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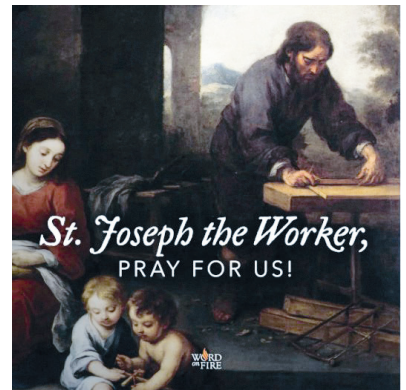
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Mission Statement

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 5 September 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

St. Mark records: 'looking up to heaven. [Jesus] sighed, and said to him 'Ephphatha' - that is 'Be opened'. What did Jesus mean by that sigh? Did it express a sense of relief or of frustration or even exasperation and despair? We know for sure that Jesus was often astounded by people's lack of faith. Strikingly, the man in today's miracle was healed despite not expressing any explicit faith in Jesus. He was not healed against his will, but there is no evidence that he participated in the healing process. In Isaiah, God promises that the Messiah would do the very miracle that Jesus had just done: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped... and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The Holy Spirit is at work in all our lives to open our eyes and ears and loosen our tongues so that we can sing praises to God for what he has done in Christ.

All of this is wonderful and true and for it we praise and thank God. However, there can be no escaping that St. Mark is recording for us an actual healing miracle, demonstrating Jesus' power over sickness and disease. We need to consider the question of whether such miracles can happen today. Once again, we turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for its wisdom and guidance: 'Christ invites his disciples to follow him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following him they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick'. What is this new outlook? It must be the new outlook of Christ who said to his apostles: 'Heal the sick!'. The Church has received this charge from the Lord himself and strives to carry it out in praying for the sick.

Lord Jesus, I believe in miracles and pray for them. I also understand that even the most intense and desperate of prayers do not always obtain the desired healing, but for this healing we pray, because we believe in your goodness and love and, in time, the fullness of healing in the resurrection of the dead.

The Catenian Association

The Catenian Association is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups world-wide, known as Circles. Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events, lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure develops which can be called upon should the need arise. You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do. For further information, please contact your local Membership Team member, Eamonn Brennan on 01277 211931



200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw.

Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.



Catechist Training and Resource Day

6 November, and will be held at the Sacred Heart of May School, Upminster - 70 St. Mary's Lane, RM14 2QR. The day will be an opportunity for catechists to come together and receive inputs from CARITAS Brentwood and BCYS and other organisations. As a parish we need catechists, so this is an opportunity to find out how we proceed with this important ministry.

Items left in the Church

Over the months some items of clothing, Gloves, Umbrella and Toys are left in the church for many months. In future if any items are left more than 2 weeks, they will be taken away to charity shops - or small toys, pencils will be destroyed. This is important at this time of COVID. At present you will find them at the back of the church.



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Upcoming Masses

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4	6.00 p.m. Mass Fred Greenfield RIP <i>J Greenfield</i>
Sunday 5	10.30 a.m. Mass People of the Parish
Monday 6	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 7	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 8	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 9	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Friday 10	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Saturday 11	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Confession by Appointment or before Mass on request

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 11	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 12	10.30 a.m. Fr. Joseph's Int. (Shaun Bailham)

* Remember your loved ones by having a Mass offered for them. This also forms part of your Priests salary.

Please remember to have a Mass said for family and friends. Envelopes in the Narthex.
PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance. This Newsletter will be printed the week prior to 22/29 August.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Daniel Burns, Mark Kotulski, William Kiely, Gordon Hill, Elizabeth Eagle, and Agnes Cahill

Priests of our Diocese: Mgr. Canon Michael Wilson (1970), Fr. Charles Johnson, and Fr. Conrad Smith (2012) – one time parish priest of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay

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.

Mary James RIP

Mary's funeral Mass took place on 23 August. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



Welcome to all our parishioners and visitors today to our Sunday liturgy. If you have returned from holiday I hope you all had a good time and have come back relaxed. We also welcome you back to our parish community. We have missed you very much. I hoped you found a Catholic Church to be able to attend Mass when you were on holiday. I am sure your children will be ready and looking forward to being together as a school family. To keep in touch with what has been happening during the holidays at our parish please log on to our website. Hopefully, shortly, we can relax some pandemic

rules but you will be asked to continue to wear a face covering and to keep two metres distance if you are not of the same family. We are still uncertain about the pandemic as the autumn and winter approach. We all need to help one another to keep safe.

In today's reading from Isaiah we know that the chosen people lived in fear of the Lord. They knew how their ancestors had endured the wrath of God when they hardened their hearts and disobeyed His commandments. But they also knew that if they obeyed them, they would receive all kinds of blessings. Now the prophet is telling everyone 'Be strong, do not fear as the Lord is coming to repay or reward. He is coming to save you'.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus healed a man who was deaf. Not only did Jesus heal the man, but through his blood, He has healed mankind. He has created a new world, the Kingdom of God, through the Sacrament of Baptism. By the grace of God the Father and the Power of the Holy Spirit, we are a new creation, a holy nation, a holy priesthood, holy children of God. Let us reflect on what Jesus has done for each one of us. Our homes are domestic churches. It is there that we grow in faith and love for God and each other. It is there that we pray together and reflect on the Word of God. It is there that we learn to have a great devotion to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

May God's blessing be with us all and May we never forget the abundance of treasures that we have received through Jesus Christ and the power of His Spirit.

