

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

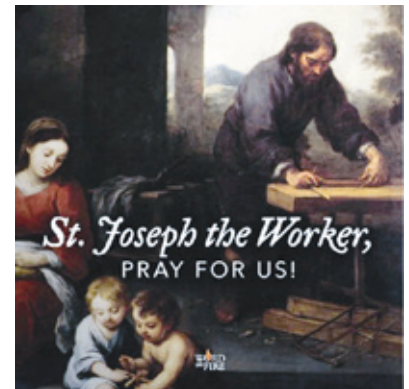
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## Mission Statement

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.



## 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 23 January 2022**

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."  
Luke 4:18



**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."**

## IN TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Gentiles, like Luke himself, believed in Christ on the testimony of others, not because they were eyewitnesses to Jesus' life, ministry and resurrection. But attacks on the historical existence of Jesus began to undermine their faith. To build up their faith, Luke wrote an account of Jesus' earthly life and ministry, 'just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word' (v. 2).

Luke's Gospel shows the continuity between God's promises made through the prophets and their fulfilment in Jesus. Jesus, reading from the prophet Isaiah the promise that God would send one who would free his people from oppression and imprisonment, and restore their freedom and liberty (61:1-2), announced, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing' (v. 21).

His words electrified his audience. They had heard this promise many times before, but now Jesus, standing in front of them, was saying, 'I am fulfilling this great promise of God. I am the Spirit-Bearer foretold by Isaiah and, in the creative power of God's Spirit, I am bringing in a new age of freedom and divine favour, restoring men and women to health, and casting out demons'. It's not surprising that, 'The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him' (v. 20). It's also unsurprising that they couldn't accept him and later, 'rose up and put him out of the city'. (4:29).

Jesus stands before us, proclaiming the good news, and restoring to us our inheritance as God's children, freeing us from oppression and liberating us from whatever imprisons us. Do we believe this and go to Jesus to receive his grace and life? Or do we not believe that he can do all this and so reject him? Jesus stands before us as he stood before his fellow townspeople and challenges us to approach him for healing and freedom. The choice, however, always remains ours.

*Lord Jesus, you restore all things. You break the power of evil. You heal our sins. Help me to come to you with complete faith and confidence. Teach me to fix my eyes upon you.*

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## Upcoming Masses

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

JANUARY

- Saturday 22 6.00 p.m. Mass  
Margaret Tyman RIP  
A.Turvey
- Sunday 23 10.30 a.m.  
Eric Spinks RIP  
Spinks Family

### WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tuesday 25 10.00 a.m. Funeral Mass  
for Pat Carroll RIP
- Thursday 27 9.00 a.m. Mass Private  
Intention Feast of  
St. Thomas Aquinas
- Friday 28 9.00 a.m. Mass
- Saturday 29 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. Sacrament  
of Reconciliation

Church Open all week for Private prayer  
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

- Saturday 29 6.00 p.m. Mass  
Billy Houghton RIP  
Anne Marie, Stan & Family
- Sunday 30 10.30 a.m. Mass  
Intentions of Brian Donoghue

\* 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.

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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:** Anna Bloomer, Dorothy  
Hunt, Maurice Mansfield, Frank Lowen,  
Stephen Eagle, Patricia Gower, Longin  
Czuprinski, Anna Smith, Anthony  
Fleming, Edward Williams, Katherine  
Dalton, Leo Naughton and John Halsey.

**Priests of our Diocese:** Bp. Arthur  
Doubleday (1951) one time second  
Bishop of Brentwood (1920-1951), Fr. John  
O'Sullivan (1999), Fr. John Hibbert (1975),  
Fr. Arthur Field (1946), Bp. Patrick Casey  
(1999) Fifth Bishop of Brentwood (1969-  
1979), and Fr. Jack Clifford (2010).

**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.**

## 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.

## Mass

Don't forget to have a Mass said  
for repose of the soul of family and  
friends or those who are sick or private  
intentions. Envelopes are on the table in  
the Narthex. Please enclose a donation.

