

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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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 13 December 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 12	6.00 p.m. Ammanuel Rassam RIP
Sunday 13	10.30 a.m. Michael Dunne RIP
Monday 14	No Public Service
Tuesday 15	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
Wednesday 16	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
Thursday 17	No Public Service (Mass Int. Kathleen Lunny-Walsh)
Friday 18	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
Saturday 19	Confessions from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 19	6.00 p.m. Jacki Daphine Weller RIP
Sunday 20	10.30 a.m. Beryl de Prazier RIP
Monday 21	No Public Service
Tuesday 22	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
Wednesday 23	Open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday.
First Mass of Christmas	
Thursday 24	6.00pm Deceased Members of the Dillane Family

Christmas Season The Nativity of the Lord

Friday 25	8.30 a.m. Fr. Leslie's family 10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
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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.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)



Today is the Third Sunday of Advent

As a matter of urgency please contact Mary or Fr. Leslie to let us know what Mass you will be attending on Christmas Day (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.). Places are strictly limited due to Covid Tier II restrictions. The Christmas Eve 6.00 p.m. Mass is already fully booked.

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

- This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the week before Christmas.
- Please do all you can to help, and to spread the word to friends and family. We'd really like to make this a bumper fund-raiser if we can.
- God Bless and please take and complete as many envelopes as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for the completed envelopes.

Christmas Hamper

- Our Christmas Hamper is packed full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. It weighs around 8kg so is really substantial.
- Each delicious treat has been hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas favourites include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps.
- All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.

Includes:

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minters Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
- nibnibs Cumin Big Minis, 100g
- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g



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CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Mass at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve:
NOW FULLY BOOKED

Mass at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Mass at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day:
Some spaces still available

Please send in your name and contact details indicating which of the two Masses (8.30 a.m. or 10.30 a.m.) you will be attending.

Masks must be worn in the church – Room for parishioners is limited.

All Masses are booking only because of COVID 19 guidelines and restriction of numbers,

Please note the OFFERTORY collection should be placed in the white bucket, as you enter the church, and it is your gift to your priests. (No baskets will be passed at the offertory).

Parish Website

We would welcome your comments on our new website and any suggestions you may have.

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.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Eddie Thomas, Margaret Walsh, Jean Frost, Bridget Cannon, Louise Baker, John Collins, Frank Calabritto, and Dr John Pritchard.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. George Caroclan (1924), Fr. William Evers (1960), Fr. Francis Kerrigan (2002), Fr. Gerard Kerr (1997)

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.

Stewards

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we will need ushers for our Masses to continue once Lockdown 2.0 is over. 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.

Face Masks

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



Welcome to Third Sunday of Advent to all our parishioners and visitors. Last Sunday we had 32 parishioners at 6.00p.m. and 37 at 10.30 a.m. It was so good to see some of our older parishioners coming for the first time since the beginning of the year. We do miss our lovely parishioners, but I do understand the reasons. We are very particular in sanitizing the church – it is a very safe place. And we aim to keep it that way!

Pope Francis invites all Christians to open their hearts to the light of Christmas and reach out to those in need. The Christmas tree

and the cribs in our homes are signs of hope for all in this time of crisis. We should go beyond that and try to understand the meaning “Jesus the love of God who was revealed to us to reach that goodness which has been poured out on the world”.

Remember God will once again be born in us and in our midst. Pray “Come Lord Jesus Come”. May Mary our mother and the dowry of our nation reach out to us and our country and ask Her Son to free us from the crisis that surrounds us and eternal rest in his Kingdom of Glory.

May our Loving Father bestow his blessing on us all.

Diocesan-wide opening arrangements

Sent on behalf of Mr Michael L'Estrange, Diocesan Vicar for Administration.

