

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 15 November 2020

UPCOMING MASSES

THITY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 14 No Mass (Lockdown 2.0)

Sunday 15 No Mass (Lockdown 2.0)

PRIVATE PRAYER

During the lockdown, the church will be open for PRIVATE PRAYER from 10.00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday only.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (A)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Saturday 21 No Mass (Lockdown 2.0)

Sunday 22 No Mass (Lockdown 2.0)

There will be Private prayer in the church from
18.00 – 18.30

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Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

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.



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.



Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle

This is our big fund-raising event of the year, but we need you to make it a success. All you have to do is put £5.00 in an envelope (the Welcomers will be happy to give you an envelope), put your name and phone number on the outside, and the winner will be drawn in the week before Christmas.

Please do all you can to help, and to spread the word to friends and family. We'd really like to make this a bumper fund-raiser if we can.

God Bless and please take and complete as many envelopes as you can. There is a box at the back of the church for the completed envelopes.

Christmas Hamper

Our Christmas Hamper is packed full of luxuries that will guarantee a fabulous festive season. It weighs around 8kg so is really substantial.

Each delicious treat has been hand-picked to ensure unrivalled quality and taste. Classic Christmas favourites include the Minter's Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, Grandma Wild's Luxury Mince Pies, and the Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisps.

All this and more comes carefully packed in a chocolate brown, hand-crafted wicker basket, featuring this season's new tapered shape. It is perfect for logs or storage all around the house, long after the festivities are over.



Includes: Full Fall Willow Basket with Handles

Packaged Dimensions: H 45 x W 60 x D 56 cm

- Champagne Lanson Black Label NV, 75cl
- Red Wine Vina Vasta - Tempranillo Syrah Merlot, 75cl
- White Wine Vina Vasta - Verdejo Viura, 75cl
- Grandma Wild's 4 Luxury Mince Pies
- Savoursmiths Bubbly & Serrano Chilli Crisps, 150g
- Elizabeth Shaw Salted Caramel Crisp, 175g
- Minters Fine Foods Christmas Pudding, 350g
- Copperpot All Butter Fudge, 150g
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- Chloe's Golden Wreath Biscuits, 150g
- Tod's Kitchen Cheeseboard Chutney, 100g
- Abbey Biscuits Butter Shortbread, 150g
- Delicioso Picos Artesanos, 200g
- Walkers Dessert Collection, 120g
- Jacquot Bitter Classic Truffles, 200g
- Buitemans Cheddar Biscuits in Gold, 75g



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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:

Edith Fairbrother, George Poskitt, Valerie Newell, Father Jack Harden (First Parish Priest of St. Joseph), Stanley Pacusko, Lucy Cooper, Kathleen Drowsfield, and Abina Southgate.

Priests of our Diocese:

Fr. James Allis (1996), Fr. Richard (Dick) Ashton (2011), Fr. John Harden (one time priest of St. Joseph The Worker) (1987), Fr. James Linburgh (2007)

May these and all the faithful departed. Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Time of Prayer from the Bishops of England and Wales

In these difficult moments, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6.00 p.m., and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need.

Here at St. Joseph on the vigil of Christ the King (21 November), the church will be open for private prayer at 6.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. at the request of Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP President - Vile President. As a family try as suggested by the Cardinal to pray each day for an end of this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

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*

Mass Intentions

The best and most sacred way to remember the souls of our most loved one is to have a Mass offered for them that they may be released from sin and come into the presence of our heavenly father. Also we should also pray for our sick and for the intentions of whoever asks for our prayers, Mark the envelope either RIP/SICK/Private 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.



Welcome to all our parishioners to our digital version of the Parish Newsletter and, of course, our web site.

We remain in Lockdown 2.0 for the moment, and therefore the Church remains closed until 2 December. We would appreciate hearing from you by email though in relation to any views you may have about our new website.

