

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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Welcome to our parish news of St. Joseph the Worker 14 February 2021

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time, God's Word, year B.

Hello and welcome to all our parishioners. On Wednesday of this week we begin the Holy season of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

We are hoping to restart Mass for the season of Lent leading to the Joyful day of the Resurrection of the Lord. To prepare for our Easter celebration we can do several devotions. Everyone is feeling the pain of separation from members of our families and friends and the loss of our freedom. However, it is a time of reflection on our lives.

We can ask ourselves has our God been the God of materialism and of selfish interest or the God who made us in his image and likeness and loved us so much that He revealed Himself taking on our humanity and walking with us every moment of our lives. In his short life he continually spoke to us about his Father, healed the sick and taught us the road we need to follow to reach our Eternal Home. He gave us a free will to choose how we live our lives. He taught us to pray. He showed us the good times but also the difficult times. "If you want to be a follower of me, you have to take up your cross and follow me".

Perhaps we can come together as family and pray together. It's about finding that Sacred space to give to Jesus showing him how much you love him, asking for his mercy and forgiveness for our waywardness and lack of faith in Him. Spend quiet time for Him to speak to your heart. Pray to Mary for the courage to be one with Jesus in his agony, and to say "Father thy will be done". Grant that through his wounds we may be healed. Teach us meekness of our King crowned with thorns. Help us carry our cross and know "fellowship of his sufferings on Calvary". May we know too, the power of his resurrection and ascension to that home prepared for us. Pray for us dear mother, that we may share in the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, and after this our exile, rejoice in the glory of your assumption and coronation in heaven. I wish you all a happy week and live our faith each day. Every blessing on you all.

UPCOMING MASSES

No Sunday Mass this weekend. Private Mass for Parishioners living and dead.

Monday 15 Mass Celebrated Privately

Tuesday 16 Open for private prayer 10.00 until 12.00

THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
Morning mass 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 18 Open for private prayer 10.00 until 12.00

Friday 19 Mass Celebrated Privately

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD

Saturday 20 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 21 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

Remember - ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of FASTING i.e. One Main Meal, two light meals for those 18-65 and abstinence. Do not eat meat of any kind.

Weekday Church openings
Church will be open for Private prayer 10.00 to 12.00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) WORD OF GOD

Saturday 27 6.00 p.m.

Sunday 2 10.30 a.m.
People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)

By appointment or before Mass on request.

Covid Safety

Please wear a face covering at Mass and sanitize your hands.

Weekday Masses

During the week our Church will be open for private prayer from 10.00 a.m. until 12 midday. If you are able, this will be an opportunity to visit Jesus in the Blessed sacrament and find solace and peace from all that we have and going through these past few months. In particular, we pray for many grieving families who have lost a loved one from COVID-19.

During the week Holy Mass is said privately. If you wish Mass to be offered for a loved one/intention, please put them through the presbytery letter box. On Sunday Mass is celebrated for all our parishioners living and dead.

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.

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. As a family, try, as suggested by the Cardinal, to pray each day for an end to this pandemic as a Catholic community spread throughout our country.

Ash Wednesday

Is 17 February, it's a day of fasting and abstinence. More details about guidelines of receiving ashes will follow when available.

Stewards

When we return to having public Masses again, we will undoubtedly need more volunteers to steward the people attending Mass. Please do give it a thought. 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.*

Anniversaries

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

We pray for:

Patricia Todd, Patrick Faherty, Irene Finch, William Woods, Patricia Lowen, Florence Fernandes, Ellen Watson, and Joseph Redknapp.

Priests of our Diocese:

Deacon Sydney Lewis (1994), Canon Aloysius Roche (1968), Fr. Gerald Murphy (2008), Mgr. Canon Jules Van Meehan (1968), Fr. Clifford Beecroft (2012), and Fr. David Chapman (1998)

May these and all the faithful departed Rest in peace and rise in Glory. For all who have died from COVID-19 Eternal Rest give to them O Lord, may they Rest in peace and Rise in Glory.

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.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Friday 26 February 2021

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is Friday 26 February 2021 and is an opportunity to help vulnerable communities around the world to access water and to provide other vital support. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

Thank you for your support.

Confessions

On Request (During the COVID 19 Virus)

Easter Envelopes

This collection is for your priest and is the main source of his income. Please pick up an envelope and also one if you know of someone who is unable to come to mass. *Thank you.*

Face Masks

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

Prayer for the sick with COVID

Lord Jesus,
Healer of bodies and souls,
We intercede for those who
Are living with sickness.
You own wounds of suffering
During your Passion and your agony
In the garden bring you close to all
Those who suffer.
Be a source of comfort and hope
To all those who carry the burden
Of sickness in body and mind.
Bless all those whose vocation is to
Care, whether professionally or
through the bonds of family.
May your loving gaze bring
Wholeness to brokenness
And light out of darkness.
Amen.

Church Sanitised

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

Word For The World

The COVID-19 global pandemic has infected close to 100 million people, resulting in over 1.5 million deaths. The impact of this new virus has been catastrophic and overwhelming. The hardship, brought about by the hidden enemy, has wreaked havoc on people and businesses. We are all victims of COVID one way or another. We, of course, pray for those who have lost loved ones, and for those in hospital and those suffering long term effects. As a parish community let us turn to Mary our mother, to pray for all affected one way or another. Reflect on the Gospels, in your bibles at home. The scriptures are God's words and open your hearts to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that he may bring hope and healing to our world, country and families.

Streaming of Mass

If you are watching Mass streamed from a Catholic Church, please observe the following:

Do not watch it in bed eating your breakfast (unless you have to be in bed). Do not watch the mass drinking tea/coffee. The Mass is sacred and through the media this great mystery is happening in your home. We should behave as if we are in church.

To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers in The Parish

At the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00

or

DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00



Pope on Twitter



The person who prays is like someone in love with the beloved in his or her heart wherever they go. So we can pray at any moment, and during what happens every day: on the street, in the office, on public transportation, through words and in the silence of our hearts

I express my closeness to the victims of the calamity that happened in #India where part of a glacier separated itself provoking violent flooding that devastated two power plants. I pray for the workers who died, for their families and for all those who were wounded.

All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth

#Fraternity is the true cure for the pandemic and the many evils that have affected us. Along with vaccines, fraternity and hope are, as it were, the medicine we need in today's world.

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

Account name: St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Hutton.

Sort Code: 40 13 22.

Account No.: 61018884

First Holy Communion Parents

Everything at present is on hold because of Covid-19. However, there are three things you can do with your children. First, please contact our website/Sacraments. Should you wish your child to make his/her first Holy Communion at some point next year, Mary Lockwood, our parish administrator, will send you a form to fill in and return to the Presbytery by the end of February. Secondly, we normally ask the children and parents to erect somewhere in your home, usually their bedroom, a "holy place" consisting of, maybe a crucifix, a rosary, a bible or whatever you wish to place on it. You and your child can pray together each evening. Perhaps you could send a photograph into the school or presbytery of your "holy place". Thirdly, we welcome you and your child to attend mass each Sunday which is a very important part of your desire for your child to make his/her first Holy Communion. These are three ways you can focus the family attention on this important sacrament. I will keep you informed about the progress we are making when it is prudent to do so.

Light
Laughter

Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. For days he kept leaving little messages all around the house!

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PLEASE NOTE

This newsletter is being provided to you by the parish so please take it home with you and don't leave it in the church. This is because of restrictions due to Covid-19. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website.