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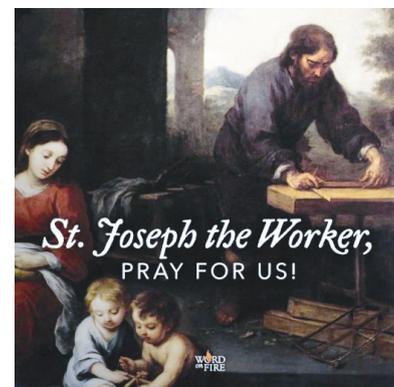
Mission Statement

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 14 November 2021



IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

There is no escaping the apocalyptic writings in the Bible. We need to come to terms with the fact that some of what we read is dark and scary, bringing us face to face with the prospect of trials, tribulations and turmoil, both on earth and in the heavens.

We can nevertheless discern a consolation at the heart of such passages that overcomes the terror and darkness, which is the coming of Jesus, the Son of Man. Borrowing the image of God's deliverance from Daniel (Dan. 7:13-14), Mark leaves us in no doubt that one day the world will end. No one knows when: not the Church, not the Son, but only the Father (v. 32).

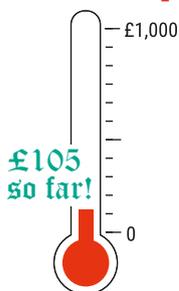
Drawing on all the wisdom of the ages which it teaches with authority, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, 'Since the Ascension Christ's coming has been imminent even though "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority". This coming... could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are delayed' (para. 673).

St Bernard of Clairvaux explained Christ's three comings: first, the incarnation; second, his return to earth; and third, his coming into our lives and hearts. We rejoice in his first coming and long for his second. Perhaps if we prayed and longed for Christ's Second Coming more, we would help to usher it in. Imagine we could play some part in his return! Jesus urges us to be on our guard and keep watch (v. 33-36). But what are we to guard and keep watch over? Our minds, hearts and lives, but also time.

St. Augustine said, 'Time is a threefold present: the present as we experience it, the past as a present memory, and the future as an expectation.' In guarding and keeping watch over our time we learn to put our lives at God's service, striving to live in his presence, with a growing awareness that the Lord will return, wrap up time and history, and usher in the eternal kingdom of God.

'Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage.' (Pope John XXIII)

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 unflinching support.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2022

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

A Different Church is Possible: embracing an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability

INAUGURAL LECTURE OF THE CENTRE FOR ECCLESIAL ETHICS

On the eve of our global synod Pope Francis invited us all to create not another Church, but a different Church. You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2 December at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom, in which Professor Jim Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability can offer a pathway of renewal for our Church and enable us to become the different, attentive and vulnerable Church that God calls us to be in service of a fragile world emerging from Covid. Tickets are free and bookings can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-ecclesial-ethics-inaugural-lecture-tickets-192356893647>

All are welcome and further details at www.mbit.cam.ac.uk

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Upcoming Masses

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

Saturday 13	6.00 p.m. Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 14	10.30 a.m. Jourjon Family RIP
Monday 15	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Tuesday 16	9.00 a.m. Mass Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday 17	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Thursday 18	Church open all day for Private Prayer from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Friday 19	9.00 a.m. Mass Geraldine Millington (Sick) <i>Chris & Sean O'Hare</i> Church open all day for Private Prayer after morning Mass till 4.00p.m..
Saturday 20	Church open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING (B)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 20	6.00 p.m. Mass Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul in Charlieu
Sunday 21	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish

* 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Newsletter goes to print one week in advance.

Anniversaries

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

We pray for: Edith Fairbrother, George Poskitt, Valerie Lewell, Stanley Paczusko, Lucy Cooper, and Kathleen Duansfield, **Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Jack Harder (1987),

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.

Church Cleaners

We are desperately in need of cleaners to clean God's House. We gather on Thursday at 10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Please Help.

November Dead Envelopes

These are available in the Narthex.

Advertising your business

If you would like to increase your profile and advertise your business on our back pages, please contact:
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for details.



Welcome to our Sunday Liturgy.

It would be most heartening to see more parishioners coming back to our church regularly especially our First Holy Communion parents with their children. Over the past few weeks, we have printed in our newsletter for your information, mission and relationship in articles under the heading 'Journey Home' to help you to understand the Eucharist and how you can participate more fully in the celebration of Mass. This is also to help you talk about the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation within your homes. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass was relaxed during the pandemic. Most Holy Mother Churches will reimpose the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays from the First Sunday of Advent, 28 November.

As you will see from the newsletter we are again raffling our Christmas Hamper. It is our major fundraiser and helps our parish to cut our overdraft which has built up over the course of the pandemic, combined with fewer parishioners attending Mass. It is a constant concern to us all, and we have many projects to maintain our parish buildings on hold for the moment while we work out how to pay for this essential maintenance. So, in your kindness, please pick up an envelope from the Narthex, write your name and contact details on the envelope and return to the church as soon as possible. Thanks in advance and God Bless to you all.

Today's Gospel from Mark begins with a series of cosmic events- sun darkened - moon fading - and stars falling from heaven to indicate that history will end and we will be judged by the 'Son of Man'. This is taken from the book of Daniel with Jesus as the great judge. This is where Christ calls us to a life of faith hope and love. Saint John Henry Newman wants us to remember three things: life is short; death is certain; eternity is long. As our liturgical year draws to a close, let me take stock of where I am, and where I am heading. Am I distressed, fearful of death? We have a merciful saviour in Jesus, and we have the Sacraments of the Church.