1. We have been asked whether Stewards are required for a church to be open. The message from the Bishops' Conference is clear - It is important that the routines of cleanliness, stewarding and social distancing to which we have become accustomed, and which have made our churches places of real Covid security, are maintained. Therefore, we should continue to have two Stewards in the church whenever the church is open.
2. With respect to the inclusion of music and choir singing at Mass, the COVID Working Party has considered the advice set out by the Bishops' Conference (see above) and recent Government Guidance and advice publicly available from the Royal School of Church Music. All previous Government Guidance relating to numbers of singers allowed to perform during a Mass or other service has been superseded by the current National Lockdown Restrictions. The advice is clear that musicians and singers may participate in online services only if they usually form part of the service that is being broadcast and are essential to its delivery. This means that the number of people involved should be kept as small as possible in order to minimise risk and therefore the message for our Diocese is that essential music or singing should be restricted to one organist and/or a cantor.

MISSIO

The “Mission Today” Calendar 2021 is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19 restrictions, I am unable to empty red boxes at present. Please hold on to your red boxes and I will empty them when it is possible to do so. In the meantime, please consider donating directly online by visiting the website www.missio.org.uk or take a form from the table in the porch with details about setting up a direct debit.

Thank you for your support, Clare Barton

New Catholic Directory

The new Catholic Directory is on sale £2.80 in the Narthex.

Christmas Greetings

Every year we try to fill the back page of the newsletter with Christmas Greetings to each other. The money raised goes straight to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. We're going to start the page going next week so please do send me an email (ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk) with CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the subject bar and I'll be sure to include your greeting to Fr. Leslie, your friends and your fellow parishioners. Please send a £5 donation in the post to Fr. Leslie, or pop round and post it through his letterbox if you can. We all need cheering up this year more than ever! Can we fill the back page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

Can You Help?

Pope Francis's new encyclical to the world on fraternity and social friendship, Fratelli tutti, challenges us to unite in a spirit of cooperation in facing the needs of the world together.

“We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth...”

During these difficult times St. Vincent de Paul Society members in England and Wales have been working harder than ever in order to meet the needs in their local parishes and communities. Existing SVP groups have responded creatively to the challenges of the pandemic, and the national Society has established a number of hardship and innovation funds to ensure that, where possible, those in need can access support through our members. The society has also collaborated with other organisations such as Caritas, Trussell Trust, Acts 435 and St. Mary's university in order to extend our reach and impact. You may like to join the Cathedral SVP or open one here at St Joseph's (more info from www.svp.org.uk)

Church Sanitised

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

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of it's evolvement and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Christmas Offering For Your Priest

Your Christmas offering is your gift to your priest and forms a major part of his income. Because of the lockdown over Easter, we were unable to get the envelopes out. Please be a generous as you can, but we realize everyone is financially suffering. Thank you.

Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a joint Anglican and Catholic Church project to provide a vital support service for survivors of church-related abuse.

Although the churches have funded the service, it is run independently by the charity Victim Support, who are one of the leading charities providing specialist support to survivors of abuse in England and Wales. Please see more details on our new website www.stjosephshutton.org

Christmas Hamper

Hamper envelopes can be placed though the Presbytery letter box. If you do not have one, they can be picked up when the church is open for private prayer (see above) or you can ring the presbytery requesting one - leaving your name and address and one will be sent to you. The newsletter will be on the website or picked up from the church on the days it is open.

Prayer during Advent

I humbly pray that during Advent a new song comes into my heart, a song of worship and praise, of love and adoration of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit for sending us Jesus, the saviour, the ETERNAL son, God made man, the word made flesh, the body wrapped in swaddling clothes, born in a manger, CHRIST the Lord, CHRIST the King.

Advent is very much focused on expectation and longing, but also thanksgiving and rejoicing. Advent contemplates the great truths of our faith. The incarnation, God made man, the word made flesh and the second coming of Christ. These truths open up our hearts to receiving Jesus into our lives in a way that deepens our faith and draws us close to God. Let us truly make this season of Advent, truly one of prayer with each other and as individuals. As we go about our daily work, let us constantly say "Come Lord Jesus, Come".

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.

Weekly Collection

Weekly collection can be placed in the white buckets in the church when open for private prayer, or placed though the presbytery letter box.

Finance News

The Christmas Hamper raffle had a bumper week as the church was open for public Mass for the first time for over a month. £355.00 was collected this past week, which takes the running total to £640.00 Well done everyone - a great effort. Hopefully we can push on a little further this week and next?

The collection on Saturday and Sunday raised £257.86 with £25 via Gift Aid. *Thank you and God Bless.*

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.

