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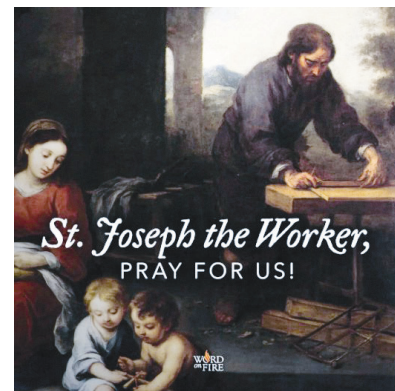
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Mission Statement

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 7 August 2022



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour'. Astonishingly, Jesus compares himself to a thief who unpredictably burgles a house. In this and other ways, Jesus teaches that he will return, and that his return will always be a surprise. Yet it mustn't catch us unawares: 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning'.

Our lives of faith can become flat and lack any sense of excitement or urgency. What can inspire us? We need an element of tension to move us from apathy to zeal. God gives us the spur we need: Jesus' return. He will return - and when we least expect it! To create that sense of anticipation and tension we must reject all unbelief that would convince us that whilst the Lord may be coming back, it will certainly not be in our lifetime.

Such an assumption sets itself against Jesus' own words. It's also foolish, for his return could occur as soon as tomorrow. We may be afraid, and, to avoid dealing with our fears, put the idea of the Second Coming out of our minds. Yet we need to face up to the question: will we be ready and watching when he does come?

Recognizing this urgent need, Pope St John Paul II exhorted, 'Christians are called to renew their hope in the definitive coming of the kingdom of God, preparing for it daily in their hearts, in the Christian community to which they belong, in their particular social context and in world history itself'. The surest way to prepare our hearts for the Second Coming is to ask the Holy Spirit to give us a hunger, thirst and longing for it.

Holy Spirit, awaken my heart! Give me an eager, expectant faith that Christ is coming back... Set my heart on fire with such love for Jesus that I long to see him return.

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Upcoming Masses

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR C THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

AUGUST

Saturday 6	6.00 p.m. Bridie McDonagh RIP R&J Weller
Sunday 7	10.30 a.m. Willa & Kevin Jackson 30 th Wedding Anniversary 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9	Feast of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Patron of Europe) 9.00 a.m. All Parishioners
Wednesday 10	Feast of St. Lawrence (Deacon) 7.30 p.m. (Please note the time) Chris Cullinan RIP M.Brennan
Thursday 11	11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Hannah Day
Friday 12	9.00 a.m. Do try and come to a weekday Mass. We all need Jesus.

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY - YEAR C

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m. Mary Dillane RIP
Sunday 14	10.30 a.m. John Farley RIP P.Chapman 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Church open each day for visit to Blessed Sacrament

* 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.

Bishops Of England & Wales

Sunday Obligation to attend Mass is the greatest privilege of all. Looking forward to the feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Eucharistic Ministers For This Week's Masses

6 August	6.00 p.m. S Walker M Brennan
7 August	10.30 a.m. M. Allum J Jarvis

Readers For This Week's Masses

6 August	6.00 p.m. I Restall
7 August	10.30 a.m. W. Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Week's Masses

13 August	6.00 p.m. E Kania S Walker
14 August	10.30 a.m. C Brooks L Birnie

Readers For Next Week's Masses

13 August	6.00 p.m. M Anderson
14 August	10.30 a.m. P Downey



Welcome to our parish family and to all visitors for our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

I would like to draw your attention to one or two points of information. We have only two Masses over the weekend. The attendance at these two Masses hovers around 100 approximately. Therefore when you request a Mass Intention, normally parishioners ask for weekends. I have a duty as all priests have that one Mass has to be said for Our Parishioners. So at present, with the above in mind, I am booked up to October for weekend intentions. If you request an intention at the weekend, the Mass

intention may have to be said at one of our weekday Masses. Those times are printed in the newsletter. I am sure you will understand the situation.

