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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.

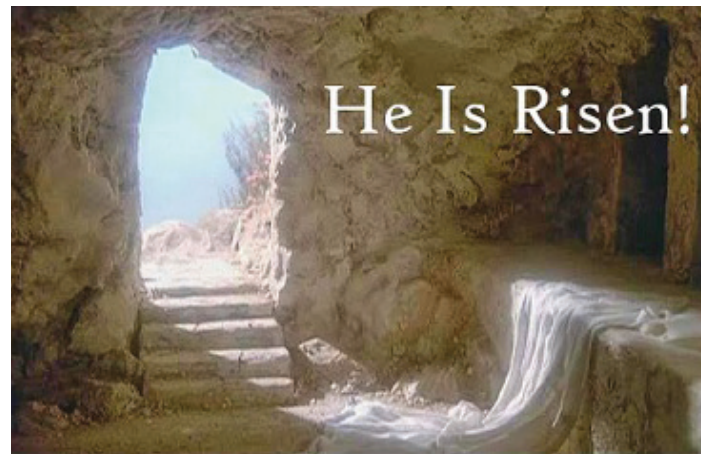


## EASTER SUNDAY

### **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 17 April 2022**



**"Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed."**

#### **IN TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Have you ever felt faintly disappointed by today's Gospel reading? After all the rich glories of the last three days, today's Gospel seems to be a little flat. It presents only half the story – the stone rolled away and the tomb empty – and it emphasizes simply Jesus' absence rather than his glorious Risen presence.

Easter Sunday is a joyful, celebratory day but not one on which we can rest on our laurels – or even Jesus' laurels! Faith in the resurrection invites us to ponder and reflect; how can an empty tomb be a sign of the resurrection? The answer lies in John's understanding of 'signs' in Jesus' life. For him, Jesus is a wonderful mystery, a revelation of God himself and the mystery of his great plan of salvation.

Mysteries can be entered into and experienced by putting faith in the signs. Throughout the Gospels these signs give us some revelation of the mystery of Jesus. Here at the end of the Gospel the signs of the stone rolled away, the empty tomb and the folded linen cloths – signs that can be clearly seen – serve to give us entrance into the mystery of the resurrection. We're standing on the threshold of something wonderful and amazing, something that draws us to faith.

As we see and believe the signs we're drawn into glimpsing and experiencing a further revelation of the mystery. In today's Gospel the disciple expresses only the beginnings of faith. The signs have opened the doorway of a great mystery to him. The climax is the realization that Jesus is alive and is the Lord (John 20:7-8). This insight is so precious for us because it corresponds to our own experience. Full Easter faith is something we progress or grow into, as did the disciples.

Today, for those who are willing to believe, there's an excellent opportunity to be in contact with the Risen presence of our Saviour. We can share in his life, convinced that the power of sin has been broken in our lives and that we also have become a new creation with him.

*'Hallelujah! Christ is risen from the dead! Dying, he conquered death; To the dead, he has given life.'* (The Byzantine Liturgy)

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## Upcoming Masses

### FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – YEAR C THE WORD OF GOD FIRST MASS OF EASTER

#### APRIL

- Saturday 16 8.00 p.m. Mass  
Easter Vigil and First  
Mass of Easter
- Sunday 17 8.30 a.m. Mass  
People of the Parish  
10.30 a.m. Mass  
Jacinta & Sati 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary - Thanksgiving

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 19 9.00 a.m.
- Wednesday 20 7.30 p.m. Mass (Please  
note the time)
- Thursday 21 7.30 p.m. Mass of Last  
Supper followed by prayer at  
the altar of repose till 9.00 p.m.
- Friday 22 9.00 a.m.
- Saturday 23 Confession from 10.00 a.m.  
- 10.30 a.m. and by  
appointment

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

#### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 23 6.00 p.m. Mass  
Fred Greenfield RIP  
*J Greenfield*
- Sunday 17 10.30 a.m. Mass  
Parishioners  
3.00 p.m. Divine Mercy  
Prayers and Adoration of  
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:** Stations of the cross at 7pm on Fridays during Lent. As the church is open all day, you will be able to pray the stations of the cross Privately on any day. Books on sale in the Narthex, Money in the red box.

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

## Ministries

**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.

**Altar Servers** - If your son or daughter has made their First Holy Communion, would they like to serve at Mass and work with other children? Our parish has always been blessed with many servers. If they are involved in the liturgy, they will begin to understand the faith and stay with Jesus weekly.

