

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 4 October 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 3	6.00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 4	10.30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 5	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Tuesday 6	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Wednesday 7	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Thursday 8	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church
Friday 9	No public Mass. Mass will be said in a locked church

Confessions

Confessions by appointment at the moment, because of COVID-19, for a 2 metre distance.

Face Masks

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

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.

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

One of the purposes of Jesus' parables was to provoke a reaction, a response, which in turn would lead his hearers to ponder and reflect. On hearing his parable of the Vineyard, the chief priests and Pharisees knew immediately that it was addressed to them. Matthew informs us: When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard [Jesus'] parable, "they perceived that he was speaking about them". The parable clearly riled and unsettled them, and "They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet".

In his parable of the Vineyard Jesus used images that the chief priests and Pharisees would have been very familiar with. Vineyards with absent owners were common enough in Palestine at the time, and putting them in the hands of tenants with the intention of earning an income from them made sense both from an economic point of view and also as a security precaution. As Jesus told his story, his listeners would have been reminded of passages from the Old Testament in which the prophets compared the nation of Israel to a vineyard.

For example, Isaiah wrote, "For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting". This rural image captures perfectly the idea of God's care for his people and the expectation of fruit in their lives.

In Jesus' parable, the vineyard is clearly the kingdom of God, the owner is God and the messengers are the prophets, who in Israel's history had often been ignored or badly treated. The unruly tenants undoubtedly represent the Pharisees, who refused to recognize the work of God in their midst. They did not understand the signs of the times.

God is always at work among his people. Pope Francis is a prophet among us: he is a prophet of the joy of the gospel. The Holy Spirit is calling his Church to recover blessings and graces that have been lost: especially our sense of joy and happiness, our hope and our vocation to witness to the gospel of joy.

Lord, you call us to bear fruit for you. May we always be open to your word even when it is hard for us to hear, and so help to build your kingdom by our words and deeds.



Brentwood Catenians

Our mission statement is - strengthening family life through friendship and faith.
If there are any gentleman interested in the Catenian Association please contact Peter Brisbourne our membership officer on 01277 219746.

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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:

David Goner, Margaret Stone, Rina Ellingtona, Hannah Eberia, Cianian McKenna, James Walsh, Sean Mateer, and Ernest Kettley.

Priests of our Diocese

Fr. Henry Healy (1967); Fr. David Logue (1976); Canon Edward Heery (1970); Fr. Alfred Clements (1931); and Annv Pope Pius XII (1956).

May the souls of the faithful departed Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Mass Intentions

If you wish to have a mass said for someone who has died RIP/SICK/or an Intention please put this on your envelope with your donation through the PRESBYTERY letter box or give it to FATHER at any of the two Sunday Masses. To have a Mass said for someone is the most important prayer we should offer for them. One day we will need a Mass said for us. Please don't forget previous Priests of our Parish.

Parish Contribution

Parishes everywhere have been impacted economically. Catholics are asked to continue to give as generously as possible in these difficult times. You can do this by filling out a standing order form and gift aid form if you pay tax. Or online via the new website, or direct into our parish account 40-13-22 61018884 Payable to St Joseph the Worker Hutton. During the church closure we lost a considerable amount which, for small parishes, it is a lot. If you are watching Mass from home, please remember your weekly offering unless you pay by standing order or through other ways. We have a number of maintenance tasks to be done which is the responsibility of our parish. *Thank you*

Online Rosary Group

The St. Joseph The Worker Online Rosary Group is now a fixture at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. After the Rosary is said we make time for payers for special dedications and some social discussion to see how everyone is keeping. If you have not had a chance to participate and would like to, please e-mail Tyrone: tyroneseq@yahoo.co.uk

Mary Alcock

Special prayers please for Mary Alcock, who needs our help by praying for a speedy recovery from a serious situation. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her at this particular time. She has asked for your prayers and I said I would ask you all for your prayers. Saying the Rosary for her would be much appreciated. On her behalf, thank you.

Altar Servers

During this period we are unable to have altar servers at our Mass. However, you are not forgotten, and you are important to our parish.

I will let you know as soon as possible when you will be able to serve. My thoughts are with the newly trained altar servers who have been unable to serve. You are not forgotten. The same applies to those who provide music which of course is not allowed at the moment



Hello and welcome to all our parishioners especially those who are unable to be with us today. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Please do not forget to pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother each day so that a vaccine can be found soon. Keep in your prayers those who are sick and those who have died from Covid-19.