May I thank all those who have filled in their names and details and email addresses for our parish records. If you have not done so, can I please ask you to do it without further delay so that our parish records are as complete as they can be. We need to be able to communicate directly with you during these unprecedented times. Also, for our Christmas Masses, we need you to give us your name and contact information and for you to book what Mass you will be attending. Because of the COVID restrictions we have reduced numbers that can attend. The Christmas Mass times will be on Christmas Eve at 6.00 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Thank you for helping us at this time. We need this information by the end of November.

During this month of November please pray for the Holy Souls and all who have died from COVID 19. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is by appointment during Advent and any time suitable to your needs. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have asked us to pray together with your families for an end to the pandemic. As we prepare for the Birth of our Saviour we ask the Lord to deepen our faith in the Holy Eucharist and our commitment to thirst for Him in this Most Holy Sacrament, and to love Him above all things as we move forward into an important Feast and a New Year.

I wish you all God's blessing and looking forward to coming together to celebrate the most Sacred Mystery which we miss so much.

First Holy Communion 2021

Although we are uncertain about how and when we can begin preparation for this most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, it would be helpful if you could access the parish website, under Sacraments, First Communion and email to request the form, complete the form and return to the parish email account or Presbytery. The main requirement to put your child forward for this most holy sacrament is that you must be a regular attendee at Mass. If you have any questions call the Presbytery for more information. Keep your families safe - every blessing on you all. And please remember, the church is sanitised by an independent company.

Our Repository

If you are looking for a crib set, a nativity scene, Christmas cards, Rosaries, Christmas gifts, etc. then do let Mandy in the Repository know. She has a wide range of gifts available at all price ranges, plus of course she can order something for you from our specialist catalogue. Just pop by after Mass and have a look at the



catalogue and maybe get some good ideas too! There could be something there just for you! Only 54 days left to Christmas!!

Stewards

We do need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought as we will need ushers for our Masses to continue once Lockdown 2.0 is over. 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.

LOCKDOWN 2.0

During the current lockdown the church is only open for private prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 a.m. till midday in November.

Christmas Arrangements For Masses

Because of our restricted numbers (COVID-19), we ask you to notify our PARISH ADMINISTRATOR (hutton@dioceseofbrentwood.org) in respect of which Mass you will be attending with your name and contact details.

The Mass times on Christmas Eve will be 6.00 p.m. and on Christmas Day 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

This is important and we would be grateful if you could inform us by the END OF NOVEMBER.

Remember also Masks must be worn inside the church.

Bible Alive

For November £3.00 in the Narthex. "This is a great way to get to know the scriptures from the daily and Sunday liturgy. The daily reflection are accessible and informative." Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Westminster.

Church Sanitised

Every Friday the church is cleaned and sanitised by an independent company.

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The Marillac Neurological Care centre, founded by The Daughters of Charity in 1921 is fast approaching its centenary year. The service is entering into an exciting phase of it's evolvement and is venturing towards becoming an independent Charity whilst maintaining its relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Vincentian Values.

We have assembled a core team of Advisors who have guided us to this stage and are now looking to add to the Board of Advisors with the possibility of becoming Trustees in the near future. We are looking for people to join who share the values and can commit to one Board meeting per month, with any extra time by negotiation. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are from Medical, Legal or Accounting backgrounds.

Marillac Neurological Care Centre is a 52 bedded centre in Warley, Brentwood. It provides care, treatment and rehabilitation for a wide variety of Neurological conditions including Brain Injuries to adults within a specialised highly skilled environment.

As a first point of contact please e-mail Paul Dixon, Managing Director: pauld@marillac.co.uk or call: 01277 220276

Lockdown 2.0

The news announced by the Government that private prayer may continue in churches but that services are not allowed is another body blow for our Parish community. Sadly there is nothing we can do to mitigate the situation at the moment and so the church will not be open for the two Masses we were running prior to this announcement. The church will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during November from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon for private prayer, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during those times.

Weekly Collection

Weekly collection can be placed in the white buckets in the church when open for private prayer, or placed through the presbytery letter box.