## Pat Carroll RIP

Our prayerful sympathy to the family of  
Pat Carroll who recently died. Pat's body  
will be received into the church at  
4.00 p.m. on Monday 24 January 2022.  
Funeral Mass will be 10.00 a.m. on  
Tuesday 25 January 2022. May she rest in  
peace and rise in Glory.

## Diocesan Directories

Diocesan Directories are available in the  
Narthex - £2.30



Welcome to all our parish families and to our visitors.

It is lovely to meet with former parishioners who have moved  
away to new pastures and have come back and visit us. It is  
also good to hear how much they miss our welcoming parish.  
Thank you for those compliments.

Pope Francis says 'Be witnesses to Christ in your daily lives  
with simplicity and courage. To those you meet, to your peers,  
show above all the face of mercy and love of God'. Pope Francis  
is reminding each one of us that we are Catholic Christians.

The Sacrament of Baptism is our identity which we are called to deepen and preserve  
our Christian identity throughout our lives. It is a daily effort and commitment as  
parents promised on the day they had their lovely children baptised. This underlines  
the importance we all have to grow in the blessing of the light of Christ. Therefore as  
we journey towards Lent and Easter let us renew our baptismal promise by serving  
God faithfully in our daily lives through prayer, reflecting on the scriptures and  
the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the most Holy Eucharist. Pope Francis also  
reminded us to dream, to seek and adore our Lord.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes His mission. We hear that he went to the  
synagogue in his own hometown as was his custom to worship. 'He has sent me to  
bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year of acceptance to the Lord'. We all  
have the duty to spread the good news, give witness to the gospel. We must reach  
out to others who have not heard about Jesus and those who have lost their way.  
Maybe in our own families. We must watch out for one another. We must not fail to  
help those afflicted by human misery. Because in them we see Jesus. Let us serve God  
with faith, love and constancy.

God's blessing on you all and your families.

*Fr. Leslie*

## First Communion Parents

Thank you for coming to our meeting on 12 January.  
The Children's meeting will be on 22 January. May I  
invite you to bring your children to church for about  
10 minutes before the Tabernacle as you pick  
them up from school.

## For Readers

We are planning an evening for Readers later in  
February. We also would like parishioners to offer to  
join the rota. Ask yourself. Are you confident and a  
clear reader? Would you like the privilege to proclaim  
the living word of God to the community at Mass?  
If so please contact Willa Jackson or Fr. Leslie  
(guidance and training will be given).

## 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.

## 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. Bro-  
chures 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](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

## Tea & Coffee

Tea & Coffee helpers are also needed for after 10.30  
Mass. Gathering together after Mass is a way to get  
to know new parishioners and deepen our parish  
family and also a form of welcome. Please do come  
forward.

## Candles

Lighting candles has restarted - Please be careful  
when sanitizing your hands - that you don't over-  
do them especially if you are lighting a candle.  
(Sanitiser and flames do not go together!). If you  
can use the QR for your candle donation, that  
would be wonderful.

## BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23 - 30 July 2022.

Applications are now open for our summer  
pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with  
those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us  
as young leaders. This is one of our most popular  
events and after a two year gap we are excited to  
be returning next year. The week is spent travelling  
alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we  
assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses  
and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes  
within the town. For those travelling with the  
BCYS the week will also include a retreat,  
reconciliation service, as well as social events and  
a party. Please see [www.bcys.net/events/sl22/](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22/) for  
more information including visas, vaccinations  
and how to apply.

## Common Good and the Catholic Church

The common Good and the Catholic Church's  
social teaching 25 years on will be held in the  
Waldegrave suite, St Mary's University and online  
via zoom: [www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/0/commongood-25years-on](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2022/0/commongood-25years-on) on Wednesday 26 January  
11.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. 2022.

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## 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

## God Gives You Forgiveness

For if you forgive others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. – Matthew 6:14  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself. – Matthew 22:34-39

## Brentwood Music Office

(From Andrew Wright Diocesan Director of Music) Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a "Be a Cathedral Chorister for a day" opportunity for boys 7-12 on Sunday 29 January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30a.m. with a welcome for families and will end with choral vespers at 4.00 p.m., an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing whatever prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. More details and to register a place, please visit [www.cathedralbrentwood.org](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or phone 01277 265288. Please see notice on the outside board.