Last weekend our children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Both celebrations were beautiful and I thank our catechist Mary, who after many years has retired from the

First Communion programme as a catechist after many years of her ministry. We thank Sharon and Justine for all their hard work preparing our lovely children. Thank you all very much. We thank also the ushers of both celebrations (Saturday and Sunday) for their help and for cleaning the benches on Saturday in preparation for our evening Mass. Also a big thank you to Arthur Edwards for taking the photos of both the groups and individuals at both celebrations. See page opposite for some great shots of a truly great weekend in our Parish

Today's readings, the first from the book of Isaiah, is the "Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard", while the Gospel of Matthew refers to it as the "parable of the Wicked Tenant". In the parable of the Wicked Tenant, Jesus was addressing the chief priests and the Pharisees who were present. It was they who plotted against Him and killed Him, rather than believing and accepting the teaching of Jesus. It is important to understand that the landowner leased the land to the tenants. When something is leased, something is expected back. We who are the children of God are expected to be shining lights in the world. We are expected to shine in the love of Christ towards all. We are expected to grow in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father expects his children to present to Him in return for all His blessings in the appreciation of the gift of life that God has given them through the Blood of Christ. The Gospel ends that the Kingdom will be given to those who love, bring peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

This week let us take a few moments to review our lives in the light of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Let us renew our commitment to persevere in our beautiful faith in Christ through a sincere repentance and the reception of the Sacraments.

May God's blessing come down on our families.

Month of October

This month is the month of the most holy Rosary. During this month please Honour our Blessed Mother by saying the Rosary each day for our families, our nation and world during these testing times of COVID-19. Unfortunately, we cannot use votive candles because of touching the candles and caskets. Also the danger of non-sanitised hands coming into contact with lighted candles.

November Dead Envelopes are in the Narthex

Take one for any deceased members of your family - and please don't forget to put in a donation.

Bible Alive

There are copies of Bible Alive in the narthex, Price £3.00. Please put money in the Repository box.

Candlelight Funds

Celebrate a life and give hope to thousands more! This year we will not be having the Cafod Collection. Hopefully we can make a big one in Lent next year. However, you can help this year by picking up from the Narthex a Cafod Form. Please fill in your details and return to Cafod in the envelope provided.

"Keep a light shining through a candlelight fund, for a deceased member of your family or friends." The details are on the leaflet. Please pick one up and help Cafod to help others.

Covid 19

Visitors to the church should scan the QR code when they arrive, using the NHS COVID-19 app. This is to help trace and stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

MISSIO

The Autumn 2020 edition of "Mission Today" is available for Red Box holders to collect from the table in the 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 Thank you for your support, *Clare Barton*.

A Prayer For Us All

Let us entrust our parish to St Joseph our patron. God Our Loving Father who entrusted the care of his only begotten Son to St. Joseph. May he protect us all from this testing time so that our parish community may again come together and return with joy and gratitude to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

St. Joseph protect us all and bring Eternal Rest to all who have died. We ask this through Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

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As Fr. Leslie mentions opposite, last weekend saw another milestone event for the Parish with the holding of the First Holy Communion "celebrations". Obviously numbers were severely restricted due to Covid-19 and the First Holy Communion group had to be split over two days, with Masses on Saturday and Sunday. These Masses were supported by parents and siblings but unfortunately not the wider families. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins etc. were not allowed to attend which is a great shame for the children involved. That didn't detract from the two Masses being joyous occasions for all who were there – as you can see from the photos taken by Royal photographer Arthur Edwards MBE. Incidentally Arthur recently celebrated a big birthday so happy birthday Arthur! And thanks for the photos (again!).



Finance News

For the week ending 26/27 September you gave £329.89 of which £21.00 was Gift Aided.

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

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Pope on Twitter



Saint Michael, help us in the battle for salvation we are fighting. Saint Gabriel, bring us the good news that Jesus has saved us, and grant us hope. Saint Raphael, take our hands and help us along on the path of complete healing.

Almighty God, present in the entire universe and in the smallest of Your creatures, fill us with the strength of Your love so that we might take care of life and beauty.

The Gospel Of The Day questions the way of living a Christian life, which is not made up of dreams or beautiful aspirations, but of concrete commitments, to open ourselves ever more to God's will and to love for our brothers and sisters.

Today we celebrate the Memorial of #StVincentDePaul, Patron of charitable organizations. May St Vincent's example lead all of us to joyful and disinterested service to the most in need, and open us to hospitality and the gift of life.

Mass attendance

There is some space for you if you want to join us. Please arrive early for Mass so that you can be seated by our Ushers and this will also give you time for private prayer.

Light
Laughter

I had a neck brace fitted a few years ago. I haven't looked back since!

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!

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Baptism At St. Joseph

If you wish to have your CHILD Baptised, please complete the form on the website

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Parents must be a practising Catholic, attending Mass and the Sacraments regularly. At least one God Parent must be a practising Catholic and no more than two. The Catholic God Parent must also be a practising Catholic.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTISE

The priest is being asked to do no more than certify whether or not the child comes from a practising Catholic family to the best of his knowledge and belief, in all the circumstances.

Updated Guidance For Celebration of Mass

During Mass face coverings are to be worn.

Care should be taken by people in unlooping their face coverings for the reception of Holy Communion and replacing the covering afterwards. This is to prevent contamination of the covering by the hands. However, the risk is regarded as minimal providing there is no hand to hand contact between the Minister of Communion and the communicant.

The same guidance that is used for the celebration of Mass applies to all other sacraments in our churches until further notice. It is for everyone's good that a face covering is worn.

The Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092

We hope you enjoyed reading the newsletter this week; please do remember that if, for some reason, there are not enough hard copies at the back of the Church, it can always be downloaded from the Parish website (www.stjosephshutton.org). A PDF of the newsletter can be found under "communication".

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