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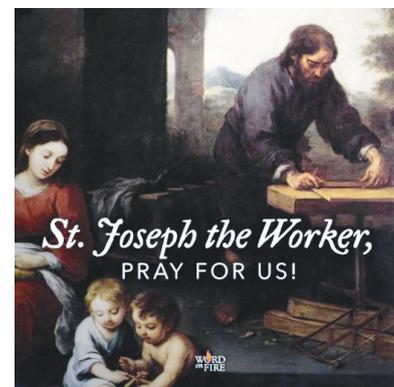
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Mission Statement

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 31 October 2021

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

One of the striking features of the Sermon on the Mount is that Jesus sat down to teach. It was an act of solidarity with his disciples by not towering over them in the fashion of pagan rulers. Indeed, in John's Gospel the Lord says "I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you". And from his seated position, the Lord gives a beautiful blueprint for Christian living.

The danger is to 'pick and choose' Beatitudes, rather than viewing them as a collective whole. St. Gregory of Nyssa (335-94) taught that the Beatitudes build upon each other, culminating in the promise of the kingdom of heaven.

We had the most perfect embodiment of the Beatitudes in the life of Mary. Indeed, there is a striking mirror of language between the Beatitudes and elements of her Magnificat. She speaks of 'how all generations will call me blessed' (Luke 1:48), with the keyword in this context being 'blessed'. She is blessed and so will be the people of God that Jesus envisages as he teaches his Sermon on the Mount.

She is mournful, particularly at the foot of the cross where no one can share the sharpness of her grief, and her heart is pierced by sorrow at the suffering of her divine Son. Her thirst for justice can be found when she proclaims that God, 'has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty' (Luke 1:53).

She is pure of heart, by reason of her Immaculate Conception and her immunity from Original Sin, and with her coronation in heaven (cf. Rev. 12:1) she is afforded the full sight of God's face. She was also persecuted for the cause of uprightness, when she was forced to flee to Egypt as a result of King Herod decreeing the death of all newborn babies (cf. Matt. 2:16-18).

So, on this Feast of All Saints we invoke the help of our most blessed Mother and reflect on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Holy Mother, I make a place for you in my heart.

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



Confirmation 2022

If you wish to be confirmed next year, please give me in writing your name and contact details. You should be 14+. The preparation course begins in January 2022. Confirmation is the second sacrament where you will be anointed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his Gifts. By this anointing the confirmed receives to 'seal' or 'mark' of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a sign of authority or ownership of the object. Christ himself declared that he was marked with his father's seal. The seal of the Holy Spirit makes our total belonging to Christ, our enrolment in his service for ever, as well as promise of divine protection. In the prayer... "Send your Holy Spirit to be their helper and guide - give them the spirit of Wisdom and understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, spirit of wonder and Love"... I ask our parents to engage in conversation about the important sacrament offered to our young teenagers for their journey in life.

Candlelight fund for CAFOD

Please pick up a candlelight fund leaflet - it's a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory, now and in the future, will be combined to make a life changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest communities. It can be a private act of remembrance - donating to mark a special event like a loved ones Birthday. Please take a leaflet and read what it's all about.

St Joseph The Worker School

The school Admissions Policy for 2023/2024 is now on the school website and can be found as follows:
www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key-Information/Admissions/Admissions-Policy-2023/2024

November Dead Envelopes

These will be available in the Narthex from October.

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Upcoming Masses

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS UNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OCTOBER

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m. Mass Alan Turvey <i>A.Turvey</i>
Sunday 31	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 1	Commemoration of All Souls Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 2	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Wednesday 3	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 4	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 9.00 a.m.
Friday 5	9.00 a.m. Mass David RIP Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass
Saturday 6	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 30	6.00 p.m. Mass O'Mahony Family RIP
Sunday 31	10.30 a.m. Roy Gonfanves RIP

* 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.

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Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Mary Jones, Julia Burrows, Kenneth Child, Catherine Wren, Marie Burns, and Jenny Ayres

Priests of our Diocese: Canon Richard Gay (1969)

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.

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.

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Welcome to all our parishioners on this feast of the Solemnity of All Saints.

In today's gospel from Matthew, we have the Beatitudes from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It is a charter for holiness. The Beatitudes express not just actions but attitudes. They are a summary of the teaching of Jesus. They are a Mission Statement of what the good Christian will become.

Those who are poor in spirit, those who are gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for what is right, those who are merciful, those who are pure in heart, those who make peace. This is what we are called to be. These are the qualities that we are called to be. This is what makes us holy and Saints. We are the children of God.

Think of the love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called the children of God. Today's feast is a cause for great rejoicing and thanksgiving. Many of our families who have gone before us are being celebrated today. We look forward to the day when we too can be with them experiencing the same total joy, happiness and peace. We ask them to pray for us, poor sinners, on our behalf that we may live lives in faithfulness so that we too may experience the same reward.

May the Lord bless us and help us to grow in his love day by day.

Christmas Hamper



Our Christmas hamper will be arriving shortly – to raffle towards our much-needed parish funds – as we have so many repairs to do on our parish property. Each year you have been very generous to St. Joseph's and I know you will be equally generous this year. I realise that many are struggling in one way or another, but we must not neglect God's house.

