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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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 16 May 2021

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BLESS YAHWEH, MY SOUL, FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY BEING, HIS HOLY NAME.



Welcome and Hello to all our parishioners and visitors. We end the Easter Season next Sunday with the Great Feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals the paralysed man by lowering him down through the roof to avoid the large crowd which had gathered. He said "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus saw great faith in the man. The power to forgive sins is only God's prerogative. When the Pharisees heard this, they complained to Jesus. Jesus says "which is easier to say - your sins are forgiven or to say "Arise and walk". When people saw the man walking and dancing, they were astonished. In the Our Father prayer we say "forgive our sins as we forgive others". What is sin? Sin is when you break the Ten Commandments, or break a precept, or you break a law. It is also based on relationships. When we commit sin, we are breaking our covenant with God. His loving relationship with us. We are before him who has given us everything. His love, His caring. Everything we have is His. Suddenly we betray Him with a lie, or we betray Him with doing something that goes against love. Basically, sin is a refusal to love. Sin is an act that goes against love. When we sin, everything comes to us in our selfishness, in our carelessness, in our unconcern for others. Jesus died for our sins. He died to make up for our sins by an act of love. We should constantly give heartfelt thanks to Jesus for His love and for his mercy.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself (from the diary of St. Faustina). Have a lovely weekend with your families and a happy and holy week.

UPCOMING MASSES

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)
THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 15 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
Sunday 16 Mass at 10.30 a.m.
Friday 14 Mass at 9.00 a.m.

**The church is open for Private prayer
from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

**Mass is celebrated privately except Friday
when there will be a public mass at 9.00 a.m.**

Saturday 15 Church open for private
prayer from 10.00 a.m.
Confession by Appointment

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)
THE WORD OF GOD**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 22 Mass at 6.00 p.m.
People of the Parish
Sunday 23 Mass at 10.30 a.m.

Please note Mass is celebrated each day privately except Fridays. For more public morning Masses, we need two stewards as a minimum as expressed in the guidelines for public services. Please come and help.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

Remember your Easter duties to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion between Easter and the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

Stewards

Now that we have returned to having public Masses, we will undoubtedly need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought. 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.*

Aid to Church in Need

From St. Joseph we must learn... Care and responsibility, we must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the church and the poor (Pope Francis). Should you wish to help the Church in Need please contact:

Aid to the Church in Need, 10-14 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4DA.
Tel: 0208 642 8668

A small Direct Debit would be a great help to our suffering Brothers & Sisters.

Reflection from St John Paul II

In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his resurrection, we have the gift of the holy spirit, we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father. Where we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency.

Date For Your Diary

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place virtually on Saturday 29 May - More details nearer the time. It will be live streamed.

Providence Row

Thank you for building a community of support with Providence Row, for people affected by homelessness. You have helped us to keep people safe and supported at one of the most challenging years in our 160 year history.

- Please consider making a donation. Cheques can be sent to: The Dellow Day Centre, 82 Wentworth Street, London, E1 7SA or contact Providence Row website for other ways to donate.
- Support Providence Row by praying for our services and coming along to one of our events this year.
- We have recorded a short talk about our work suitable to share at a church service or in your home. Please get in touch if you would like to receive a copy of this.

Covid Safety

Masks are to be worn in the church - please keep a safe distance unless you are one family bubble. Please sanitize your hands on entry and departure from the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Margaret Hankin, Mary Page, Horace Bushby, Kathleen Gore, Mary Ward, Philomena Magee, Gerald Rimmer, and Sally Sullivan

Priests of our Diocese: Fr. John William Hayes (2002), Fr. Paul Dynan (2020), Canon Thomas Clark (1959), Canon Michael Fitzpatrick (1939), Fr. Bernard Sheppard (1969), and Mgr. Canon William O'Grady VG (1954)

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.

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.

First Holy Communion Parents

We are still unable to begin your child's preparation for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation because of COVID 19. We will keep you informed via the newsletter. In the meantime you can make somewhere in your home a prayer corner i.e. small table with a cross, a bible, any prayer cards and a candle. Also our church is COVID safe, so we would like you to bring your children to Sunday Mass. Pray the rosary with your children especially in the month of May to end this COVID pandemic and other prayers i.e. before meals. You are in our Prayers.