Fr. Leslie

Christmas Gifts (already!)



If anyone needs anything from the Repository for Christmas presents or any gifts generally, please contact Mandy.

Journey Home

Journey of faith for Adults. Have you ever thought of becoming Catholic or would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? If so please contact Gaye O'Regan – 07817 515 207. If anyone would like to help Gaye, please contact her, this is a wonderful opportunity for other people to speak about why they are Catholic and help other people who wish to be on this wonderful journey.

Please remember to look at the new Threshold of Hope website at www.thresholdofhope.co.uk All of us now have the opportunity to reflect honestly on the practise of our faith and to make the decision to make the journey home.

CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY 1 October

Dear Fr. Leslie

Thank you for everything you and your parish do, each Family Fast Day, to help the poorest people in the world. At a time of remarkable challenge, it was truly heartening to see so many parish communities coming together this past Lent to help those who don't have access to clean water.

In their Pastoral Letter for Pentecost 2021 the bishops remind us of Pope Francis' words - that global politics must look beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially those who are poor and excluded. This Family Fast Day, your parish can help the poorest people in the world adapt to the climate crisis. This is a crisis that will affect each and every one of us - and is damaging our world. Our common home. God's Creation. The poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are being hit hardest by the climate crisis. Harvests are failing. Cities are flooding. Entire communities are finding it harder and harder to survive in the place they call home.

Family Fast Day is on Friday 1 October and we would really appreciate it if you would encourage your parishioners to support our Fast Day Appeal by donating online, or, if possible, through a second collection.

May the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve, and "renew the face of the earth".

Bible Alive

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help you to reflect on the scriptures each day. They are an important part of our prayer and our spiritual lives.

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Food Hub



This takes place at St. Georges Church in Ongar every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. The Food Hub is also available at St. Peters in Hutton.

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.

Altar Servers

We welcome you back this weekend and for many weekends in the future. Your ministry is so valuable to the life of our parish and we have missed you all very much.

Youth Gather

23 October at Walsingham house. There will be an input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbra. This is for Year 9 and above.

First Communion Parents & Children

Our catechists will be meeting this coming week to discuss when it is appropriate to begin the first communion programme. More details later. In the meantime, please continue to prepare your children by praying with them and teaching them basic catholic prayers, by bringing them to Sunday Mass each week, and reading gospel stories with them, around your prayer table. Thank you for all you do in your busy lives.

The Permanent Diaconate: A ministry of service

A study day for those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Brentwood and the future of this ministry in a changing church will be held at St. John Payne Catholic Church, 21 Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 2QD on Saturday 18 September 2021 from 10.00 to 14.30 (Mass at 12 noon). Please bring a packed lunch: tea & coffee will be provided.

Fr. Joseph. 12 September. A date for your diary.

Recently ordained Fr. Joseph (who we all know as Shaun Bailham) will be here to celebrate the 10.30 a.m. Mass on 12 September and after Mass you will have the opportunity to receive his blessing individually.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 15, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

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.**

Sunday Offertory

If you give by standing order or by bank transfer, please put your surname and initials as reference. If you gift aid, please put your name GA and gift aid no. If you do not pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. QR codes are a new online donation system which has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate by using the QR codes directly for a parish. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 28 August:	35
Sunday 29 August:	39

VACANCY:

For many years Eddie O'Donoghue has been keeping our financial records, budgeting and doing the parish returns at the end of the financial year. He is shortly moving away from our parish. I wish him well with heartfelt thanks for helping me with this work on your behalf.

I am now looking now looking for a replacement to take this ministry on as soon as possible on a voluntary basis. It can be done at your home and takes a little time but is not too onerous. Our parish administrator will support you with receipts, bank statements etc., everything you will need. You will also be a member of our finance committee which meets four times a year. **Please help if you can as this is an important ministry.**

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Finance

On the back page of the newsletter you will see a number of QR codes. If you do not give by standing order, or enveloped or online donations, then with your phone, please give through the QR codes. The white bucket at the back of the church is there for those who have neither of the above.



Pope on Twitter



Today we need prophecy, but real prophecy. Miraculous demonstrations are not needed, but lives that demonstrate the miracle of God's love

What is the secret of a blessed life, a happy life? Recognizing Jesus as the living God. For it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history. What matters is the place I give him in my life.

I am following the situation in Afghanistan with great concern. I share in the sorrow of those who are grieving for those who lost their lives in the suicide attacks and of those who are seeking help and protection.

In the #GospelOfTheDay, Jesus cautions us about a religiosity of appearances: looking good on the outside, while failing to purify the heart. He does not want outward appearances. He wants to put faith back at the center. He wants a faith that touches the heart.

Finance News

For the week ending 29 August you gave £234.88 of which £150.00 was through Gift Aid.

There was also a donation of £200.00 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.*

Making Your Donation By Standing Order:

If you can, please support our parish of St. Joseph the Worker by giving by standing order and, if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Sickness

We pray for our sick in our parish:

Jacqueline Birnie, Norah McPherson, Mano Subryan, Diana Pearce, 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.

Light

Laughter

Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!

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If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

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