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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 25 June 2023

UPCOMING MASSES

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

JUNE: FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 24 6.00 p.m.
Roy Weller RIP
J Greenfield
Sunday 25 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Subject to Change i.e. For Funerals)

Tuesday 27 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 28 7.30 p.m.
Feast of St. Peter & Paul (Holy day of Obligation)
Thursday 29 9.15 a.m.
7.30 p.m.
Friday 30 9.00 a.m.

JULY

Saturday 1 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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Margaret Tynan RIP
Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.
For our Parishioners
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
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CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. Please try and join us.

Please Note: Newsletter goes to print a week in advance, keep this in mind if you want mass intentions said.

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24 June 6.00 p.m.
Ian Restall
Mark Brennan
Sunday 25 June 10.30 a.m.
Sarah Barber
Chris Brooks
Saturday 1 July 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Marian Anderson
Sunday 2 July 10.30 a.m.
Percy Sam
Jan Jarvis

Readers

Saturday 24 June 6.00 p.m.
Anthony Ekpechue
Sunday 25 June 10.30 a.m.
Peter Sanders
Saturday 1 July 6.00 p.m.
Mark Brennan
Sunday 2 July 10.30 a.m.
Paul Downey



My dear people, we gather today at the command of Jesus to celebrate our Holy Mass. "Do this in memory of me".

In Matthew's gospel we hear how Jesus felt sorry for the people because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. So he commanded the disciples to pray that the Lord will send labourers to his harvest. Today we need to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life so that God's people will continue to hear the message of salvation and be nourished with the bread of life. There is a great need for our families to teach their faith to their children and especially to have a great love for Jesus who constantly loves us.

God loved us so much He sent His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Family prayer ought to be something that we love, to come together in God's presence for that special time to show our gratitude for all the gifts He gives to us and to ask Him to protect our families. Also we should encourage our young ones to be aware that God might be calling them to follow Him. Today many of our parishes don't have a priest but depend on other priests to bring God's Word and Sacrament to them. In many dioceses one priest looking after three churches will become the norm. Please pray for your priests and religious and that someone from your family may respond to God's call to follow him. May God bless our families and if you are going on holiday do have an enjoyable time.

Fr. Leslie

Registration for First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024

For those children who are currently in school Year 3 or above, who wish to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2024), registration will begin from 10/11 June until 01/02 July. In order to register, please pick up a form from Fr. Leslie after one of the weekend parish masses. Please return this form to Fr. Leslie by 3 July 2023 (No one will be accepted onto the course after this date). If you have any questions, please speak to Fr. Leslie after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Priority for places will go to practising Catholic children. If you do not come to Mass regularly then it might be better to defer your child's application until you are ready to make this commitment.

Church Cleaners are always welcome

See elsewhere in this newsletter for further details or contact Fr. Leslie.

Bible Alive

Bible Alive for July is available in the Narthex - may God's word guide our lives.

From Bishop Thomas

Bishop Thomas Emeritus has suggested a day out at our Cathedral - now that it is listed Grade II. He would like to do this with proposed 'link' parishes. The proposed schedule would be as follows:

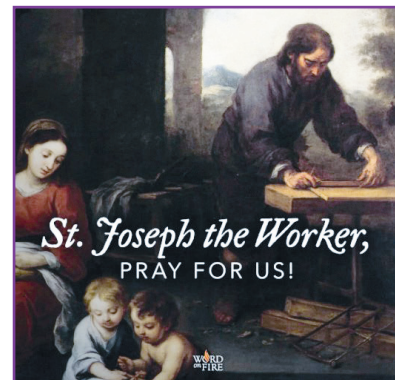
Date: Saturday 16 September - Arrive at Cathedral 12 noon. Introductory talk by Fr. Martin or Bishop Thomas on the history, architecture and liturgical layout of the cathedral and its artefacts, then time for questions and tour. Picnic lunch in the hall (each are invited to bring their own lunch). Concelebrated mass in the Cathedral. It would be great for a positive number from our parish as Bishop Thomas Emeritus has offered us this opportunity to learn about our Cathedral, the mother church of our Diocese.

Parish Hall

Because of the increase in gas and electricity bills we have to increase our hire charges to £35.00 per hour. This is to meet our expenditure on repairs and other expenses.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 17 June: 50
Sunday 18 June: 58



Journey Home Threshold of Hope (Continued)

Those given to excessive worry or anxiety often say, 'But I can't help it!' They protest that they're at the mercy of their fears and their overwhelming sense of impending doom. They complain that 'people just don't understand' and they largely resign themselves to fretting about all manner of things.