From Fr Domonic Howarth

The Bishops of England and Wales issued a key statement on Environmental issues last week, and you may be wondering what the Diocese of Brentwood is doing on this matter. This therefore seems a fitting moment to share with you some work that has been going on in the Diocese over the last few months, and to ask for your prayers.

1. There is a group working on Environmental commitments and actions across the Diocese
2. The work is going well, and drafts will be ready for Deaneries and others to consider in late June/July
3. The resources for parishes will be rooted in our Catholic faith, with prayerful resources as well as calls to commitment and action
4. Please keep the weekend of 2/3 October free from other parish appeals/commitments, if possible, so that it can be a launch weekend for this key aspect of living faith, at a time when climate change is a global emergency.

More Details Later.

If you want to begin more quickly in your parish, then the best place to start is with the Cafod LiveSimply award. The resources and ideas to support a parish seeking the award are excellent; both practical and helpful. You will find everything at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award>

Plenary Indulgences For The Year of St. Joseph

All this Year until 8 December 2021. You have the opportunity to commit yourself with prayer and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from serious human and social tribulations that today affect our world. You can gain a plenary indulgence in the usual conditions i.e. sacramental confession, Holy Communion and a prayer for the Holy Fathers intention.

You can do this if you meditate for 30 minutes on the Our Father or a retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. St. Joseph invites us to rediscover the filial relationship with the Father. St. Joseph is the guardian of the Holy Family – may this inspire enthuse and encourage all families to live with the same 'intimate communion' love and prayer, by praying the Holy Rosary in families and engaged couples.

COVID Restrictions

At present if you are coming back to church, Welcome, We ask you to:

- Wear a face mask
- Sanitise your hands
- Give your name and contact number to the steward
- If you are not giving to the church by standing order, please put your offering in the white bucket as you enter
- Pick up your newsletter
- Holy communion is given out at the end of Mass. We ask you to come up as the steward requests and leave by the door on the left. Please do not linger in the car park.

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.

The Angelus

We are being asked by the Holy Father and our Bishop to pray the angelus every day for the end of the pandemic, the poor, the sick, the homeless, and the deceased.

Recited at morning, noon and in the evening. Other than during Eastertide:

V/ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R/ And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
V/ Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
R/ Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary.

V/ And the Word was made flesh,
R/ And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.

V/ ray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beg you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pope on Twitter



Praying is not easy. Each time we want to pray, we think of many other activities that seem more important and urgent. Almost always, after putting off #prayer, we realise that those things were not essential at all. This is how the Enemy deceives us

Which way should I follow? There are ways that do not lead to Heaven: the ways of worldliness, the ways of self-affirmation, the ways of selfish power. And there is Jesus' way, the way of humble love, of prayer, of meekness, of trust, of service to others.

Today, too, the Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Christian faith.

Everything we would like others to do for us, let us do for them instead (cf. Mt 7:12). Do we want to be heard? Let us first listen. Do we need encouragement? Let us give encouragement. Do we want someone to care for us? Let us care for those who are alone and abandoned.

Finance News

For the week ending 9 May you gave £146.00 of which £26.00 was through Gift Aid.

Thank you and God Bless.

Parish Sunday Afternoon Rosary Group

The group meets at 4.30 p.m. online, every Sunday, for about 30-40 minutes to say one set of the Mysteries of the Rosary (5 decades each week) and also to pray for the parish and any specific intentions.

Contact Tyrone tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk for a link to be sent via email.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 8 May: 26

Sunday 9 May: 47

200 Club

The 200 Club has been running in our Parish for many years and over that time it has contributed many thousands of pounds to assist with the Parish finances. It is a relatively painless way of giving, and of course benefits you (hopefully) and the Parish at the same time. All you need to do is to complete a Standing Order form for £2.00 each month and you will be entered into a monthly draw to win cash prizes of up to £50. It's that simple. Marian will be handing out Standing Order forms at Masses this weekend so please take a moment to take one, complete it and set the process in motion. Cash prizes are just a signature away! What's not to like!



Light

Laughter

How does the Moon cut his hair?
Eclipse it!

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PLEASE NOTE

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