Secondly, I ask you to take home with you your newsletter and not leave it behind in the church. The newsletter takes up considerable time to gather information for you to read. It is also printed for us and paper supplied free of charge by one of our parishioners who has done this for many years. Please do keep that in mind. Also please do not read your newsletter before Mass. When we come into the church, we should recollect our thoughts on what we are about to celebrate and speak to Jesus asking the Holy Spirit to come upon us. It could be your last Mass. We are reminded in the scriptures 'that we do not know the day or the hour of our death'.

Thirdly I have made a summary of the Ten Commandments for your information. I would urge you to purchase a copy of 'Catechism of the Catholic Church' so that you may learn and understand the teaching of your faith and it will help you to have that conversation in your families. For example, to miss Mass on Sunday is a serious sin unless you are sick or housebound. If you choose not to go to mass on Sunday, you need to go to confession before you go to Holy Communion. The same goes for the other Commandments given to us by God. If you need any clarification or questions, please speak with your priest. You can go to any church of your choosing for the Sacrament of confession.

In today's Gospel, Jesus told two short stories to emphasise the importance of self-preparedness for 'You must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect'. Complacency is one of the enemies of our spiritual progress and it can be a serious temptation. For all our care and precautions, there is absolutely no way we can know when or how Jesus will come to call us to himself. But we have the promise from our Saviour that one day He will be coming back for us, like either the Master returning from a wedding feast or like the thief in the middle of the night when we least expect Him.

I wish you all a happy weekend and
May God bless you all and our families.

Fr. Stephen Morris

Norbertine Priory

Opening Mass for The New Norbertine Priory in Peckham.

Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7.00 p.m. We very much hope you will be able to join us. If you are able to come, please email Fr. Stephen on Stephen.morris@norbertines.org.uk

Bible Alive for August

Please purchase a copy of Bible Alive to help us on our journey of faith – Price £3.00.

Please also pray the rosary – what a powerful prayer with your families and teach your children to love Mary through this great prayer.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Is held every Sunday between 4.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. We live in very troubled times in our world. We need to find some peace and tranquility in his divine presence in the Eucharist. Also come to Jesus often. Our church is open all day. Mass is the summit of our faith and is celebrated each day except Monday. For those who are working we have Mass on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Baptisms

Reception into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism for July: Callum Ray Murray, Cara Aurora Shallow and Margot Petra Montrose. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers as they teach their children their faith and those of their godparents.

Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 - 1

FROM SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 1

The relic of St. Bernadette will travel to our Cathedrals in the United Kingdom.

Such is the importance of this tour, and such are the gifts of grace that will flow from these days that we hope that all will feel encouraged to visit. Please see details on the white board in the Narthex of our church. Stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/ The date for our Cathedral in Brentwood is in the newsletter.

Cardinal Vincent says 'The pilgrimage of St. Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our faith, joining with one another across many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional and psychological healing and renewal'.

'I shall do everything for heaven, my true home, there I shall find my mother in all splendour of her glory. I shall delight with her in the joy of Jesus himself' (St. Bernadette). More details see

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

Finance News

Last Sunday I appealed for donations to replace a heater in the church which has not functioned for two years. It is with great humanity that three people have come forward with donations of £1,505. Thank you so very much indeed. We are halfway there. The total cost is £2,634.30. May God bless your generosity. One more final push.

Baptism

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

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Journey Home – Threshold Of Hope Our Catholic Faith from Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

"You shall not kill."

In brief:

'On God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind' (Job 12:10).

Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.

The murder of a human being is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the creator.

The prohibition of murder does not abrogate the right to render an unjust aggressor unable to inflict harm. Legitimate defense is a grave duty for whoever is responsible for the lives of others or the common good.

From its conception, the child has the right to life. Direct abortion, that is abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a criminal practice, gravely contrary to the moral law. The church imposes the canonical penalty of excommunication for this crime against human life.

Because it should be treated as a person from conception, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed like every other human being.

Intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder. It is gravely contrary to the dignity of human person and to the respect due to the living God, his creator.

Suicide is seriously contrary to justice, hope and charity. It is forbidden by the fifth commandment.

Scandal is a grave offense when by deed or omission it deliberately leads others to sin.

Because of the evils and injustices that all war brings with it, we must do everything reasonable possible to avoid it. The church prays 'From famine, pestilence and war, O Lord, deliver us.'