In the middle of the Sermon on the mount, we encounter a teaching on this most human of tendencies: the propensity to give way to anxiety and worry. Jesus' teaching echoes the Ten Commandments, where we're taught; do not murder, steal or commit adultery, etc. In a similar way, in the Sermon on the Mount, we're taught; do not worry, except that it's not a command, but an invitation, an invitation grounded in reason. Excessive worriers, it could be said, often have too much time on their hands. Their focus is often self-centred and not God-centred. This is why Jesus encourages us to seek God's kingdom and righteousness first. Seeking God's kingdom gets our minds off ourselves and on to God and serving others. Winston Churchill wisely said this about worry: 'When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened.'

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 15 July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall. Fr. Leslie can give an invitation to 5 families who may like to attend. Please let Fr. Leslie know! At present, he has not had any applications for anyone to attend this mass.

Friday Obligation

A reminder that as Catholics we are obliged not to eat meat on Fridays.

Bible Alive £3.00

Scripture, the word of the Lord proclaimed clearly every day, is printed in Bible Alive. We need to be familiar with God's word, in order to live our call to holiness and family prayer. Please purchase a copy each month.

In this month's edition, for example, we hear that 'Miracles do Happen.'

Every birth is a little miracle and Mary Anne Dowle, a parishioner from St. Thomas, Coventry shares her dramatic story of the birth of her son George proving that miracles do happen.

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, which is observed every year on 29 June. The celebration is of ancient Christian origin, the date selected being the anniversary of their death.

It is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic church. Because of the importance of Saints Peter and Paul to the Catholic Church, many Catholic-majority countries observe their feast day as a public holiday.

MISSIO

The Summer 2023 edition of "Mission Today" is available on the table in the porch. This is the Impact Report showing what has been achieved by MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries with supporters' donations in 2022. MISSIO is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more or to donate online. Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton*

Flower Arranger for our Church (Help Wanted)

Help wanted - we would like someone to take on this ministry, in our church to help Jan Jarvis (07561 894327). We decorate our homes with flowers, don't forget out spiritual home.

Food In Church

Please do not bring food for your children into the church - other than someone has to clean it up, it is against Health & Safety as it attracts insects etc. - Please help us!

Our Parish

Our Parish at St. Joseph is our spiritual home and a sacred place. Therefore we ask you, when you enter to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, to be silent in prayer as we await the beginning of our celebration. We have a chance to talk and meet one another in the Hall after 10.30 a.m. Mass for refreshments and after 6.00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month. In your charity, please make a little time to meet one another. Remember to bring the church into the broken world, by your lives of service and good work. We don't bring the world into the church.

Catholic Network Channel E.W.T.N

This is a wonderful worldwide Catholic Channel which I do encourage you all to dip into from time to time. You can connect to EWTN in your car or with a mobile device or Amazon's Echo auto. If you have sky channel 586 it is free and does not require a subscription. On their website www.ewtn.co.uk you can find EWTN Catholic Television and Radio Streaming live and on demand, contact them for assistance on 0208 350 2542 or email@ewtn.co.uk. Free programme guide from EWTN, 6B St Clare Media, 15 High St, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6BY 0208 350 2542.

Please do make contact with EWTN. May our Lady of the Rosary protect you and yours, and lead us all to Heaven.

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

Music at Mass

In the second Vatican Decree on the liturgy a whole chapter is devoted to the importance of sacred music. "The musical tradition of the Universal Church is a treasure of immeasurable value, greater than any other act." Therefore we need someone from our parish community to lead our singing, an organist or keyboard player for our 10.30 a.m. Mass. Can anyone help?

Lourdes Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 - Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. For more details please go to <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes> or contact Suzanne or Kathryn at Lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org. If you are interested in going as part of a parish group please let Fr. Leslie know.

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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.

Baptism

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



Pope on Twitter



Sexual violence used as a weapon of war is unfortunately a widespread reality. This shameful crime must be denounced. We must never tire of saying no to war, no to violence.

To the survivors of sexual violence due to conflicts, to every injured child and adult, I say: While the violent treat you as objects, the Lord sees your dignity, and says to you: "You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you" (Is 43:4).

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 18 June you gave £170.00 of which £45.00 was via Gift Aid. Donation for Church roof: £100.00

Many Thanks 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.*

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: While we try to accommodate masses on request for Saturday & Sundays - It is not always easy to do so, as everyone would obviously wish this. Also Parish Priests are mandated to offer Mass every weekend for their parishioners. Therefore some of your Mass intentions will be on a weekday. I am sorry I cannot accommodate everyone as they wish. At present weekend Masses are booked up to the end of Summer. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Daisy Sellars, Andrew Hagerty.

Priests of our Diocese: Canon James Dacey (1962), Fr. James Hawes (2016)
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

I lost my job at the bank on my first day. A woman asked me to check her balance, so I pushed her over!