## Sunday Offertory

If you give by standing order or by bank transfer, please put your surname and initials as reference. If you gift aid, please put your name and gift aid number. If you do not pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. QR codes are a new online donation system which has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate directly to a parish by using the QR codes. Donations can be made with or without gift aid using the QR codes. Thank you for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

## 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.



## Making your donation by Standing order

If you are able, please support our parish of St. Joseph by giving by standing order, and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering. For more information contact Fr. Leslie or Chris Brooks on 07747148048.

## Confirmation 2022

The sacrament of confirmation will take place later this year. You should be 14+. The preparation course begins in January 2022. We already have a few names – should you wish to receive this wonderful sacrament please contact Fr. Leslie now as soon as possible.

The sacramental life of the church is important for all of us to stay close to Jesus, as we journey through life. Please pray and come forward to receive this sacrament. 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 the '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.

## National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life

We ask you to join us each month in prayer and fasting.

**Fasting** – Fast from all food except bread and water for a day or fast from a particular food or luxury e.g. Chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, iPhones, TV. Fast from whatever you can, given your state of health etc., but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

**Prayer** – we ask you to say a Rosary (or an extra one if you already say a daily rosary). You could also make an effort to go to an extra Mass/go to the church for adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle "And He said to them: This kind (or demon) can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29). Please pray and fast for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia on the eve of the Anniversary 25<sup>th</sup> of the founding of God Counsel Network ([www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)) St. John Paul II. A great prayer for life is urgently needed.

## Synodal Church

There will be a parish meeting to share ideas about 'The Journey Home'. The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom (Isaiah 2:1-5). We have a role to play in discussing and living out God's call for his people. A synodal church: communion, participation and mission. Over the month of December we collected parishioners views on their dream for the future church. Come, Holy Spirit..... "To inspire people to dream about the church we called to be." Date for meeting TBA end of January. Please be involved! Pope Francis called the church to embark on this synodal path. We look forward for your support as you listen to the Sesus Fidei (sense of faith) in the people of God. Our blessed mother and St. Joseph may have experienced as they prepared to bring Jesus into the world. We realise we have hectic lives and this is another thing to do. We support your efforts on this journey.

## 200 CLUB

Joining the 200 club is a great way to support parish fundraising, along with the opportunity to win cash prizes in our monthly draw. Join via the website or pick up a form from the back of the church. Thank you and God Bless.



## Pope on Twitter



Let us #PrayTogether for the people hit by strong rain and flooding in various regions of Brazil during these past weeks, especially for the victims and their families, and for those who have lost their homes.

The first sign Jesus accomplished was not an extraordinary healing or something prodigious in the temple of Jerusalem, but an action that responded to a simple and concrete need of common people. This is how God loves to act

Lack of charity causes unhappiness, because love alone satisfies the human heart.

Even if all human doors were barred, God's door is always open

## Finance News

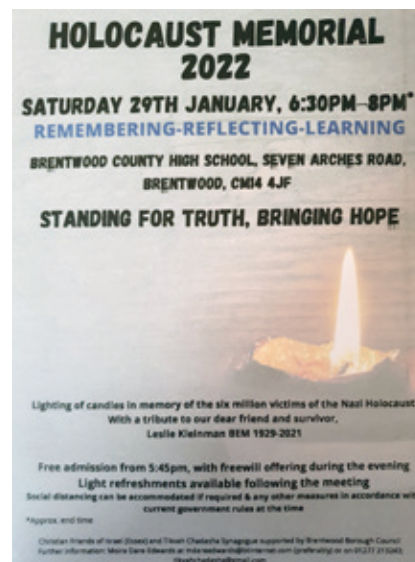
For the week ending 16 January 2022 you gave £220.00 of which £34.00 was through Gift Aid.

BCCS Crib collection: £255.00

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.



## Thought for the Day

For every minute that you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness

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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.

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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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