The church and human reason assert the permanent validity of the moral law during armed conflicts. Practices deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes.

'The arms race is one of the greatest curses on the human race and the harm it inflicts on the poor is more than can be endured' (GS 81:3).

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God' (Mt 5:9).

To be continued next week – The Catechism of Catholic Church is available from any bookshop.

Relics of St Bernadette - 2

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette in our Cathedral on 16/17 October 2022. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for prayer for the whole diocese and given the significance of our Lourdes Pilgrimage in the life of our diocese.

Hannah Day

Our prayerful sympathy to Lewis Day and family on the death of Hannah Day, a Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Her funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 11 August at 11.00 a.m. followed by cremation.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Church Heaters

For many years we have a church heater which has not been working and needs replacing. We have been unable to do this because of the cost, and the cost of other repairs to our building. We have a substantial overdraft which we need to get down. We need your help for all in this difficult time. Each month our expenditure exceeds our income. How can you help?

1. If you are a tax payer, please give by standing order and complete a gift aid form.
2. Use the QR code at the back of the church or on the newsletter.
3. Join our 200 club, if you have not done so already, monthly prizes every month.
4. In your great generosity we ask you for a one-off donation. The cost of the heater is £2634.30. Can you please help us?

Refreshments After 10.30 Mass

Please sign up on the rota to help provide refreshments after 10.30 a.m. Mass from April to July. Full instructions can be given. Thank you those who are already volunteering - more helpers would be appreciated.

Knit and Natter Or just knit. Or just natter!

At our meeting on Friday the 6th of August in the Parish hall at 2pm we shall have a short concert by our own Pat Chapman who has a wonderful singing voice. Please do come along and meet other parishioners for tea and cake and just a natter if you don't want to knit! Be wonderful to see a few more of you. Any queries please don't hesitate to ring me Jan Jarvis 200278. Meet every other Friday in the parish hall every other week from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m.

March For Life: 3 September

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life.

We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3 September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00 a.m. at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Priests are welcome to concelebrate. LifeFest22 is a pro-life, family-friendly festival held 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00 p.m., proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30 p.m. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>. Our witness is vital. Please encourage parishioners to attend.

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.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS WITH US. IT WILL BE A GREAT HELP



Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, that they may find the necessary means to continue operating and serving their communities

The use of #NuclearWeapons, as well as their mere possession, is immoral. Trying to defend and ensure stability and peace through a false sense of security and a "balance of terror" ends up poisoning relationships between peoples and obstructs real dialogue.

On the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, I extend a heartfelt greeting to my fellow-Jesuits. Continue to walk zealously and joyfully in serving the Lord. Be courageous!

Let us continue to pray for the suffering and battered Ukrainian people, asking God to free them from the scourge of war. The only reasonable thing to do would be to stop and negotiate. May wisdom inspire concrete steps toward peace.

Finance News

For the week ending Sunday 31 July you gave £228.52.

Thank you 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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Thomas Gleeson, Alma Mansfield, Kathleen O'Reilly, Kathleen Oldhall, Catherine Taylor, and Francis Blake

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. Henry Tilley (1920), Fr. David Coghlan (1936), Fr. Hugh Verity (1965), and Fr. David Papworth.

Remember to have masses said for your deceased Relatives and Friends and Holy Souls in purgatory.

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.

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.

Light

Laughter

How do poets say hello?
Hey, haven't we metaphor!

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CATHOLIC AND HAVE LOST TOUCH?

If you have been a non Church-going Catholic for a long time, it can be very helpful to read about contemporary Catholic beliefs and life. It may appear to you that some things have changed.

Free materials are available from the Catholic Enquiry Office.

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Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays - TONIGHT!

Join us in the hall on the FIRST Saturday of each month, after 6.00 p.m. Mass. Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and a friendly chat with fellow parishioners. DATES:

6 August • 3 September • 1 October •

5 November • 3 December

It will be good to see you!



BCYS Youth Gather

22-23 October: Mersea Island, Colchester.

Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you a fresh insight into yourself and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in year 9 and above. Book now at www.bcys.net/events



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