access water and to provide other vital support. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

Thank you for your support.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

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.*

Face Masks

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

Prayer for the sick with COVID

Lord Jesus,
Healer of bodies and souls,
We intercede for those who
Are living with sickness.
You own wounds of suffering
During your Passion and your agony
In the garden bring you close to all
Those who suffer.
Be a source of comfort and hope
To all those who carry the burden
Of sickness in body and mind.
Bless all those whose vocation is to
Care, whether professionally or
through the bonds of family.
May your loving gaze bring
Wholeness to brokenness
And light out of darkness.
Amen.

Church Sanitised

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

Gwendoline Clack RIP



The funeral mass for Gwen took place last Thursday. She came to Mass every morning walking in all kinds of weather. May she rest in peace.

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.

Streaming of Mass

If you are watching Mass streamed from a Catholic Church, please observe the following:

Do not watch it in bed eating your breakfast (unless you have to be in bed). Do not watch the mass drinking tea/coffee. The Mass is sacred and through the media this great mystery is happening in your home. We should behave as if we are in church.



Pope on Twitter



To understand God's plan for our lives better, let us seek to strengthen our relationship with Him through #Prayer. Thus we will discover that God is a compassionate Father who always takes care of us.

May the Lord inspire everyone to draw near to those who suffer, especially children, and to put the weakest in first place. I entrust the doctors and all sick children to the Virgin Mary so that with her mother affection she might look after them.

We are created to love and through the conjugal union of a man and a woman, this vocation is lived reciprocally and in complete and definitive communion of life. On this memorial of St Valentine, I accompany engaged and married couples with my prayer.

May the intercession of Saints Cyril and Methodius, evangelizers of the Slavic people, help us find new ways to communicate the Gospel and that the Christian churches grow in their desire to walk toward full unity while respecting differences.

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.*

200 Club

WINNERS FOR JANUARY

- 1st. R&E Kania
- 2nd. C Studdart
- 3rd. I Loughland

First Holy Communion Parents

Hello, If your child is in year 3 and you wish him / her to prepare for their first holy communion at St Joseph's. You need to fill in the preparation form from our website. It must be filled in and sent back via email to the parish administrator (hutton@diocesesof-brentwood.org) by the end of February. I am sorry at this time we can't name a date for the program to begin, because of Covid-19 and we are in lockdown. We do need to know the number of children so that catechists can make preparation. Thank you to all who have sent back their preparation forms. Please note you must be a regular mass attender. Thank you all and we will keep you informed.

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.

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