**Eucharist Ministers** - We also need more Eucharistic Ministers to take Jesus to our sick and housebound parishioners and to minister at our Sunday liturgy. This is a tremendous calling as we participate in our closeness to Jesus. For any of these ministries, please contact Mary (Parish Secretary) or Fr. Leslie.

## Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism - Saturdays at 11.00am. Please wear a mask in Church - Application Forms available for our Parish Administrator ([hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org)).



Welcome to all our parish family and visitors on this Easter Sunday.

Today's feast of the Resurrection of the Lord is that we are here because Jesus not only overcame death, not only rose from the dead, but is with us. He has come to stay with us as he promised. 'For a short time you will feel desperate,' he told his disciples. 'But I shall come again, and I shall be with you all days, even to the end of the world'. Jesus is here and now with us. It is the presence of Jesus, that he is with

us, that makes us what we are and fills the scriptures. It is he that we choose to be with, to share our lives with us, to be with us every moment of those lives. To be with us when we are happy and full of peace and contentment. To be with us in sorrow. To be with us when terrible things happen to us. And we know that he is even more present to us at those days, at those times, because it is a habit that all of us Christians have. So today, what we're celebrating is the joy of not celebrating something that happened so long ago, but the great joy of knowing that it happens every morning when we rise, and we become aware that we are not alone. Today, on this most important day, we must never separate Good Friday from Easter Sunday. We know that God has overcome the world and He loves you so very much. Jesus is Lord and God.

During Lent we have had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which has been well attended. We shall continue to have this devotion after Easter. Our church will continue to be open all day for you to come and visit our dear Lord.

On the Sunday after Easter at 3.00 p.m. we shall have the Divine Mercy prayers and a period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

I wish you all a very happy Easter.

*Fr. Leslie*

## March for Life

This will be held on 3 September in London - Please put this date in your diaries. - Ten Million too many. Every life is precious.

## Mass Attendance

Attendance at both Masses last week totalled 124 I hope very much that many more of our parishioners will return - we miss you very much.

## St Joseph The Worker School

### Change to the Mid-Year Admissions Applications

As from 1 April the local authority will no longer be coordinating the Admissions requests for mid-year applications. These will now need to be sent directly to the school and the application form can be found on our website (Key Information/ Admissions/Mid-Year Application Form). The Local Authority will continue to manage the applications for new starters in the Early Years.

## Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Walsingham House are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in late summer. This is a residential role and involves working alongside the existing staff team help to form the volunteer team and lead retreats for schools and parishes across the diocese. All information can be found on the website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 22 April 2022.

## 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.

## Providence Row

Thank you so much for the Homeless Collection for Providence Row, which raised £350.00 last week. A very big thank you.

## 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

## Standing Orders

A huge thank you to all who are supporting our parish through standing orders. Without your support our finances would be in a really bad place. There are many people who have not returned to Mass and we hope they will soon be back among us. If you would like to set up a standing order, you can find the forms on our website [www.stjosephshutton.org](http://www.stjosephshutton.org) This form needs to be returned to your bank. By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim back an extra 25p from the inland revenue for every £1 you give to our parish.

## CAFOD Walk Against Hunger

Support the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger by walking, running cycling at least 5km during Lent. Donations or sponsorship can be made direct to CAFOD or through Just Giving - search for St. Joseph The Worker, Hutton CAFOD Walk Against Hunger to donate. All donations go directly to this CAFOD Lent Campaign.

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## Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## Threshold of Hope - Preparation before Mass.

A personal encounter with the crucified and risen Lord, in the celebration of the Mass is not simply a private affair. This meeting always takes place as part of the action of the whole church including the angels, the martyrs and all the Saints. To take our place amongst this great company and to receive the grace of Holy Communion, should involve some preparation, in order that we can abandon ourselves more completely to the saving mysteries that we celebrate. To that end I would appreciate if we could come to our sacred celebration with a deep sense of reverence. I ask in particular that all ministers of word and sacrament not to wear shorts even if you're not ministering (in case you are asked). Remember "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh (John 6:50-51)". Every truth, every hope, healing and consolation are to be found in these words of Christ. They are why, for over 2000 years, Catholics have faithfully obeyed Christ's command at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."