The season of Advent which is nearly upon us is a time of reflection on the great feast of Christmas, the birth of our saviour Jesus. Let us use this time for prayer, engaging with the Word of God (Bible Alive on sale in the Narthex) will help you and receiving the Sacraments of the Church especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray then we may come to the feast of Christmas with mind and soul renewed.

I wish you and your families the blessing of God and all you do in his name.

Reminder - Christmas Envelopes for Hamper

Please pick up envelopes from the Narthex. Write your Name, Contact details, and enclose £5.00, and return the completed envelopes as soon as possible. Why not take an extra one (or two) for friends and family?

MISSIO

Please would everyone who has a red box leave it at the back of the church on one of the Sundays in November so that I can arrange for it to be counted and returned. Please make sure that your red box is clearly marked with your name and address.

The 'Mission Today' Calendar 2022 is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the church porch.

If anyone who does not have a Missio Red Box would like one, please speak to me. Missio is the Pope's personal charity and the Church's official charity for overseas mission in the developing world.

Thank you for your support, Clare Barton.

November Dead

Mass will be offered for them during the week. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday privately.

Newsletter

We will be taking our usual break for Christmas on w/c 20 December for a couple of weeks. There will be a newsletter available on Christmas Day and then we will resume publication on the weekend of 8/9 January 2022.

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Journey Home (Continued): (Faith Formation)

Tips to participate more fully in the celebration of Mass.

- The Eucharist Fast**
Refraining from food and drink (except water and medicines), one hour before Mass is a physical reminder that we hunger for Christ who will feed us with his own divine life in Holy Communion. The elderly and those who are suffering from some illness as well as those who care for them, may receive Holy Communion even if they consumed something during the preceding hour.
- Aim to arrive in good time**
If you come to Mass harassed and 'on the run' then there will be little opportunity to still your mind and recollect your heart. This may prove a challenge even at the best of times but it should remain a spiritual goal.
- Help build the silence**
The Psalmist sings 'Truly I have set my soul / in silence and peace' (Psalm 31) and adults should try to do so as well because silence makes us more sensitive to the presence of Christ. When we are silent we do not hear less, we hear more. We become attuned to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us. But for this to happen we need to still our anxieties, to be more attentive and less distracted, to quiet all the white noise outside and within us in order to listen to God's presence. We need to turn off our mobile phones, remove our wireless ear pods, end useless chatter, and be less physically and mentally unsettled. When these things happen then we begin to develop the habits of listening silence and humble stillness we become more present to God. Silence does not happen automatically. It is created by the work of each member of the worshipping assembly. As we come to Mass, we need to commit ourselves to cultivating the reverent silences of the Mass (to be continued)

Find out more at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk - visit our YouTube channel 'Thresholds of Hope' Formation - Mission - Relationships.

World Mission Sunday 2021

"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" Act 4:20

Thank you very much for the gift of £166.85 from your parish. You and your parishioners are helping to create a vibrant Catholic Church for the future through your prayers and financial support.

Faith Lift Day

Faith Lift Day on Sunday 14 November at the Sion Community, Brentwood, led by Michelle Moran, from 2.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m., with optional Mass for those who are not ministering in their parishes at 12.00 noon. If you are coming to Mass, please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Everyone is welcome, but please note that there are no separate activities for children, who remain with their parents. Parents with children may find the Family Days more suitable, see the website link below for details. From 7 November there are also online talks given by Michelle each Sunday on the same theme, which can be accessed on the link:

[FaithLift / 14th November 2021 - Sion Community](#)

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

Advent

The first Sunday of Advent is 28 November. Not long now. This is the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus our Saviour by being humble to receive the grace of our Sacrament of Reconciliation. You can do this at any catholic church if you wish. The good news of God's grace is that he has provided us with the means to restore our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters. Do try and go as a family!

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.

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.

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. Can we fill a whole page? You bet we can! Let's do it!

Christmas Offering for your priest

This forms a major part of your priest's income. Even if you have a standing order, you will need to have one as your gift is for your priest while standing orders are for your parish.

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



The world needs Christians who know how to demonstrate the beauty of the Gospel by the way they live; who are weavers of dialogue, models of fraternal life; who bring the sweet fragrance of hospitality and solidarity, who protect and safeguard life

Let us #PrayTogether for the people of #Ethiopia, so sorely tried by the conflict that has lasted more than a year and has caused numerous victims and a serious humanitarian crisis. I renew my appeal for fraternal harmony on the peaceful path of dialogue

In the #GospelOfTheDay (Mk 12:38-44), Jesus proposes the poor widow as a teacher of faith: the sound of her few coins is more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich, since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God with unconditional trust.

Let us care for our common home, and also for ourselves, trying to eliminate the seeds of conflict: greed, indifference, ignorance, fear, injustice, insecurity and violence. Humanity has never before had at its disposal so many means for achieving this goal

Finance News

For the week ending 7 November you gave £155.00 of which £21.00 was through Gift Aid.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: £80.00 this week, making £105.00 to date. Keep 'em coming!

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.

Light

Laughter

Why do dragons sleep during the day?

So they can fight knights!

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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 2022.

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!

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

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



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