New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, please introduce yourself and your family to Fr. Leslie after Mass. Please complete a Parish Registration Form which can be found on the parish website (www.stjosephshutton.org). When restrictions are lifted one of our Parishioners will contact you to welcome you and help you settle in.

Dedication of our Parish to St. Joseph

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christmas Hamper

Hamper envelopes can be placed through the Presbytery letter box. If you do not have one, they can be picked up when the church is open for private prayer (see above) or you can ring the presbytery requesting one - leaving your name and address and one will be sent to you. The newsletter will be on the website or picked up from the church on the days it is open.

Liz Kent

The parish community would like to thank Liz for the coffee mornings that she put on in her garden to raise money for the parish. Liz is moving into the Hutton View care home facility. From 9 November, her address will be 64 Clifton Court, Hutton View Care Home, 3 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, CM13 1AR.

Finance News

We collected £20 from Hamper envelopes last week, making the running total so far £175.00. This is one of our major fundraisings in the year so PLEASE support it if you.

We also received a donation of £81.50 last week from the Friendship Club.

Thank you and God Bless.

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.

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Pope on Twitter



Today we celebrate the liturgical memorial of #SaintMartin, Bishop of Tours, a great Pastor in the Church who distinguished himself with evangelical charity toward the poor and marginalized. May his example teach us to be ever more courageous in the faith and generous in charity.

Society is enriched by the dialogue between science and faith, which opens up new horizons for thought. The light of faith needs to enlighten scientific advances so that they respect the centrality of the human person.

Today, on the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran, we recall that the Lord desires to dwell in every heart. Even if we should distance ourselves from Him, the Lord needs only three days to reconstruct His temple within us" (See Jn 2:19)

Let us pray for the populations of Central America who were hit by a violent hurricane. May the Lord welcome the deceased, comfort their families and sustain those most in need, as well as all those who are doing all they can to help them.

Parish Hall

The Parish Hall remains closed at present.

Parish Website

We would welcome your comments on our new website and any suggestions you may have.

Light

Laughter

Guess who I bumped into on my way to have my eyes tested?
Everybody!

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IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

In the ancient world a talent wasn't a coin but a unit of weight of about 80lb or 36kg. However, when used as a currency its weight was not assessed in gold but in silver, and one talent was worth something in the region of 6000 denarii. Since in the Middle East in the first century one denarius was a day's pay for a labourer, 6000 denarii divided by 365 (the number of days in a year) would have been a little less than 16.5 years' pay. So the servant with 5 talents was given something in the region of £2 million - the amount of money we are dealing with here is colossal and definitely life-changing.

Imagine how Jesus' first hearers must have smiled when they heard this parable, rather as we do when, for a bit of fun, we imagine what we would do if we won the lottery.

One of the interesting things about the parable, and sometimes overlooked, is that back then, believe it or not, the notion of making loads of money wasn't as lauded and applauded as it is today. People traded to survive, not to make a killing, and business (in the way we understand it today) was viewed in much the same light as prostitution and exploitation.

Nevertheless, the Jews were known as shrewd business people and canny investors. Now clearly the parable isn't simply about the benefits of making a return on an investment versus burying your capital and not even making any interest. Nor is it simply about using our God-given natural talents to bless our friends and neighbours, for example - there is no reward (return) in that (Matt. 5:46). No, the talents or gifts are primarily spiritual gifts: the charisms, graces, blessings and fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are worth far more than gold (1 Pet 1:7). We are to eagerly (yes, eagerly) desire the spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 14:1). We are not to be ignorant about the spiritual gifts (like the servant who buried his talent). There are different kinds of gifts (talents) given by the Spirit: the message of wisdom or knowledge, the gift of healing, miraculous powers, discernment of spirits, speaking tongues and the interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:1-11).

Lord, thank you for the gifts of your Spirit. Help us to use our gifts for the building up of the Church to the glory of God.



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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.

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