HSBC

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.
Account No.: 61018884



Pope on Twitter



I want to be close to all doctors and nurses during this time in which the pandemic calls us to be near all men and women who suffer. Thank you for drawing near to them, thanks for your tenderness, thanks for your professionalism in taking care of the sick.

Conversion is a grace that we need to forcefully ask God for. We are converted to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. Thus let us leave what is false and fleeting for what is true, beautiful and everlasting.

Just as before our birth, our loved ones awaited us, so now Love in person awaits us. If we are awaited in Heaven, why should we be caught up with earthly concerns? Why should we waste time complaining about the night, when the light of day awaits us?

First Holy Communion 2021

Although we are uncertain about how and when we can begin preparation for this most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, it would be helpful if you could access the parish website, under Sacraments, First Communion and email to request the form, complete the form and return to the parish email account or Presbytery., by 13th January 2021. The main requirement to put your child forward for this most holy sacrament is that you must be a regular attendee at Mass. If you have any questions call the Presbytery for more information.

Light

Laughter

Why did Santa have to go to the hospital?
Because of his poor elf!

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today the liturgy of the Word leads us to a moment of transition. In the ministry of John the Baptist we move into a new era of human history. John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets and prepared the way for the new era of the coming of Christ. John the Baptist understood his role in God's plan of salvation. He knew he was not the light, but the one who was to bear witness to the light. To those who questioned him, he denied that he was either the Christ or a prophet, but wished to be identified simply as a voice crying out in the desert, making a straight path for the Lord. God, who created our world, broke into our world to save us by becoming one of us. This is the mystery of God revealed and unveiled, and this was the message the Baptist was preparing us to receive. In accepting it, in embracing it and in believing it we are born again.



The season of Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and especially in our understanding of this awesome and wonderful intervention of God in human history. The incarnation, the Son of God becoming man, is the central pillar of Christian revelation, because it reveals that in the fullness of time God himself was born of a woman and became man, Jesus of Nazareth. Through this grace everything has changed - nothing can ever be the same again. God has come and rescued his people.

How beautifully and clearly St. Athanasius expresses this truth: "It was our sorry case that caused the Word to come down, our transgression that called out his love for us, so that he made haste to help us and to appear among us. It is we who were the cause of his taking human form, and for our salvation that in his great love he was both born and manifested in a human body". This Advent, if we allow him to, the Spirit will take us by the hand and lead us into deeper wonder and awe of the truth that God became man in Jesus of Nazareth.

Lord Jesus, during this holy season help me to bow down in worship before you, my Lord and my God: true God, true man, the Messiah and the Lord's Anointed.

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CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts, CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!

Celebrate Advent with CAFOD

After a year of uncertainty, we all need the hope, peace and true comfort and joy that the Advent season can offer. CAFOD has a range of resources and virtual events to help us come together online to pray, reflect and celebrate as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Visit cafod.org.uk/parishes to learn more. We can stretch out our hands to people living in poverty and refugees by donating to CAFOD's Advent Appeal at cafod.org.uk/advent.

CAFOD MESSAGES TO THE BRAVE

Every day, human rights defenders and environmental activists across the world are risking everything to defend our brothers and sisters and protect our common home. CAFOD are asking that as many of us as possible to show our solidarity with these brave people, by sending them a Christmas message, to show their efforts and struggles are not forgotten. It's easy to do - please follow the link below for instructions, or go to the CAFOD website and look for Messages to the Brave.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

Christmas Greetings

Why not send your Christmas greetings to your friends and fellow parishioners by placing them in the newsletter?

Please send your greeting to: ian.restall@design-portfolio.co.uk and 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.

Fr. Leslie wishes all the parishioners at St. Joseph a Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year in 2021.

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

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!

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

The Jackson family would like to wish Fr. Leslie, friends and parishioners a peaceful Christmas and a healthy new year. In particular we would like to thank all Stewards, Welcomers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their commitment to our parish this year

Catherine, David, William, James, and Verity would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all the parishioners a very happy and Holy Christmas

Chris Bailey would like to wish Fr. Leslie and all his friends and acquaintances at St. Josephs a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year



COME ON GUYS! LET'S FILL THE BACK PAGE!

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