## During Holy week.

Please pray the rosary for peace in Ukraine and for the Holy Land.

## Knit and Natter

Ever wanted to improve or learn to knit and crochet, or just fancy meeting other parishioners for a cup of tea and cake? New group starting on Friday 29 April from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. every other week in the parish hall. Any further information please contact Jan Jarvis on 200278.



## Easter Collection For Your Priest

Please pick up an Easter Collection envelope from the back of the church towards your priest's income. This collection forms a major part of his salary. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## Food Bank Collection

Help your local community by giving to the food bank during Lent. We will be collecting food and non-food items on Saturday 9 April and Sunday 10 April to donate to the food bank operated by The Trussell Trust in Hutton. Tinned food items such as canned pies, meat or vegetables, or toiletries such as toothpaste, or even Easter Eggs will be welcome. For a full list of items required see [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) Please bring your donation to Mass and place it in the box provided. *Thank you.*

## Music in the Church

Beginning with evening prayers at 6.30pm, we will be having a meeting this month for anyone from age 11 and over, who can play any musical instrument to come to the gathering, the date is yet to be arranged.

We, as mentioned in previous newsletters, we need to form a small choir and a leader in the aftermath of the pandemic. I have been arranging, as you are aware a couple of people from the music school in our cathedral thanks to Andrew Wright. Our school has a choir, if they could come at least once a term it would be great for them and their parents.

Again as mentioned in the newsletter over a number of weeks – the need for Eucharist ministers (they will be trained), to take Holy Communion to our sick and housebound as well as minister at mass. Also readers and alters server. Please do come forward and offer your talents for the good of our parish.

We feel the pain of those who have not yet returned to mass since the pandemic. Christ's desires to make his home within us. In turn we open our hearts to him in order that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit and become one body, one spirit in Christ. As individuals and as a community we make an offering of ourselves to God. Holy Communion also provides us with a presents of the glory that awaits us. It is spiritual food during our earthly lives, nourishing our souls and preparing them for eternity. We look forward to welcoming you back among us.

## First Holy Communion

For those children who are currently in school Year 3, we will be beginning a new First Holy Communion course in the autumn, and we will be announcing more information about this shortly. Please note that the course in the autumn will only be for children who will be in school Year 4 or above from September 2022. If your child will be entering school Year 3 in September, they will have to wait until they have entered school Year 4 in September 2023 before being able to join the First Holy Communion programme.

## Easter Ministries

Please sign up for Welcoming/Stewarding, Reading and Eucharistic Ministry at the Easter services. The list is on the table at the back of the church. *Thank you for your help.*

## Situation in Ukraine

We ask you all to pray for the gift of peace in Ukraine today, so that those responsible may be filled with, and radiate, a peace that is 'contagious' and that the crisis will be overcome exclusively through dialogue.

## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I can not at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*



## Pope on Twitter



Nothing is impossible for God (Lk 1:37). He can even bring an end to a war whose end is not in sight, a war that daily places before our eyes heinous massacres and atrocious cruelty committed against defenceless civilians.

Jesus is crucified in the refugees who flee from bombs with children in their arms. He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die, in the young people deprived of a future; in the soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters.

The folly of war, where Christ is crucified yet another time. Christ is once more nailed to the Cross in mothers who mourn the unjust death of husbands and children.

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do (Lk 23:34). When violence is used, it shows that we know nothing about God, who is Father, or even about others, our brothers and sisters. We forget why we are in the world and end up committing senseless acts of cruelty.

## Finance News

For the week ending 8 April 2022 you gave £270.00 of which £99.00 was through Gift Aid.

Second collection for Easter Flowers raised £200 with £60.00 via Gift Aid.

Anonymous Donation of £50.00

*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.*

## Anniversaries

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

**We pray for:** Cecilia Whitehouse, Kath Stone, Denys O'Doud, Louise East, and Patrick Mitchell

**Priests of our Diocese:** Fr. Arthur Ryan (1919), Fr. Michael Enright (1966), and Canon Thomas Smith (1977)

**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.**

## Refreshments After Mass on Saturdays

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:

2 April • 7 May • 4 June • 2 July • 6 August • 3 September • 1 October • 5 November • 3 December

**It will be good to see you!**



Light  
**Laughter**

What do you call a fake noodle?  
An impasta!

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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.

39 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1BX Tel: 020 901 4863



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### 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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