Also we will encourage you to send your Christmas Greetings to one another via the newsletter as we have done in the past. Proceeds will go towards Brentwood Catholic Children's society. Thanks again for your unfailing support.

Bible Alive

For November is available from the Narthex £3.00 each. This wonderful book allows us to reflect on our Sunday liturgy of the word in the comfort of your home and also has other interesting articles to help you to understand God's word and what is happening around our Catholic World. Plus other interesting information. You can also order it so that it can be sent to your homes.

Christmas Cards can also be ordered – which contains quotations from the bible and Christmas messages. A great way for us to spread "The Good news and our faith". And there is much more.

Journey Home (Continued)

Turning away from sin.

Sin corrodes love by turning us away from God and rejecting opportunities to love our neighbour. This deterioration might happen over time with an accumulation of venial sins blocking our hearts. If our sin is serious, it can rupture our relationship with God and poison the bonds of friendship with others.

The good hears of God's grace in that he has provided us with the means to restore our relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters. By presenting our diseased hearts to the Lord we are assured that he will heal the damaging effects of sin. His grace will flood those arteries that have become hardened by sin and will startle back into life those hearts that have gone into arrest.

Daily repentance, true contrition, and a regular use of the sacrament of reconciliation restore and strengthen our communion with the blessed trinity and with each other. Frequent confession helps us to grow in holiness and virtue. If we are conscious of having committed a sin that was a grave matter and where we acted with full knowledge of its seriousness and with full consent, that is a "mortal sin" then we must hurry to Christ, the divine healer, who waits for us in the sacrament of reconciliation. The catechism of the catholic church reminds us that "when it arises from a love by which God is love above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' (construction of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins, it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sin and includes the firm purpose to recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

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.

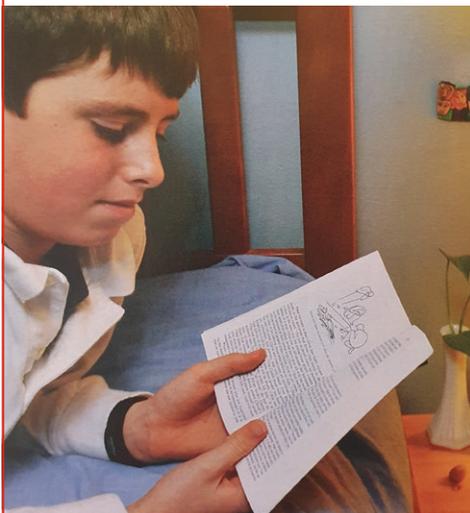
Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

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First Communion Parents



It is important that all parents come to the meeting with Sister Jude. Already the course has been cut short. Even after they have made their first confession, you will have to continue on this sacrament as we continue the First Holy Communion programme. **Parents, these are important sacraments for you and your children, as are all the sacraments as you go through life.**

A prayer for the COP26 Climate Talks (31 October – 12 November)

'I urgently appeal for renewed dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'

Pope Francis – Laudato Si

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,

And in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us

As stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they

Seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions

For the poorest and most vulnerable,

And commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

In the run up to COP26 and specifically on the last Sunday in October, we are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow (including Pope Francis who plans to attend in person) work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet.

Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism – Saturdays at 11.00am. Maximum number 40, Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Calais Light

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first-time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26 – Sunday 28 November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

A message from CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

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.

Thank you for the three people that have volunteered so far. We will be in touch shortly.

Mass

Don't forget to have a Mass said for repose of the soul of family and friends or those who are sick or private intentions. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please enclose a donation.

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.

Repository – help needed

The Repository is opened up before and after Saturday Mass by Mandy but we urgently need someone to do the same at the 10.30 Mass. Please! Full training given. It really is very simple and will help our parish community immensely. Thanks in advance. Just let Fr. Leslie know if you can spend a little time to help or email Mary direct from our website.

Lunchtime Recital

The next Wednesday Lunchtime Music Recital will take place on 24 November and not 17 November as previously advised. This forthcoming Recital will consist of Piano and Organ, details of which will follow as soon as they are available.



Pope on Twitter



I express my closeness to the thousands of migrants, refugees in Libya: I never forget you; I hear your cries and pray for you. We are all responsible for these our brothers and sisters, who have been victims of this serious situation for too many years. Let us #PrayTogether.

“Jesus, have mercy on me!” Let us make this prayer our own today. Let us repeat it. We must ask Jesus, who can do everything, for everything. He cannot wait to pour out his grace and joy into our hearts. #GospelOfTheDay

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Mk 10:46-52), the faith of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, shines. He asks everything of the One who can do everything: “Have mercy on me”. He doesn't ask for a favour, but presents himself. he asks for mercy on his person, on his life

To live out a mission means cultivating the sentiments that Jesus has, to believe with Him that those around me are also my brothers and sisters. May His love reawaken our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

Finance News

For the week ending 24 October you gave £127.50 of which £18.00 was through Gift Aid.

Second collection for Missio raised £166.85 of which £1.25 was through Gift Aid.

Hall income was £75.00.

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.

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.



What do you call happy mushrooms? Fun guys!

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Donate with Giftaid-it

Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.



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

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To make a donation please scan the QR code for the appropriate amount. If you wish to Giftaid-it please scan the codes in the Giftaid-it section after reading the declaration.

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.**

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